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Democratic State Convention.

Democratic State Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pa., February 6th, 1912.

To the Democrats of Pennsylvania:

In pursuance of the rules governing the Democratic party of Pennsylvania and agreeable to the action of the Democratic State Executive Committee at a special meeting held in the Democratic State Headquarters, Harrisburg, on the last day of February, 1912, notice is hereby given that the Democratic State Convention will assemble in the Majestic Theatre, at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, May 7th, 1912, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The business to be transacted at said convention will be:

The nomination of one candidate for Auditor General.

The nomination of one candidate for State Treasurer.

The nomination of six candidates for Electors at large, and to elect in the manner provided by the rules of the party.

Twelve delegates and twelve alternates at large to the National Democratic Convention,

and to consider such other matters, pertaining to the interests and success of the party in Pennsylvania, as may be brought before it.

WALTER E. RITTER, Chairman

P. GRAY MEEK, Secretary.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

TELEPHONE COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING—The stockholders of the Nittany Telephone company met in their office in Temple Court Bellefonte, Pa., on Tuesday, February 13th, 1912, to hold their annual election and transact other business pertaining to said company. The meeting was called to order by the president, Ellis L. Orvis, and after the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting the report of the secretary and treasurer, J. Frank McCormick, was read and showed the company to be in good condition, financially. Judge Orvis stated in this connention that he did not know of another small company whose patrons received as extended and efficient telephone service for the amount paid per phone as did the patrons of their company.

Resolutions were read and adopted in memory of Mr. J. C. Crider, the vice president of the company, who died within the past year. At the election of officers for the ensuing year the following were unanimously elected directors for one year: Judge Ellis L. Orvis, Bellefonte; William Clevenstine, Zion; Lincoln E. Swartz, Hublersburg; John H. Beck, Nittany; J. S Rachau, Clintondale; Joseph H. Hayes, Mackeyville, and Dr. S. J. McGee, of Mill Hall, Pa. The board as elected then organized by electing the following officers: President, Judge Ellis L. Orvis; vice president, John H. Beck; secretary and treasurer, J. Frank McCormick, of Lock Haven.

LICENSES GRANTED—On Saturday Judge Orvis handed down his decisions on the various applications for license to sell liquor in Centre county, granting every application. The list includes twenty-seven tavern (or hotel) licenses, five wholesale liquor licenses, and one brewer's license. No new places were licensed this year and none revoked or refused though there are several changes in landlords. The complete list is as follows:

W. L. Daggett	Bellefonte		West Ward
Horton S. Ray	"		South Ward
James A. Noonan	"		"
Henry Kline	"		"
J. McClellan Davis	"		"
Chas. W. McMurtrie	Howard Boro		
James W. Runkle	Centre Hall Boro		
Isaac A. Shawver	Millheim Boro		
Janet Passmore	Philipsburg		First Ward
Wm. J. Rapsey	"		Second Ward
W. H. Jones	"		"
Frank McClure	"		"
Harry Washburn	"		"
Samuel Rogers	"		"
Enoch Hugg	"		"
Edgar Sheffer	"		"
John H. Groesbeck	"		"
Lawrence Redding	Snow Shoe Boro		
John G. Uzzle	"	"	"
Henry J. Kohlbecker	Central City	Boggs	Twp
Thomas Faxon	Rebersburg	Miles	"
James M. Moyer	Potters Mills	Potter	"
Edward Royer	Old Fort	"	"
Lewis E. Stover	Coburn	Penn	"
Frank W. Hess	Sandy Ridge	Rush	"
Fred Eisenhower	Casanova	"	"
Geo. J. Kachik	Clarence	Snow Shoe	"
Moses C. Stover	Spring Mills	Gregg	Twp

WHOLESALE LIQUOR.

Orin Vale	Philipsburg		Second Ward
George Parks	"		"
James Black	"		"
Lawrence Nugent	Casanova	Rush	Twp
John Boyce	Clarence	Snow Shoe	"

BREWERS LICENSE.

Philipsb'g Brewing Co	Philipsburg	Sec. Ward

——This (Friday) evening's attraction at the Scenic will be a pictured presentation of Vanity Fair in three reels. It is by the Vitagraph company and has the most flattering endorsements of both press and public. This is one of the pictures you don't want to miss, and it will cost you only the regular price, five cents. While Vanity Fair will be a good picture, there are good ones every evening at the Scenic, and you can always feel assured of an hour's interesting entertainment.

——Miss Edna Zimmerman, of Milesburg; Sarah Minnemyer, of Coleville, and Luther Smith, of Bellefonte, underwent operations in the Bellefonte hospital during the past week. Fred Sourbeck, Mrs. Susan Martin, Mrs. J. C. Derr, Mrs. Anna McMullen and Mildred Haag, all of Bellefonte, were admitted for treatment. Nurses Minna E. Gergenski and Mary O. Brake, are on the sick list, and Mrs. Emma Bathurst, of Curtin, was discharged. There are now thirty patients in the hospital.

FLICKINGER.—Dr. Junius R. Flickinger, principal of the Central State Normal school at Lock Haven, died quite suddenly at 1:20 o'clock last Saturday morning of gastritis, following an attack of acute indigestion on January 29th. He was born in Perry county and was fifty-seven years old. He graduated from Princeton in 1877 and served as principal of the New Bloomfield Academy and superintendent of the public schools of Perry county until 1886 when he was elected to the Legislature. Later he went to Colorado and in 1891 he was elected to the Legislature of that State. In 1893 he returned to Pennsylvania and took the chair of history at the West Chester Normal. In 1896 he was chosen principal of the Edinboro State Normal school and when Dr. Elden resigned as principal of the Central State Normal at Lock Haven he was selected to take his place, and has held the position ever since. He was highly educated and author of a number of text books. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Elks and the Lock Haven Board of Trade. Dr. Flickinger was well known among the school teachers of Centre county, as he frequently appeared as one of the instructors at the Centre county teachers' institute. The remains were taken to Perry county on Tuesday morning for interment.

CASSELBERRY.— Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Casselberry, widow of the late Joseph Casselberry, died at her home in Howard township on Tuesday after an illness of several weeks, aged seventy-two years. Her maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Palmer, and she was born in Broome county, New York. Most of her married life, however, had been spent in Howard township. Surviving her are the following sons and daughters: Meda, in California; George, of Williamsport; Edward, of State College; Ellen, of Buffalo; Lewis, Frank and Mrs. Lloyd Haines, of Howard. Rev. R. S. Taylor, of the Methodist church, had charge of the funeral services which were held in the church at Howard yesterday morning, after which burial was made in the Schenck cemetery.

WALTERS.—Philip Walters, for many years a resident of Centre county, died on Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ira Segner, at Lamar, of general debility, aged 84 years and 6 months. He was born and raised in Nittany valley and spent the greater part of his life in the neighborhood of Snydertown, following his occupation of a millwright. He is survived by the following children: Ezra, of Kansas City, Mo.; Edward, of Valley Falls, Kan.; Samuel, of Chicago; Mrs. Amelia Dornblaser, of Valley Falls, Kan., and Mrs. Ira Segner and Mrs. Nancy Eddy, of Lamar. Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter at Lamar at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning, burial being made in the cemetery at Snydertown.

MOORE.—Following a brief illness with pneumonia Mrs. Margaret Moore died at her home at Kane on February 10th, aged fifty-six years. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mary Irvin and her early life was spent in Centre county. She is survived by her husband, James Moore; one daughter, Mrs. Clyde Miller, of Buffalo, N. Y., and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Alice Lecompte, of Bradford; Mrs. W. T. Shirk, Bellefonte; Henry Irvin, Runville; George, of Sheffield, Pa.; Mrs. Tillie Spotts, of Unionville, and Ellis Irvin, of Wisconsin. The remains were taken to Waterford, Erie county, for burial.

BITNER.—J. F. Bitner, a son of Joseph K. Bitner, of near Farmer's Mills, died in a hospital at Kalamazoo, Mich., on Monday afternoon. Mr. Bitner had been located in the west the past few years traveling as a lumber salesman. He was taken ill and after being removed to the hospital his father was notified. He started for Kalamazoo but before reaching there the young man died. A number of years ago Mr. Bitner was principal of the Centre Hall High school. The remains will be brought home for burial.

LANTZ.—At Lewistown on Monday, February 19th, at 10.30 a. m., Mrs. J. Max Lantz, widow of the late Dr. J. Max Lantz, peacefully fell into that sleep of the blessed which knows no awakening. During her husband's thirty years ministry in the Methodist church they were located at Mt. Holly Springs, Wrightsville, Mechanicsburg, Chambersburg, Williamsport, Lock Haven, York and Lewistown. She was the mother of Rev. J. Max Lantz, of Spring Mills.

CONFER.—Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Confer, of Romola, are mourning the death of their four month's old baby boy, Charles Ray Confer, which occurred on Saturday evening after five day's illness with water on the brain. Rev. W. H. Patterson, of Blanchard, had charge of the funeral services which were held in the Disciple church at Romola on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery at that place.

MILLER.—Harry G. Miller, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Miller, of Pleasant Gap, died on Sunday morning after a brief illness, aged 46 years, 7 months and 29 days. Funeral services were held at his parent's home on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. J. I. Stonecypher, of Boalsburg, officiated and was assisted by Rev. Engler, of Pleasant Gap. Burial was made in the Union cemetery in this place.

EVERHART—Shortly before seven o'clock on Tuesday evening Mrs. Martha Everhart, wife of A. J. Everhart, died at her home in Altoona as the result of a stroke of paralysis. Deceased's maiden name was Miss Martha E. Riley and she was born at Boalsburg, this county, on November 22nd, 1946. In December, 1875, she was united in marriage to A. J. Everhart and in 1882 they moved to Altoona where they have lived every since. Mrs. Everhart was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Altoona and at all times a faithful attendant. She had no children but is survived by her husband, three sisters and one brother, namely: Mrs. Rebecca Kramer, of Loop Station; Mrs. Sarah Rankin, of Altoona; Mrs. Jane Irvin, of Washington, Pa., and Calvin Riley, of Petersburg. Funeral services were held at her late home in Altoona last evening by her pastor, Rev. H. L. Bowlby, assisted by Rev. William Potter Van Tries, and this morning the remains will be brought to Bellefonte and taken to the Branch cemetery for interment.

PEIGHTAL.—Millard Filmore Peightal died at his home in Philipsburg on Tuesday morning after a year's illness with tuberculosis of the stomach. He was born in Huntingdon county and was sixty-three years of age. Forty years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Nannie Howder, of Jacksonville, this county, and the young couple went to Philipsburg to live and that town had been their home ever since. Mr. Peightal was a painter and paper hanger by occupation and an industrious workman. His wife died only a short time ago but surviving him are three children, two brothers and one sister.

YOUNG.—David Paul Young, the seven months old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Young, of Bush's Addition, died on Thursday afternoon of last week of pneumonia. His parents, three brothers and three sisters survive. Burial was made in the Union cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

JAWBONE BROKEN.—Paul Shaffer, aged twenty years, son of Bigler Shaffer, who lives near Centre Hall, is in the Bellefonte hospital with a badly broken jawbone and an eye so seriously injured that it is impossible at this writing to tell whether the sight of it can be saved. The young man was one of a party of young people who were coasting down Nittany mountain into Centre Hall last Saturday evening. Shaffer fell off ot the sled and before he could get out of the way another sled ran into him, knocking him unconscious and inflicting serious injuries. He was picked up by his companions and conveyed to a physician at Centre Hall as quickly as possible, but when the latter discovered how badly he was hurt he advised taking him to the Bellefonte hospital. He was brought here the same evening and upon examination it was found that his lower jawbone was broken square off at the left side of his chin and the upper jawbone broken up near his right eye. His eye was also badly injured and his upper lip cut into the bone.

To set the lower jawbone the physicians were compelled to get Dr. H. W. Tate to drill holes and insert two pins to hold it in place. He is now in the hospital, resting as easy as it is possible for a man so injured to do and with chances favorable for his recovery, though he will likely carry the marks of his injuries all his life.

——The success of the Charity Bal-Masque given last week by the Woman's Club, being due to the co-operation of the club workers and their friends, whom we are unable to see individually, we take this opportunity of thanking everyone who in any way contributed towards lessening the work of the committees. The kindness in preserving the Christmas trees was especially appreciated, as it made possible the use of evergreens in abundance in the decorations, without further mutilation of our forests and the extreme weather alone is offered as a reason for not collecting them from all parts of the town. Generous individual contributions did much to encourage us in such undertakings and the enthusiasm aroused by the ticket sellers had gratifying results by the numbers both in mask and as on-lookers. The Club members are all certainly much indebted to everyone who even in a small way aided them in carrying to success their annual social function, the receipts from which will go directly to the club treasury to be used in the different departments of their work.

CHAIRMAN DANCE COMMITTEE.

——Miss Anna V. Williams, who has been the owner and editor of the Philipsburg *Ledger* the past twelve or fifteen years, on Monday retired from the editorial chair, having sold the paper and plant to H. W. Boulton and Ralph Richards, of Houtzdale. Mr. Boulton was formerly Republican county chairman of Clearfield county, and in the future the *Ledger* will be run as an out and out Republican paper. John E. Rumberger, who has been associate editor on the paper the past five years, has been put in editorial charge.

——On Saturday Judge Orvis filed his final decree in the cases of the Boalsburg Water company vs. the State College Water company, and the Boalsburg Water company vs. Frank McFarlane making the injunction granted on November 18th, 1911, absolute and perpetual. The only thing the defendants can now due is to appeal the case to a higher court which it is likely they will do.

Col. and Mrs. Jas. H. Lipton Celebrate Their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

We know that scores upon scores of our Centre county people, who learned to know and appreciate Col. Jas. H. and Mrs. Lipton, years before they bade adieu to their eastern friends, to make their future home in Kansas, will read with pleasure the following account of the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, which we get from the Kansas City *Journal:*

DOWNS, KAS., Feb. 10.—The people of Downs, Kas., have two important events to observe Monday—Lincoln's birthday and the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Colonel and Mrs. J. H. Lipton, two "first citizens" of the town.

Sixty years ago Monday, long before there was a Lincoln day to observe, two young people full of love for each other and hope for the future—J. H. Lipton and Lucy Moore Davidson—took each other for better or for worse and were married at Milesburg, Pa. Cupid made no mistake in this match. From that day to this they have shared each other's sorrows and each other's joys and today are more fond of aach other, their friends declare, than they were on their wedding day, if such a thing were possible,

They moved to Kansas in 1875. For more than a quarter of a century they ran the Lipton house at Downs, the most noted hostelry in Northwestern Kansas. A few years ago Colonel Lipton decided to retire from the hotel business and turned his house over to another. But he soon tired of the "simple" life in his handsome new home, and he took the caravansary back, turned it over to the children to operate, sold his home and with his life companion moved back into the hotel, where he expects to spend the rest of his life.

Perhaps no man in Northwestern Kansas is better known by the travelers than Colonel Lipton. He always has been a special favorite with the "drummers" and the politicians, and his friends among the Republican leaders were legion, although he was a "hard-shelled" Democrat.

Once when he was living in Abilene the Republicans held a Congressional convention there. It was a stormy gathering. Delegates were clawing at each other and some were pummeling each other on the floor. It was a fight to see which faction could capture the convention and name the chairman. When the scene of belligerency was at its height, Colonel Lipton stepped into the hall and in his loud resonant voice yelled:

"In the name of Abilene, I call upon you disreputable Republicans to stop this disgraceful fight; consider yourselves under arrest."

That was when Abilene was "wild and woolly," and the Republicans from other counties, fearful that the town had a "bad man" for marshal, immediately quieted down. A committee was appointed by the two warring factions to apologize to the "officer" who issued the command. He accepted the apology and promised he would not take them to jail for the offense if they would not repeat it. The convention thereafter was conducted in an orderly manner. The delegates did not find out until the convention was over that Colonel Lipton was no officer at all, but just a "ripsnorting Democrat," bent on having some fun.

Ten years ago Monday Colonel and Mrs. Lipton observed their golden wedding anniversary and it was a big event in this section of the State. Many of their pioneer friends remembered them with handsome presents. In 1907 when the colonel retired from the hotel business the members of the Kansas-Missouri Hotel Men's Association, in convention at St. Louis, adopted a memorial to him and his wife and dedicated to him a poem.

The last verse ran:

"Oh, you rare old lover! Oh, faithful knight!
With your sweetheart of long ago.
Your are many days from the warmth and light
Of the summers you used to know;
But you need not yearn for the glamour of gold,
Of the fields you were wont to roam.
Oh, the light for the hearts that are growing old
Is the light of the lamp at home."

Colonel Lipton was born in Pennsylvania in 1827. His wife was born there in 1833. They were married February 12th, 1852. Colonel Lipton has lived under every President of the United States but four. He was born before the day of railroads. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died just one year before he was born.

He was 13 years old when Andy Jackson smashed the United States bank. Telegraph, telephones, electric lights and all our modern necessities were never dreamed of in his early days. He has seen more than half of the States come into the Union; was 18 years old when Texas was annexed and 29 years old when gold was discovered in California. He has seen more wars, big and little, including Indian wars and the Kansas legislative war, than he has fingers and toes. His wife, who has been his constant companion, has a vivid recollection of all important historical events since the days of President Jackson.

Colonel Lipton is now 85 years old. He insists he is going to live to be 100. He has the distinction of having taken the Kansas City *Journal* ever since he came to Kansas. He once said: "Morai—If you want to live happily with your wife for sixty years, read the *Journal*."

——William A. Odenkirk this week purchased the store building and stock of merchandise of register J. Frank Smith, at Centre Hall. The building was purchased several weeks ago by Arthur Kimport from whom it was purchased by Odenkirk, while the stock was bought from Mr. Smith. Mr. Odenkirk is a native of Centre Hall but the past few years has been station agent at Glen Iron, on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad.

——The amusement loving people of Bellefonte will have an opportunity of witnessing a rare treat next Monday evening when Miss Gay Zenola MacLarren will give a rendition of the farce comedy, "Maggie Pepper," at the Y. M. C. A. Miss MacLarren is an artist of more than the ordinary ability and is praised for her talent wherever she appears. It will be an entertainment you cannot well afford to miss.

—Of course, when your hens commence to lay the price of eggs will go down.

BROUSE—LANDIS.—A telegram received in Bellefonte Wednesday afternoon conveyed the intelligence that William H. Brouse and Miss Helen B. Landis were quietly married in Philadelphia at eleven o'clock that morning. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Landis, of this place, and for a number of years was an operator in the Bell telephone exchange. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brouse. He has held a position with the Eyre-Shoemaker Construction company the past two years and lately has been located at Pottstown. Miss Landis left Bellefonte on Tuesday evening and went to Philadelphia where she was joined Wednesday morning by Mr. Brouse and after securing the neccssary license they were quietly married. They will spend their honeymoon with the bride's aunt in Wilmington, Del., and with the Topelts in Brooklyn. Owing to the uncertainty of how long Mr. Brouse will be located at Pottstown they will not go to housekeeping right away.

BICKETT—HULL.—William W. Bickett, of Snow Shoe, and Miss Helen T. Hull, of this place, were quietly married at eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning at the parsonage of St. John's Catholic church, by Rev. Father McArdle. They were attended by Miss Carrie Anderson, as bridesmaid, and Walter Williams, of Snow Shoe, as best man. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Hull, on Allegheny street, at which there were twenty guests. Mr. and Mrs. Bickett left on the early afternoon train for a wedding trip east and may journey to Michigan before returning home. The bride is a well known young lady of Bellefonte and has many friends. The bridegroom is a telegraph operator and works as extra on the Bald Eagle division. Lately he has been located in Snow Shoe and anticipates a permanent position with the railroad company in the near future.

HARPER—SMITH.—A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Charles Smith, on east Bishop street, at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning, when her daughter, Miss Lulu M. Smith, became the bride of Mr. Jerome Harper. About a dozen very intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. George E. Hawes, of the Presbyterian church. The bridal couple were attended by Miss Lulu Harper, of this place, and Edward Harper, of Curtin. A delicious wedding breakfast was served at twelve o'clock and later Mr. and Mrs. Harper left on the 1:25 p. m. train for a wedding trip east. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harper are among Bellefonte's best known residents and their many friends wish them a long life of success and happiness.

HOFFER—IRWIN.—John C. Hoffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hoffer, of Philipsburg, and Miss Ruth Irwin, daughter of the late William E. Irwin, of that borough were married at eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning in Trinity church, Boston, Mass., by Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann. Mrs. Hoffer, mother of the bridegroom, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Holly, the latter a sister of the bride, were the only Philipsburg people present at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffer will take a wedding trip to the Bermudas and upon their return will go to housekeeping on south Front street, Philipsburg. Mr. Hoffer is employed as a clerk in the First National bank at Philipsburg.

ROBERTS—DENIUS.—A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Clara Dennis, on Bishop street, at seven o'clock last evening, when her daughter, Miss Helen G. Denius, became the bride of Robert E. Roberts, of Berwindale, but formerly of Bellefonte. Only a few friends were present to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Fred W. Barry, of the Centre Hall Lutheran church. The young couple left on the evening train for a brief wedding trip after which they will go to housekeeping in a home the bridegroom already has furnished at Berwindale.

THREE COUPLE MARRIED.—Whether or not there is more magic in the marriage cermony as said by Rev. Wilford P. Shriner, of Lock Haven, a former pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church, the young people of Centre county apparently have a desire to have him tie the knot, as he married three couple within a week. On February 7th he united in marriage Henry E. Fye and Miss Edith M. Quick, both of Moshannon; on February 8th William Dugan, of Bellefonte, and Miss Alice Smith, of Nittany; and on February 14th Ernest LeRoy Adams and Miss Clara E. Watson, both of Unionville.

BURRIS—HORNER.—Samuel N. Burris, a well known young man of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Alma Horner, one of Nittany valley's fair young ladies, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage at Spring Mills, on Wednesday of last week, by the Rev. J. Max Lantz. The young couple have the best wishes of all their friends for their future happiness.

COWHER—SOLT.—Saturday evening at eight o'clock Vernon G. Cowher and Miss Mary Solt, both of Bellefonte, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the United Evangelical parsonage by Rev. J. F. Hower. Their many friends will join in wishing them much joy and happiness throughout their wedded life.

——How did you like Washington's birthday?

Our Correspondents' Opinions.

This column is at the service of those of our people who desire to express their views on any subject of general or local interest. The "Watchman" will in no way be responsible for their ideas or statements. The real name of the author must accompany all communications, but will be withheld from publication when the request is made.

From a Former Centre Countian—Long a Resident of and Now Prominent in Iowa Affairs.

P. GRAY MEEK ESQ.
BELLEFONTE, PA.

Dear Sir: From time to time I find much of interest in the WATCHMAN, but it has grown upon me to always turn to the obituary page the first thing when I remove the wrapper. Nearly every week I find the name of some one with whom I have in some way been associated numbered with the dead. But last week, I was particularly and unwillingly interested in the notice of the death of Mrs. Ephriam Glenn, whom I never before knew to be your sister. I knew the family well, from a near neighbor, and Methodist church standpoint, when a mere boy while we all lived at Howard. I knew Mr. and Mrs. Glenn as earnest christians, and the valued church associates of my own sainted father and mother and as a "moving picture" or perhaps a panorama, all such associations of my early life pass before me now in a pronounced visionary way. Ephriam Glenn always gave me free access to the best apple tree in the orchard and to the gathering of all the walnuts my nutting ambition desired anywhere on the old Packer farm and I can never forget that they always met me with kindness, something the memory of which will cling to any boy or girl. The older boys were my playmates. I met Mrs. Glenn several times during my visit to State College, and while she remembered little Sam Baker, she could not harmonize the boy and man. They are going fast, back there in the old home country, so many since my visit three years ago.

I mail you under separate cover, papers giving the home estimate and details of the passing of General Jim Weaver, which I have thought would be of interest to you. I knew him as a staunch Democrat, as strong in denunciation of immorality in his party as I in mine and especially on the liquor question. It was my pleasure a few years ago to occupy a Pulman birth across the aisle from him on Gov. Cummins' special which made a three weeks tour of the southern battlefields to dedicate Iowa monuments, and I was always near pleasure's summit when we paired ourselves. It was my pleasure to stand on the spot on the Corinth, Miss., battlefield where he won his fame and spurs, as a man, a citizen, a christian gentleman, he was one of God's noblemen.

I also enclose clippings, and have made markings, referring to another gentleman, a friend, a fellow Pennsylvanian and a good fellow, but NOT a "favorite son." Glance over what the Iowa *Press* has to say. It may be information to you and if you are told anything about harmony in the Republican party in Iowa, tell it that the party is shot to pieces. "Born and bred," "dyed in the wool," as I am, I am ready to vote for a good Democrat for President, if you old-timers use good sense and nominate a *man*.

I am glad to know that you were so well connected and that Mrs. Ephriam Glenn was your sister.

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL W. BAKER.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 12, 1912.

CELEBRATED HIS SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.— Last Saturday Mr. Matthias Thal, of Benner township, was seventy-seven years old and his daughter, Mrs. Alfred Beezer, gave a surprise party for him at her home near Roopsburg. Mr. Thal naturally was the guest of honor and many useful and valuable presents were given him in commemoration of the event. Vocal and instrumental music and social intercourse made up the program of the evening, until a late hour when choice refreshments were served. It was an occasion that Mr. Thal will recall with considerable pleasure for weeks to come. Those present were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rishel, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thal. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bertram and son Edward, Mrs. Joseph Beezer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenhoover, Mrs. Ferd Beezer, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hazel and son Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. George Beezer and son Loenard, Miss Margaret Benner, Miss Florence Beezer, Miss Mary H. Beezer, Miss Marie McGowan, Barbara and Lillian Beezer, Miss Mollie Haas, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wright and sons Charles and Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crust and son Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Grove and son Roy, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harshbarger and daughter Marion, Mr. and Mrs. William Loose and son William, Mr. and Mrs. William Benner, Mr. and Mrs. George Sherry, Mrs. Joseph Thal and son Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Corman and daughter Seville, Mrs. James Wround and Alfred Beezer.

——The preLenten social festivities included Mrs. Harry Jenkin's five hundred party last week in honor of Mrs. Gehret, Mrs. H. W. Tate's guest. Mrs. Harry Jackson's card party Thursday night, at which three tables of five hundred were in play. Geraldine Noonan's birthday party, given to twelve of her girl friends at the Brant house Thursday evening. Mrs. H. W. Tate's card party, given at her apartments in Petrikin hall Saturday night, in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Gehret, and Mrs. Russell Blair's evening with cards Monday, also in honor of Mrs. Gehret, who returned to her home in New Jersey Tuesday.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure heartburn, flatulence, biliousness and the many other physical evils resulting from constipation. The "Pellets" are small. The dose is small. The benefits are large and lasting.