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B. F. SCHWEIER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

ARGUMENT COURT.

The court assembled on Tuesday the 18th inst., without a President Judge.

Associate Judges Swartz and Sterrett, conducted the business.

Reuben Reynolds was appointed tax collector in aid for the Borough of Millintown, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Samuel H. Rollman.

In the estate of Sarah Ann Moyer, late of the Borough of Millintown, deceased, order to sell decedent's real estate granted.

In the estate of Philip Ceck, deceased, order to sell said decedent's real estate granted.

In the estate of John Acaley, late of Susquehanna township, deceased, real estate of said decedent reported unsold for want of sufficient bid, and an alias order to sell was granted.

In the estate of Jacob Lauer, deceased, real estate of said decedent, reported as sold to Josiah Messinger for \$170.00. Sale confirmed as reported.

In the estate of Isaac Benner, late of Fayette township, deceased, real estate of said decedent reported as sold as follows, the mansion tract containing 147 acres to Robert McMeen for \$1,500.00; No. 2, a tract of woodland as sold to H. W. Hain for \$75.00. Sale confirmed as reported.

In the estate of Elizabeth Cassett, deceased, real estate of said decedent reported as sold to David F. Boone for \$101.00. Sale confirmed as reported.

In the estate of Abraham B. Snyder, deceased, real estate of said decedent reported as sold to Harry A. Ritzman for \$200.00. Sale confirmed as reported.

In the estate of George T. Frey, deceased, order to sell decedent's real estate granted.

In the estate of Stephen L. Landis, deceased, real estate of said decedent reported as sold to Joseph T. Smith for \$625.00. Sale confirmed as reported.

In the estate of William W. Penner, deceased, confirmation of return to or sale of the said decedent's real estate, held over until the First Monday of February 1901.

All accounts of Executors, Administrators, guardians and trustees advertised to be confirmed at this Court were held over until the First Monday of February, 1901.

In the matter of the contest of Thomas Hackendorn for T. K. Beaver's seat in the Legislature, further consideration of the case was postponed until January 3rd, 1901.

At the December Term of court, Wednesday, December 19, was fixed as the day on which the case would be heard. At the December term it was argued by counsel for Beaver, that the Associate Judges in the absence of a President Judge, had no power either to mark the contest filed or to fix a day for the hearing. But the Associates believing that they had that power and also to call in a President Judge to hear the case, marked the contest filed and set Wednesday of this week as the day for the hearing. Counsel for Beaver filed in the Prothonotary's Office on Monday, a motion to quash the contest on the ground that the Associate Judges had no right to mark the contest filed.

Counsel for Hackendorn on Tuesday, admitted that the Associate Judges had no power to call in a Judge learned in the law by asking that the further consideration of the contest be postponed until January 3, 1901. This the Associates after long deliberation and very careful consideration of the law, granted. Counsel for Beaver excepted to this continuance on the ground that the Associates were without jurisdiction in the matter.

The first question for the court to dispose of when a court of competent jurisdiction is organized will be the right of the Associates to file the contest. If the court should decide the contest against the Associates, the contest is ended.

In the meantime T. K. Beaver will take his seat in the Legislature, exercise the rights of a member, while Mr. Hackendorn warms himself by cracking his heels on the outside.

GOLD IN MAINE.

Gold has been found in Maine about four miles from East Pittston. The discovery of gold in this place was due to Mr. Pendleton, who bought the farm where the mine is fourteen years ago. He found that after taking possession that he had plenty of rocks on his land, and it was breaking up these impediments to profitable agricultural work that he discovered the gold bearing quartz. He sent away some specimens and had them assayed, with the result that he turned out to be a common farmer into what he believed a more profitable profession, that of gold mining. He opened a ledge and sunk a shaft to fifteen feet. The ore was tested as the work progressed and showed the presence of gold in paying quantities right along. The rock is a white quartz.

BIG BOYS DELIGHTED.

A Huntingdon county school mistress, who a short time ago adopted the novel plan of punishment of making unruly pupils sit in her lap for several minutes, has abandoned the scheme. It worked pretty effectively on the smaller pupils, but it was no time until the big boys, whose former behavior was most exemplary, began to be very unruly, and after she had nursed a couple of them to their delight the teacher declared the deal off for the term.

Does the constitution follow the flag? is the question now before the U. S. Supreme Court. The Court is considering the question to determine whether the constitution goes into effect wherever the American flag is hoisted and whether the government can exercise administrative and legislative authority outside the constitution.

Jim.

THE COMING STRUGGLE

Graphic Pen Pictures of the Men of Three Parties Who Will Conduct Affairs At Harrisburg.

STRIKING ROMANCES IN REAL LIFE.

How These Leaders Rose From the Ranks to Positions of Command. Their Characteristics and Traits as Seen Apart From Partisanship—Life Stories and Struggles of Men Whose Names Are Political Household Words.

The approaching session of the Pennsylvania legislature promises to be one of the most interesting held in recent years. In addition to the work of electing a United States senator a great deal of important legislation will come before it.

The three parties referred to are the "Stalwart" Republicans, the "Independent" Republicans, and the Democrats. A study of the field on the eve of the assembling indicates that the active leadership in each of these parties will devolve upon a very few men.

They will be generals, and a study of the leaders as described in the pages of this paper will be a greater display of ability, sagacity and generalship than has ever been seen in the history of house of senate.

The following sketch of their lives is purely biographical, and has been prepared without partisan bias. These leaders are described as they appear in social life, and to those who know them best.

Commissioner Durham.

On the part of the "Stalwart" Republicans State Insurance Commissioner Israel W. Durham, ex-state senator, ex-magistrate of Philadelphia, stands as the undisputed head of the element in Philadelphia.

Commissioner Durham is 44 years of age, having been born Oct. 24, 1856. He comes of a Quaker city family, and in personal appearance is of medium height and build, light mustache and complexion and a slight tendency to stoutness.

In his personal and social life, together with a disposition to grasp all the details of a situation at once, and act accordingly. The secret of Commissioner Durham's success is his amiability and companionable of men, whose most striking characteristic is his perfect frankness. In his political affiliations this trait is marked, together with a disposition to grasp all the details of a situation at once, and act accordingly.

Whatever Israel W. Durham has achieved in politics is due entirely to his own efforts, backed by an indomitable will, and a social life, which has won for him the reputation of one of the police magistrates of Philadelphia. He was re-elected in 1890, and was urged for re-election in '95, but declined a third nomination.

He became a state senator in 1897, when he was elected from the Sixth district, with practically no opposition, to fill the unexpired term of his personal friend, Hon. Boies Penrose, who had been elected United States senator.

In 1888 Mr. Durham was a delegate to the Republican national convention at Chicago, and from this time dates his rise from ward politics into the broader domain of city and state politics. It was largely due to Mr. Durham that State Senator Penrose was chosen a United States senator in '97, and in each legislative session since 1888 Commissioner Durham has been a potent factor in protecting and directing the interests of Hon. M. S. Quay and the stalwart element of the Republican party.

He was one of the first of the state leaders to espouse the cause of Hon. William A. Stone as a gubernatorial candidate, and so earnestly and effectively did he work for success that he was rewarded by Governor Stone with appointment as State Insurance Commissioner.

In the legislative session of 1899 the fact was universally recognized that the manning of the Quay contest at that session had its power in the personality of Israel W. Durham and John P. Elkis. In the approaching session these two men will occupy the place of leadership at the head of the "Stalwart" element. Commissioner Durham is a bachelor.

Attorney General Elkis.

Attorney General John P. Elkis, another of the "Stalwart" Republican leaders, comes of distinguished parentage. He is the son of the prominent Francis Elkis, who erected and operated the first flat plate mill in the United States. This was at Millville, O., in 1874, and Attorney General Elkis, then a lad of 14, was one of the first helpers employed around this establishment, which was the forerunner of one of the greatest of America's industries.

Attorney General Elkis is a stalwart in appearance as well as in principle. He is six feet high and built in proportion. He is a fluent, graceful talker, with a turn for the practical and exact rather than for the eloquent in public address. His home is in Indiana, where his political and official duties cannot visit him from a dreary home where a wife, two young daughters and a son.

John P. Elkis is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was educated in the public schools, and graduated from the Indiana Normal school. He was a school

teacher at 15 years of age. In 1882 he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and two years later, in 1884, he was graduated with honor from its law department. He was called to the bar in Indiana county, and in the fall election was chosen one of Indiana's representatives to the legislature of 1886. At this time he was but 24 years of age, one of the youngest men who had ever sat in the house.

The vigor of youth inspired him to conspicuous efforts at this session, and in 1887 he was re-elected chairman of the important Committee on Constitutional Reform. Among the many positions of trust and honor in politics and out of it which he has held was that of chairman of the Republican state convention which nominated Gregg and Morrison in 1891; for two years he was secretary of the Indiana school board; is a member of the board of trustees of the Indiana Normal school; president of the Farmers' bank of Indiana and deputy Attorney General of Pennsylvania for nearly three years under Attorney General McCormick.

He was chairman of the Republican State Committee through three campaigns, leading his party to victory, and immediately upon his induction into office Governor Stone appointed him Attorney General, which position he has held ever since. In his personal contact with men of all classes Attorney General Elkis is an agreeable, pleasant voiced gentleman of kindly impulses and unaffected manner. He is a staunch partisan and personal friend of Hon. M. S. Quay, his only son being named Stanley Quay Elkis.

United States Senator Penrose.

An unwritten law in American politics is that the representative of any party from any state in the senate of the United States is regarded as the titular head of the party in that state. By reason of his position, therefore, of his youth and of his friendships United States Senator Boies Penrose is regarded as one of the men who will exert a potent influence in deciding questions that must come before the next legislature, so far as his party is concerned. From his first entrance into the political arena Senator Penrose has been identified with the stalwarts, or what has later been designated the Quay element in the Republican party, the founders of his family have been identified with the government of Pennsylvania since the days of Pennsylvania stretching through six generations.

Boies Penrose entered Harvard at the early age of 16, and graduated with high honors in 1851. He was born Nov. 1, 1830, at 1321 Spruce street, in Philadelphia, in which he still resides when in Philadelphia. His father was J. A. Penrose, M. D., LL. D. Since 1855 the tall, strongly built form of Boies Penrose has been a familiar one in Harrisburg, where he served successively as member of the house in 1856 and 1857, and as a member of the state senate from 1858 to 1860. By profession Senator Penrose is a lawyer, having studied under Wayne McCaughy and George Tucker Blenheim, being admitted to the Philadelphia bar in 1852. In connection with his law partner, Mr. Allison, he is the author of "A History of the City Government of Philadelphia," a volume entitled "Philadelphia 1681-1857" and a "History of Grand Jurors in Philadelphia." He was elected to the United States senate to succeed the late Francis Cameron in 1866, and today is Pennsylvania's only representative in that distinguished body.

The marked characteristic of Senator Penrose's public life is the fluency and command of language in his public utterances. He is one of the most polished speakers that ever sat in the senate of Pennsylvania. He also is a bachelor.

Col. James M. Guflay.

The controlling power in Democratic councils at Harrisburg the coming session will be, just as he was last session, Col. James McClurg Guflay, Democratic National Committeeman from Pennsylvania, and the recognized head of the party in this state. The story of Col. Guflay's life has been one of long romance. He is not only the largest oil producer in the United States, but employs more men in his gold and silver mining operations in Idaho than any single individual.

Col. Guflay comes from one of the oldest families in Pennsylvania. On his mother's side he is descended from the historic Clan Campbell of Scotland, while on his paternal side the Guflay family has for generations past been prominent in the Shire of Lennox in the Scottish lowlands. The first Guflay arrived in this country in 1738, settling in Philadelphia and subsequently penetrating to the then wilderness to what is now Westmoreland county, where he established the first English settlement in that county and the second west of the Alleghenies.

James M. Guflay passed his early days on his father's farm and attending the district school. At the age of 18 he became a clerk in the superintendent's office of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, where he was at Louisville, O., in 1854, and Attorney General Elkis, then a lad of 14, was one of the first helpers employed around this establishment, which was the forerunner of one of the greatest of America's industries.

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Col. Guflay, in connection with his brother, the late Sheriff John A. Guflay, of Westmoreland county, has always taken an interest in politics. At the Democratic state committee meeting in August, 1897, Col. Guflay was elected a member of the Democratic national committee from Pennsylvania, which position he has held ever since.

The striking feature of Col. Guflay's political career has been his control of men. He is a keen student of human nature and is very shrewdly intuitive. To this fact and the wide experience of his life in the business world is due the remarkable hold he has upon his party and his leaders.

Col. Guflay is a man of medium height, stoutly built, of jovial disposition and with a keen sense of humor. Prior to his entrance into state politics he had been active in Tioga county Republican affairs.

Mr. Van Valkenburg is one of the youngest men in active politics in the state, having been born April 3, 1867, in Tioga county. He comes of an old family and revolutionary ancestry. The only office he has ever held was that of assistant postmaster at Wellsboro in 1890 and 1892. He is a man of medium height, stoutly built, of jovial disposition and with a keen sense of humor. Prior to his entrance into state politics he had been active in Tioga county Republican affairs.

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