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WHY G. HAROLD WAGNER FOR PROTHONOTARY?

The announcement of G. Harold Wagner as a candidate for the office of Prothonotary of Luzerne County is of vital interest and importance to every citizen and voter in the Sixth Legislative district of the county.

The Sixth District is the largest of the legislative districts in the county—comprising the territory west and north of the Susquehanna river, starting with Kingston—which includes ten boroughs and eight townships with a population of 90,000 people, almost one-fourth of Luzerne county.

The office recently made vacant by the resignation of C. Murray Turpin had been filled by a West Side man of the Sixth District, only after a hard fight. The tremendously large majorities rolled up in the Sixth District have been turning points in more than one hot contest for the Republican party. By every virtue of merit the Sixth District deserves recognition. Murray Turpin's resignation made it possible for the so-called Nicholson-Fine group to show its appreciation of the stalwart support received from the voters of this district by appointing to this vacancy any one of two or three or more capable and acceptable Sixth District voters.

The group of leaders, however, have given the district a "slap in the face," and it would seem they do not know the bonds of appreciation. In fact it has gone so far as to say: "We can run anybody and the Sixth will support us." A great majority of Sixth District leaders are incensed over such a remark—as every voter is incensed. They feel that the Nicholson-Fine group is getting a little too haughty. Accordingly, many prominent people of the Sixth District who have received encouragement from many prominent citizens of the other districts of the county, have called a halt to such tyrannical remarks and practices and have selected two of their own active Republicans for the office of Prothonotary and Controller. They have selected G. Harold Wagner for Prothonotary because he has been tried and proven dependable for the best interests of the voters and taxpayers of the Sixth District.

The office of Prothonotary is amazingly important.

We shall have more to say about the office—the man and men for the office—and their relationship to the district, in future issues of the Post.

THE COURAGE OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

Much has been made of the fact that Alexander Legge gave up a \$100,000 a year position as the President of the International Harvester Company in order to become chairman of the Federal Farm Board of President Hoover at a yearly stipend of \$12,000.

Naturally this was a very courageous, a very public-spirited act, and we salute it.

At the same time we wanted to point out that, to the glory of our nation, the ranks of our public bodies are filled with other no white less sacrificing and courageous.

Men sticking to public offices for years, who would have made fortunes in the business world; men working for the benefit of the country, who curtail the private activities on which they really "cash in."

We applaud their patriotism.

It is one of the greatest traditions of this country—this willingness of competent men to subjugate their private interests to the interests of the nation at large.

It is a great and noble tradition that helps every one of us every day of our lives.

REST FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL HAND

The public receptions at the White House, formerly taking place three a week, were first reduced to two a week, then to one a week, and now have been abandoned for the rest of the Summer.

While we think that every citizen in the land should have an opportunity to meet our President, we cannot help but commend this decision.

So many persons line up before the White House merely out of curiosity, later seeking prestige by speaking of the "public reception" they have attended.

Since former times many additional burdens have been put upon the President, and at the same time the population has increased and the capital been made more accessible by improved transportation. All of which wreaks a dreadful hardship on the hand of the President, which certainly deserves a vacation after being vigorously shaken for so long a period by everyone, nearly, that visited Washington.

Citizens with a special mission must have access to the President. That is democracy. Others who seek prestige by contact with the hand of the President should be limited in their intrusion into his time and their demands upon his strength. That is good sense.

International Sunday School Lesson

THE STORY OF DANIEL

Daniel 1:1-4, 19, 20; 2:17-24

REV. SAMUEL D. PRICE, D. D.

This book which will be studied for three weeks is rich in thrills. Youth is particularly fascinated in reading these accounts which help to emphasize the fact that truth is stranger than fiction. Plan to read all twelve chapters in these three weeks. Portions especially indicated for study this time by the Lessons Committee are 1:1-21; 2:15-19; 4:19; 7:28; 8:15-18; 9:20-28; 10:1-19; 12:9.

Daniel did not follow the saying which is an excuse for many extra sins when away from home "When in Rome do as the Romans do."

Had he even observed the example of his own people when back in Palestine he would have followed the base customs of the Babylonians. Here is a lad who was deported as a captive and who held to the ways he had learned in his home back in Judea.

This fine young fellow was soon noted by Aspenaz, the keeper of the eunuchs in the household of Nebuchadnezzar. When the king asked that likely lads be searched out and brought to him for special favor this Jewish boy was chosen, as well as three of his companions. The specifications were a "youth in whom is no blemish, but well-favored and skillful in all wisdom, and endowed with knowledge and understanding science, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace." Once these four, with others in Babylon, were invited to eat the fancy food that was provided at the court table.

Principle asserted itself above the desire to gain a place in the house of the king. There, meats that had been offered to idols would be served. These the Jew must refuse for conscience sake and Daniel does this very thing. He asks that he and his friends may follow a vegetarian diet and drink only water during the coming ten days of preparation. They know that they will be physically better than those who would eat foods that would not be body-building. When the test came it took only a glance to show that the appearance of those who followed the simpler diet was superior. Then came the mental examination. In this they stood "ten times better" than all the lads of Babylon whom Aspenaz brought forward. Thus Daniel was well started on the road that led in time to the prime ministry of the country to which he had been carried as a captive.

Contributors' Column

Editor Dallas Post:

May I offer some additional "bare facts and figures for the consideration of our townspeople as a supplement to those published in your contributors' column last week over the signature of F. F. Morris?

First one, and only one, correction. The present rate of tuition in Wilkes-Barre high school is \$125 per year, not \$100. Even with five pupils dropping out of school there, or being dropped by the school during the past term, our bill from them, not yet received, will be approximately \$1,350 for the school district to pay. Considering the transportation and incidental expenses borne by the parents, this is anything but nominal.

Your correspondent goes into considerable detail in recounting the liabilities as of the close of the fiscal year, at which meeting he was not present, but has failed to likewise itemize the resources which are also to be considered in any "unbiased" statement of the financial affairs. For example, he makes much of the fact that \$250 of the tax collector's commission was not paid. By the same settlement, which the tax collector will verify, the collector still owes the school district about \$1,700. In other words, the 1928 tax settlement shows a balance in our favor of about \$1,450 instead of an unprecedented deficit as pictured.

Against the bonded debt of "approximately \$13,500," there is outstanding solvent revenues over and above operating expenses due to be received during the year as follows:

1. Cash, close of business July 1, \$545.19.
2. Land returns, estimated, \$300.
3. State appropriation 1927-28, \$900.
4. State appropriation 1928-29, \$4,700.
5. Taxes uncollected, 1928, \$1,700.
6. Taxes uncollected, other years, estimated, \$54.81.

7. 1929 taxes levied for debt reduction, \$5,200. Total, \$13,400.

Items 1, 5 and 7 need no explanation. Items 2 and 6 are based on past years' receipts and may vary, being more likely to exceed these figures than to be less. Items 3 and 4 have been verified with the State department and the secretary read a letter July 1 to that effect. One bond due June 30, 1930, will be retired when due.

Check of the teachers' books will show that the enrollment is constantly increasing in the school as a whole and therefore additional teachers are not always an increased expense in proportion to requirements and income. The so-called "old board," which I am not criticizing, in 1927-28 maintained ten grades of school here with seven teachers. Their annual salaries aggregated \$7,380 with \$1,133 paid that year to Wilkes-Barre for tuition. Enrollment here and at Wilkes-Barre totalled 245 pupils. State appropriation received was about \$22,000. Out-of-pocket expense to the borough taxpayers about \$22 per pupil. In the school but two grades, one and six, had full time teachers, and on November 17 of that year the state inspector condemned the high school as deficient in nine of the ten standards set up by the department.

Next year we have arranged for ten teachers, annual salaries, \$12,640. We expect to have to pay twelfth grade tuition for one year only about \$500. Total expense for teachers, etc., \$13,140. State appropriation \$6,210, leaving a net out-of-pocket expense, based on an estimated enrollment of 280, \$25 per pupil. The additional \$3 per pupil is covered by the present millage on the increased valuation of property since 1927, so the pay roll next year, while high, is not unduly extravagant as it might be made to appear. Due to the requirement of the State that the third year high school would not be approved until it could be shown that the twelfth year could follow, we have been compelled to spend more money for teachers in 1929-30 than we proportionately should. The following year, that is in 1930-31, by eliminating entirely the Wilkes-Barre tuition and employing about one more grade teacher here, we will carry the entire instruction expense with grade twelve at home without spending any more money.

By adding the extra teachers and reorganizing the school we have brought our school up to the state standards, have added art, music and physical education, all of which are required, whether we like it or not, have given the principal some time to supervise which was urgently needed, and will offer a limited course in home economics and perhaps in manual training besides.

Regarding our building, our architect estimates that it will cost five to six thousand dollars to enable us to use the second floor rooms. According to Mr. Morris' own figures we appear to have saved the people of Dallas seven to ten thousand dollars on the building. I do not see where this is anything to be criticized for, especially as some could be found who would claim that we have saved even more.

I will close to keep this about the length of Mr. Morris' letter, although much more could be and maybe ought to be offered.

D. A. WATERS.

GRANGE PICNIC AT PATTERSON GROVE

The sixteenth annual Grange and Agricultural Extension picnic will be held at Patterson Grove on Thursday and Friday, August 15 and 16. An interesting program has been planned for this year and an effort will be made to make the program interesting both to the young and old. Definite details of the program will be announced the forepart of this coming week.

This affair, which has been an annual custom, is much looked forward to both by the town and country folk. Many happy reunions of old friends are made at the time of this picnic and thus it has proven to be the largest picnic in Luzerne County.

All Broken Out

By Albert T. Reid



Political Comment

Petitions are now being circulated for Charles H. Cooke for Justice of the Peace. Mr. Cooke has served in that position for the past forty-three years and from all indications he will have the field for himself.

Harry Garrahan is a full-fledged candidate for councilman, and in our opinion will experience very little trouble at the polls.

Tom Higgins, we are informed, will be a candidate for the office of burgoon, and that petitions are already in the making. Tom would make an ideal burgoon, being a successful business man he realizes what this office and the police activities means to every successful town. More power to you, Tom.

It is understood that James Beseker will seek the office of councilman instead of that of school director. James would make a fine representative of the people and we hope to have his announcement. A good many are for Jim, knowing his qualifications and that he will stand for that which is right and in a businesslike manner.

The office of tax collector is being considered by several who have requested that no mention of their names be made at this time. This is one office in the borough that has any real compensation attached to it, and will not be passed up without some competition.

We hope to see R. S. Stevens announcement for re-election to council. Mr. Stevens, barring none, is the best qualified representative that has served the people of Dallas since its organization.

AUTO ACCIDENT

What might have been a very serious accident occurred on East End boulevard last week when a missing cotter pin allowed the steering wheel to drop on car occupied by Mrs. Margaret DeRemer and children. The car crashed into the bank, doing considerable damage. Both Mrs. DeRemer and her guest, Thomas Bottom, Jr., of Luzerne, suffered broken nose, and the rest of the party were badly bruised. The party was returning from New York City, where they had spent the week-end.

YOUR ROOF

Any leaks after Thursday's good rain? Use Delcote—it's a high grade asbestos-pitch product. Spreads easily. Does not melt and run like coal tar roofing. Have about 150 gallons left. Figure 1 1/2 gallons to 100 square feet roof. Reduced to 55c per gallon.

NEED LUMBER?

HAVE ABOUT 25,000 FEET YELLOW PINE

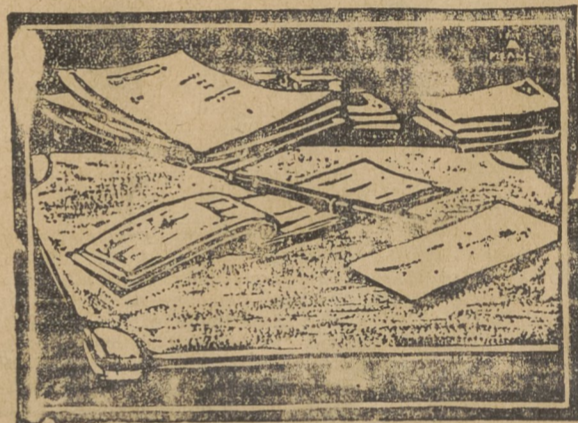
- 2x6 —10-12-16s
- 2x8 —10-18-20s
- 2x10—10-12-14 and 16s
- 2x12—10s
- 3xs —14-Fir
- 6xs 8—12-16-20-24s

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