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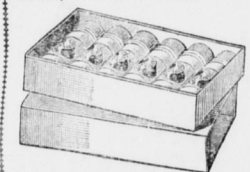
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It is drawing close to the time when the citizens of the borough will be called upon to select from among their number a few competent men to manage the affairs of the town for another short period, and there is such a death-like stillness in borough politics that I have concluded there is "something in the wind." Just what it is I am unable to say, but that there will likely be a revolution of some kind is not improbable. Whether it will be done in the interests of the tax payers, or to subserve the whims and fancies of some little clique, I know not. That a change is coming is not to be doubted, however, if current indications can be relied upon.

It is evident that the method by which most offices have been filled heretofore is not looked upon with the admiration it was in years gone by. Every day which Freeland grows older its requirements demand men for officers who are capable of grasping and maintaining modern ideas. This, I believe, the voters are beginning to realize, and if they will only put party and personal sympathy to one side at the coming election, as gossip indicates will be done, this scramble of incompetent men for office, which is so prevalent every year, will be knocked into a three-cocked hat.

At previous elections there was always too much eagerness displayed to have "so and so" elected because he was a "good fellow," or was one of the "oldest residents," or because he had an "axe to grind" and while the stone was in motion a few of his henchmen could have an edge put upon their. There is no more of this to be tolerated, so it is said, and if the citizens of the town who are working so industriously to build it up will not aid in electing good officials they have a fruitless task upon their hands.

Nothing is more essential to a town of Freeland's size than economic government. The coming summer is likely to be a very important one in the town's history and for various reasons the citizens should be careful into whose hands they place the reins of government. If the annexation of the outlying districts becomes a reality, together with the electric light plant, electric railway, public park improvement, better location for the fire department and numerous other matters are to be attended to, I hope to see men in office who will get ten cents worth for every dime of the taxpayers' money that is spent for any purpose.

Conditions now are no worse than they have been in the past years, but the rapid growth of the town is such, and the many improvements that are in view for this year demand that men of business qualifications should handle its affairs and not men who are indifferent to everything except that which gives prominence to themselves. It will require a great effort to alter past ways to what the present requires, but in the end it must come and the silence now noticeable in politics may have something to do with foreshadowing the change.

In previous years when both parties placed their tickets before the voters, did any of my readers ever look them over and notice what a contrast some men are to the offices to which they aspired? In fact, it is amusing to notice to what extent some men's ambition have gone in the wrong direction. Of course, party politics had much to do with this, but the same should have no place in municipal affairs, because it often puts incapable men into office who would be in the right place if they were outside looking in. To teach men of this kind where their proper place is can only be done by independent voting and I expect considerable of that kind will take place at the coming election.

Talking to several owners of property in the Points lately I learn that many of them are not any too well pleased with the

progress of the movement to bring that portion into the borough. None of the people I have spoken to could tell what is causing the delay, if there is a delay, and I am not sufficiently informed on the matter either to state positively that its pace could be quickened. Nevertheless, to all appearances, the movement is making but little headway, and it is reasonable to presume that the parts asking to be annexed could be in the borough now if the petition for that purpose had not slipped a cog or two since it was presented at Wilkes-Barre.

That certain interests in the Points will be benefited by a few months delay is apparent to all. The saloon men, for instance, are satisfied to come in, but, naturally, they do not feel like paying double the amount of license money if there is a way out of it. It is but human to take care of one's own interests first, and the opposition the majority of the saloon men have given is no more than might have been expected. Then comes the Foster Democratic politicians. All through the township the sentiment has been to keep the Points in that district until after the coming election. It is to the interest of a great many that it should be done, consequently if they devote some of their time and labor to accomplish this, who can criticize them?

Whether or not these interested parties have done anything to check the movement until after election is questionable, but the advocates of annexation appear to think some obstacle was thrown in its way. Men in the Points who worked very hard to start the movement and gave their money to push it claim that they will be in a more pitiable plight this coming year if they come in than if they were to stay out. After the assessment in the township is made the taxes and any other revenue of the Points and Birtanton will go to the township, it is said, and the people living in the territory that may be annexed will find themselves left out in the cold and will receive no support from either township or borough.

It is reasonable to suppose that, if they do not come in until after they give their taxes and license money to Foster township, they will not expect the borough to spend anything on them for one whole year. To be just to its own present taxpayers the borough could not afford to appropriate a cent in 1894 for sewers, light, street repairs, etc., in the Points or Birtanton, and since the annexationists are beginning to realize that this might be done they feel indignant toward those who have checked the scheme by placing self-interests before the welfare of all.

People not interested in the result find it amusing to follow the ups and downs of the annexation question, and those in the borough who did sympathize with the efforts of the annexationists have seen so many queer turns made that they have lost all interest in the matter, and the position now held by the people here is one of indifference. It does not cost a thought to any but a very few whether the limits are ever extended or not, and I have heard more than one person remark that the borough would be better off by not increasing its area. My opinion is that, although the borough would derive very little benefit financially through the success of the movement, it would be of great advantage to the town as a whole, and to further the interests of the town ought to be the main object and let private interests take a back seat for a while. SAUTERER.

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