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## Situation In Pennsylvania Is Peculiar Anti-Climax

**All Fuss And Feathers, Drama And Pent-up Feeling Reached Climax With Nomination Of Gifford Pinchot For Governor, Since Then Campaign Is Interesting Only Because Of Lack Of Interest**

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Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 28.—Pennsylvania's political situation is a peculiar anti-climax.

All the fuss and feathers, all the drama and all the pent-up feeling on the subject of Republican bosses reached its climax with the nomination of Gifford Pinchot for Governor.

Since then the campaign has been interesting chiefly because of the lack of interest shown by Republican leaders and party workers who in years gone by used to corral the vote in the last two weeks and put the "Grand Old Party" over the hurdles with record-breaking majorities.

Democrats of prominence will look you in the eye today and talk confidently of winning or at least cutting down to insignificance the size of the Pinchot majority. Certain surface signs would seem to justify Democratic optimism. For one thing, Gifford Pinchot is an out and out dry. He is just as dry in a wet city when he is campaigning as he is in a dry country district. There's not a drop of moisture in any of his speeches. "Farmer" McSparrin, who is the Democratic nominee for governor, is much less rigid. He will acquire wet votes whether he makes a bid for them or not.

Another thing which can not be overlooked is the absence of Penrose. This state has been accustomed to political bosses. The Republican party has functioned smoothly because one man issued commands and one man engineered the collection and distribution of campaign funds.

There is no big Republican fund this year. The big contributors, namely, certain railroads and corporate interests and the liquor folks, would not dare hand any hard money to Gifford Pinchot who, by the way, is financing his own campaign. And without money for the party workers there will be little enthusiasm. Already the talk is of a "light vote."

In the days of Penrose things were different. There was no such thing as a light vote. If indifference prevailed, the leaders would send out word to get busy and the voters would be brought to the polls in droves, the idea being to make Republican prestige numerically so strong as to dishearten opposition in future years.

Propos of the Penrose method of leadership one hears reminiscent tales of that \$200,000 cash fund which was discovered in a safety deposit vault after the senator's death. He didn't believe, it is said, in collecting checks or dispensing checks in campaign work and always had the idea that plenty of cash must be kept on hand to meet the exigencies of party warfare in managing one of the most powerful political organizations in the country.

The Republican organization is not a single entity any more. It is composed of groups and factions. Had it been united Brother Pinchot would not have run away with the field in the primaries. What group or leader shall be recognized? There is little chance that Mr. Pinchot's victory will settle the matter. He disclaims having any Presidential ambition but he is after all Gifford Pinchot, dyed in the wool progressive, foe of bossism and a friend of the farmer. He will if he runs true to form find himself in a spectacular fight against the bosses and the factions. Outwardly the organization men are saying they are for Pinchot yet they cannot conceal their doubts that it will do them any good after election.

But the friends of Pinchot who naturally want to line up all the support they can get for their candidate usually point out to the doubting Thomases that if they are uncertain what patronage they will get from Pinchot if he is elected Governor they can be very certain about the amount they will get from the Democratic nominee, Mr. McSparrin, if by chance he should win, namely nothing. That line of argument is having some effect. And it must not be forgotten that Pinchot must have the co-operation of a friendly state legislature. His measures of reform cannot be put through by executive fiat. He will no doubt see the necessity of playing ball to some extent with the regular organization or they will by one means or another checkmate him.

Indifference on the part of Republican voters and a noticeable falling

## TROTTER ARRESTED IN COLORADO TOWN

Preacher Who Escaped Jail While Awaiting Trial For Embezzlement Again In Clutches Of Law

McAlester, Okla., Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Rev. J. C. Trotter, former pastor of the Haleyville Methodist church and financial secretary of Brooks Institute at Hartshorne, who escaped from jail last month, while awaiting trial charged with embezzling church money and funds of the institute, has been arrested at Alamosa, Colorado, according to word received here.

## Amalgamation Object Of Railroad Men

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—A national conference of railroad men to devise ways and means of effecting amalgamation of the sixteen standard railroad organizations will be held in Chicago on December 9. O. H. Wangerin, secretary of the national committee on amalgamation, announced today.

## Two Men Electrocutted

Bellefonte, Pa., Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Thomas Rhyal, convicted of the murder of Clara Lennox, fourteen, was electrocuted at Rockview penitentiary this morning. Curtis Sipple was also electrocuted for the murder in 1919 of a rail worker.

## BRIDE AND GROOM BELIEVED MURDERED

New York, Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Coroner Snowden has ordered an autopsy to determine how Daniel Cohen, twenty-two and his bride of a month met death. The bodies unclad were found in the bathroom of an apartment house at Yonkers. Cohen lay on the floor, and his wife under the water in the bath tub. Murder is the theory.

## Mother Seeks Prove Daughter Is Innocent

Havre, Mont., Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—While Mrs. Christler was today accompanying the body of Rev. Leonard Christler on the eastbound train. Mrs. Joseph Pyle, mother of Mrs. Margaret Carleton, whose body was found beside that of Christler, was attempting to prove that her daughter did not commit murder and suicide, as the coroner's jury held Sunday. Mrs. Pyle was piecing together bits of a torn letter found in the waste basket to clear her daughter.

off in the registration will cut down the total vote cast. Conservative estimates at this time are that Pinchot will win by a vote of between 40,000 and 70,000. This isn't a very good majority for a state which even in the three cornered Presidential fight of 1912 gave a fellow-Progressive, Mr. Roosevelt, more than one hundred thousand and which gave the Republican ticket in 1920 a majority way above that.

Mr. Pinchot will feel the effects of Mr. Penrose's absence at the wheel. The Republican organization isn't what it used to be and there is of course an excellent chance for Gifford Pinchot to break the organization into more pieces by aggressive attempts at leadership himself. He will have to adopt a tractable mood and a policy of olive branch diplomacy to put a constructive program on the statute books and to make the success which no doubt he wants to make whether or not he is bitten by the Presidential bee.

## Cares For Children As Trial Opens



Mrs. Sue Reid, mother of Mrs. Rosier, with her two grandchildren and her own crippled child, Robert, in the crib. The trial of Mrs. Katherine Rosier for the murder of her husband, Oscar Rosier, nationally famous advertising agent and his stenographer, Mildred Reckitt, has opened. Mr. Rosier and his young and beautiful employe were shot to death as they were in his office together last January. Mrs. Rosier will plead the "unwritten law" in her defense.

## State Ticket Has Thirteen Names

Raleigh, Oct. 30.—An off year it may be politically in North Carolina and many of the voters are apparently of this opinion that their election concern is altogether local, but State Democratic headquarters realizes that there is a State ticket in the field with thirteen names on it.

Of course, everybody who has not forgotten knows that Chairman W. T. Lee of the Corporation Commission, is a candidate for re-election. The associate justice, W. J. Adams of the Supreme Court, appointed to fill the unexpired term of Justice W. R. Allen, deceased, is a candidate for the first time.

Eleven members of the Superior Court bench are to be selected. The reason for the odd number is that the elevation of Judge W. J. Adams to the Supreme Court caused a vacancy which could not be filled beyond the first general election, therefore, A. M. Stack of Monroe is the extra candidate. The other ten are:

- William M. Bond, Edenton, First District.
- George W. Connor, Wilson, Second District.
- J. Loyd Horton, Farmville, Fifth District.
- Henry A. Grady, Clinton, Sixth District.
- E. H. Cranmer, Southport, Eighth District.
- Neil A. Sinclair, Fayetteville, Ninth District.
- William A. Devin, Oxford, Tenth District.
- Thomas J. Shaw, Greensboro, Twelfth District.
- W. F. Harding, Charlotte, Fourteenth District.
- James L. Webb, Shelby, Sixteenth District.

## Seek Clue To Sender Of Poisoned Cakes

Philadelphia, Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Authorities are seeking a clue to the sender of the poisoned cake which killed W. W. Sterrett of Devon and resulted in the serious illness of his wife. Indications are that a woman sent the two cakes and that the poison was mixed in the icing.

## MASKED MEN TRIED TO KIDNAP CONSTABLE

Henrietta, Okla., Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Reece Adkins of DuWar was shot to death and Thomas Bogus, constable, was wounded seriously at Speller City last night when a band of masked men, of which Adkins was a member, called Bogus from the theater and attempted to kidnap him. Another unknown man was shot in the leg. Bogus fired his pistol when the band attempted to force him into an automobile.

Ralph Pool, accompanied by Ross Wheaton, telegraph editor of the Virginian Pilot, returned to Norfolk Monday afternoon after having spent Sunday in Elizabeth City.

## Mammoth Potatoes At First National

Mammoth specimens of Cuban yams, as large as canteloupes and weighing between eight and nine pounds, have attracted considerable attention at the First & Citizens National Bank, where they are on exhibition. These potatoes were grown by C. A. Wright of Jarvisburg, Currituck County.

## County Traffic Officer Had To Take To Ditch

With one arm broken and the other badly sprained and swathed in bandages, County Traffic Officer Smith presented the appearance of a war casualty in police court Monday morning. Bandages and injuries were the result of an accident on the brick road to Newland Sunday.

Smith was riding his motorcycle and coming in the direction of the city when he was met by an automobile driven by Benjamin Alexander. The Newland road is only nine feet wide and Smith declares that Alexander was taking both sides of the road and especially the wrong side, until finally, at close quarters, it became a question of being struck by Alexander's machine or taking to the ditch. Smith chose the ditch as the lesser of two evils, and saved his life and the motorcycle. The machine, strange to say, came through without a scratch.

Alexander, it is said, will face a charge of reckless driving in police court later in the week.

## Will Plead Insanity

Statesboro, Ga., Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Following a conference of members of the family and attorneys, Rev. Elliott Padrick went on trial here today charged with first degree murder in connection with the killing last June of his wife and her mother. The conference decided that insanity would be the defense. Sixty-nine witnesses were called.

## BIGGEST PUMPKIN MAKINGS FOR HALLOWEEN PIES

One of the largest pumpkins in Pasquotank County has been purchased by the Ladies' Aid Society of Calvary Baptist church, Riverside Drive, and several of their kitchens are busy centers getting the pies ready for the big Halloween party Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Charles Sanders, 615 Hunter street.

## Blackwell B. Y. P. U. Puts On Program At Corinth

On Sunday night a goodly number of the B. Y. P. U. of Blackwell Memorial church journeyed to Corinth, where a very good program was rendered by the visiting young people. The church was packed full and a good time was enjoyed by all. On Tuesday evening Corinth will hold a Halloween social and an invitation was given to all to come out and have a good time.

## PLAN WELCOME SERVICE

The First Baptist church Sunday night passed a resolution to hold a welcome service next Sunday night in honor of the new pastor, Dr. S. H. Templeman, inviting the pastors and congregations of neighboring Baptist churches.

Dr. J. H. Thayer, pastor of Blackwell Memorial church, will preside, and the other pastors and congregations invited including Rev. R. F. Hall and the congregations of his churches, Rev. S. F. Hudson and Shiloh church, and Rev. B. F. Johnson and Sawyers Creek church.

## Body Of Dr. Schaffter Sent To Ohio Sunday

The body of Dr. W. A. Schaffter, who died Saturday morning of heart failure was sent from here on the three o'clock train Sunday afternoon to his home in Worcester, Ohio, the Masonic Order, of which he was a member, having charge.

On Saturday morning at about seven o'clock Dr. Wm. A. Schaffter, an employe of the United States Department of Agriculture, stationed at Elizabeth City, and working under the direction of Dr. F. D. Owen, State inspector in charge of hog cholera control, was found dead in his room, apparently from heart failure.

Dr. Schaffter was about to be transferred from this point to Edenton, where the headquarters of the State in this end of the State was to be re-established, and had been, apparently, engaged in arranging his goods for the transfer. In fact, his death was discovered when some one went to his rooms, on South Road street, to notify him that the truck which he had engaged for the removal, was awaiting at the door. Dr. Schaffter had been feeling somewhat indisposed for several days, but there was no indication that death was imminent.

Dr. Schaffter was a native of Ohio and had been engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine at Mansfield for some years, but a few years ago he relinquished his private practice to enter the employ of the Federal Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry, and was first stationed at Denver, Colorado, in the work of sheep and cattle scab. In July of last year he was transferred to North Carolina on hog cholera control work, being assigned to the force of Dr. F. D. Owen, who placed him at Elizabeth City, in charge of that work in the fifteen counties in the northeastern portion of the State.

Since he had been here the work of cholera control among swine has progressed to such a point where it was felt that headquarters could be changed to Edenton, thus enabling more concentration on a few of the counties across the Sound.

Dr. Schaffter has been in this section but a little more than a year, but in that time he had established a large list of friends, and was noted as being a most zealous worker in his line. He leaves a wife, who at the time of his death was on a visit to her old home in Ohio.

Dr. Schaffter's older brother is also employed in the Government service, being in charge of Federal meat inspection work at Detroit, Mich.

## Chained Lightning Bad For Memory

T. S. McNider and Lynn Goodwin, in police court Monday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, were fined \$15 and costs each. Both men were farm hands on the Foreman stock farm and Trial Justice Spence said that were it not for the fact that they were badly needed on the farm he would be of a mind to hold McNider in jail to see if it would not improve his memory as to where he got the chained lightning that proved the undoing of both defendants. McNider declared himself unable to say as to when, where or how the liquor came into his possession.

Jesus Pipkins submitted on a like charge and was fined \$10 and costs. William James, colored, charged with assault on his wife, was fined \$5 and costs.

Oscar Mullen, colored, was fined \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly.

## REV. W. J. BYRUM BACK

Rev. W. J. Byrum, who for a number of years was pastor of churches in Currituck County and also in Tyrrell County, but who left this section to accept a pastorate in Southeastern Virginia, was in the city Monday on his way to Indiantown, where he will reside and assume the pastorate of Oak Ridge, Pleasant Grove and Providence Baptist churches.

## FASCISTI WAIT OUTSIDE GATES

**Ready To Take Over Italian Government—Leader To Confer With King Today**

London, Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Triumphant forces of the Fascisti are ready to take over the Italian government, according to dispatches today. The leader, Dr. Benito Mussolini, is scheduled to confer with the King and answer his request to form a new ministry. Thousands of Fascisti troops are waiting outside the gates of Rome.

Rome, Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Rioting broke out Sunday night when parties of the Fascisti passing workmen's quarters were fired on. One attacker was killed, one Fascisti wounded and two captured.

Rome, Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Benito Mussolini, leader of the Fascisti, called by the King to form a cabinet, arrived this morning as the throngs cheered. Mussolini went immediately for an audience with the King. It is believed that a new ministry will be constituted late today.

## Reprisals Forbidden

London, Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The commander of the Fascisti, at Rome, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch today, has issued a manifesto ordering the Fascisti squads in the city not to carry out reprisals. The manifesto declares conflict to be not only useless but harmful to the cause.

## Farmers Give Thanks For Bountiful Crops

New England, N. D., Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Six hundred farmers and their families yesterday knelt to give thanks to the Divine favor that has granted them a bountiful harvest this year. The common prayer service was begun last spring after four years of crop failures.

## HALL-MILLS CASE HARDLY UP TODAY

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Though the grand jurors were summoned to convene it is considered unlikely that the Hall-Mills case will be presented today. Attorney Mott reiterated his confidence in the story of Mrs. Gibson, eye witness, saying the testimony was corroborated by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tingle, living near the Phillips farm.

## AGRICULTURAL CONGRESS MEETS IN PARIS NEXT

Washington, Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The International Congress of Agriculture will be held in Paris next May or June. This will be the seventh international congress and the first since the war.

The International Agriculture Commission is a permanent body whose chief function has been the organization of such congresses and the United States Department is much interested in its work. M. Meline, former minister of agriculture of France, has been president of the commission since 1908, and this country has been represented for many years on the commission by several members of the Federal department.

## FORTY-EIGHTERS ARE DEMANDING A REPLY

New York, Oct. 30 (By The Associated Press)—J. H. Hopkins, chairman of the Committee of Forty-eight, today made public a letter to President Harding asking for a personal reply to the committee's demand that Daugherty be suspended pending the hearing of impeachment charges brought by Representative Keller.

## L. B. Pritchard Made Secretary Of Business Men's Bible Class

On Sunday morning L. B. Pritchard was unanimously elected as secretary of the Business Men's Bible Class of Blackwell Memorial Sunday school. Mr. Pritchard succeeds C. N. Morgan who has been made superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday school. The teacher, Prof. A. B. Combs, is now teaching the graded lessons and very interesting sessions are held every Sunday morning at 9:30. All former members and also new members are asked to come out Sunday morning.