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Candidates for Judge Announce Their Own Platform.

Recently the Centre county Ministerium sent a letter to the various candidates for Judge asking them where they stood upon the license question, and believing that the voters of Centre county are entitled to know the demands of the temperance workers as well as the candidates' replies, the WATCHMAN herewith publishes the same in full, as follows:

MY DEAR SIR:

You have announced yourself as a candidate for Judge of the Courts of Centre county. One of the duties that the Court has to perform is the disposal of applications for license to sell intoxicating liquors. As the residents of the county have a right to know the attitude of candidates for Judge on this important question, kindly give us a full, free and yet concise expression as to your views upon this issue and what you will do in regard to it should you be elected Judge. We should especially like you to give definite answers to the following questions:

1. In considering the legal necessity for a license, would you be governed by the number of names on the remonstrance, the character and standing of these remonstrators in comparison with the signers of the petition; and should the remonstrance have more names upon it than there are names on the application, or should the character and standing of the remonstrators be better than that of the petitioners, would you in such cases decide that the license is not necessary and refuse the same according to section 7 of the Act of 1887? and would you follow the same course with both old and new houses?
2. Should you have personal knowledge of the unfitness of an applicant for a license, or personal knowledge that a licensed house is not conducted properly, would you refuse such applications even without a remonstrance? also will you enforce every provision of the liquor laws of Pennsylvania to the fullest extent of your power?

An early reply to these questions together with anything else that you wish to say upon this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
F. W. CRIDER, J. H. POTTER, C. C. SHUEY, Committee.

BELLEFONTE, PA., AUG. 8, 1915. Messrs. F. W. Crider, J. H. Potter and C. C. Shuey, Committee.

GENTLEMEN: I have your letter of recent date before me. In answer to the interrogatories addressed to me I would say:
First.—In considering the legal necessity for a license, I would be governed by the number of names on the remonstrance, the character and standing of these remonstrators in comparison with the signers of the petition; and should the remonstrance have more names upon it than there are names on the application, or should the character and standing of the remonstrators be better than that of the petitioners, I would in such cases decide that the license is not necessary and refuse the same according to section 7 of the Act of 1887. I would follow the same course with both old and new houses.

Second.—Should I have personal knowledge of the unfitness of an applicant for a license, or personal knowledge that a licensed house is not conducted properly, I would refuse such applications even without a remonstrance. Also, I will enforce every provision of the liquor laws of Pennsylvania to the fullest extent of my power.

Yours truly,
CLEMENT DALE.

BELLEFONTE, PA., AUG. 9, 1915. Messrs. F. W. Crider, J. H. Potter and C. C. Shuey, Committee.

GENTLEMEN: Replying to your recent inquiry relative to the question of granting liquor licenses in the event of my election to the office of Judge I respectfully state as follows, to wit:

I consider that where the people by legislative enactment have reserved for themselves any special right or privilege it is not within the province of an official to deprive them of such privilege or right thus reserved, and unless changed by legislative action all inherent prerogatives remain with the people themselves.

A liquor license is a special privilege granted by the people under existing laws for one year in which no man has a vested interest.

Conditions, question of necessity, etc., are to be determined at the beginning of each license year. Section 7 of the Act of May 13, 1887, provides inter alia as follows: "and in all cases (the vendor) shall refuse the same (license) whenever, in the opinion of the said court, having due regard to the number and character of the petitioners for and against such application, such license is not necessary for the accommodation of the public and entertainment of strangers or travelers."

Under this law the number and character of the petitioners is the legislative provision whereby the Court is directed to reach his opinion and this law governs all applications whether for an old or new licensed house. Under the same section of above stated law a license shall be refused when "the applicant or applicants is or are not fit persons to whom such license should be granted." I would therefore answer your questions as follows:

1. Where the number and character of the remonstrators surpass or exceed in either or both the number and character of the petitioners for license I shall refuse to grant the license.
2. If by personal knowledge or from reliable established information it is known that an applicant is not a fit person to whom license should be granted, or in case a licensed house has not been properly conducted, I shall in either case refuse to grant a license. And I shall enforce all laws regulating the matter of intoxicating liquors to the full extent of my jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,
J. KENNEDY JOHNSTON, Candidate for Judge.

BELLEFONTE, PA., AUG. 9, 1915. Messrs. F. W. Crider, J. H. Potter and C. C. Shuey, Committee.

GENTLEMEN: Your letter of the 6th inst., submitting certain questions involving the interpretation of the Brook's High License Law, and requesting an expression of my views on the duties of the Court in the disposal of applications for licenses, has been duly received.

I quote and answer the questions submitted as follows:
Question. "In considering the legal necessity for a license would you be governed by the number of names on the remonstrance, the character and standing of those remonstrators in comparison with the signers of the petition; and should the remonstrance have more names upon it than there are names on the application, or should the character and standing of the remonstrators be better than that of the petitioners, would you in such cases decide that the license is not necessary and refuse the same according to Section VII of the Act of 1887?"

Answer. As an abstract proposition, yes. But in order to be entirely fair to you and the general public, I desire to say that rarely, if ever, can the Court consistently base his decision on this section of the Act alone. Section III provides as follows: "The said Court shall fix by rule or standing order a time at which applications for said licenses shall be heard, at which time all persons applying or making objections to applications for licenses may be heard by evidence, petition, remonstrance, or counsel." It seldom happens in the granting of licenses that where remonstrances are filed no evidence is taken. The contrary is invariably the rule. Such evidence, when taken, must be considered by the Court in addition to the names, character, and number of signers for and against the license.

Question. "And would you follow the same course with old and new houses?"
Answer. No, the necessity for a license at a new house would require very much stronger and more convincing proof than a house which had been licensed for many years.
Question. "Should you have personal knowledge of the unfitness of an applicant for a license, or personal knowledge that a licensed house is not conducted properly, would you refuse such application without a remonstrance?"
Answer. I would.

Question. "Also will you enforce every provision of the liquor laws of Pennsylvania to the fullest extent of your power?"
Answer. Where the law is mandatory, I would enforce it according to its provisions, and where discretionary powers are vested in the Courts, I would exercise these in the interests of justice, according to the evidence in each individual case.

In conclusion, I can only add that in the granting of licenses I would be guided entirely by the interpretation of the law as expressed by the decisions of the Supreme and Superior Courts, applying it to each individual case according to the evidence.

Very truly yours,
N. B. SPANGLER.

(Signed) BELLEFONTE, PA., AUG. 10, 1915. Messrs. F. W. Crider, J. H. Potter and C. C. Shuey, Committee.

GENTLEMEN: I am in receipt of your recent communication in which you ask for definite answers to certain questions therein propounded as to my attitude on the license question and state that the residents of Centre County have a right to know what I will do should I be elected Judge.

I willingly concede the importance of this issue but I cannot agree that your Committee nor anybody else is entitled to an advanced opinion or "pledge" on this or any other question which might come before the successful candidate. As an illustration, suppose your questions were based on the attitude of the candidates towards the interpretation of the Workman's Compensation Act, The Child Labor Law, etc., and the enforcement of these laws? Or whether if elected the candidate would favor or antagonize the Pennsylvania Railroad or any other corporation, or in any way pre-judge any question which might come before him.

The Superior Court has within the past few months definitely stated that a candidate who pledges in advance his attitude on questions of this kind disqualifies himself. Under this ruling one of the present candidates, who before the opinion above referred to was handed down, caused to be circulated over his signature the pledge that if elected he would "legally refuse all licenses," finds himself in the embarrassing position of asking for an office he would not be permitted to fill if successful in securing the necessary number of votes.

Any candidate who prior to his election pledges definite action upon any question that may come before him cannot safely be trusted to render fair and impartial judgment on any questions that may affect his own or the interests of his friends. I do not question your high-minded and lofty moral impulses in this matter, but I cannot conscientiously make any pledges of any kind to any person except the pledge of an honest, prompt and efficient administration even though in taking this position I jeopardize the ambition of my life.

Very respectfully,
HENRY C. QUIGLEY.

(Signed) BELLEFONTE, PA., AUG. 12, 1915. Messrs. F. W. Crider, J. H. Potter and C. C. Shuey, Committee.

GENTLEMEN: On my return from holding court in Perry County I found awaiting me your letter of inquiry. I presume, of course, a similar one was sent to each of the other candidates for the Judgeship, and that the one mailed me is sent more out of courtesy because my position as Judge for the past term is well known to each of you, as well as to the public. However, I feel in duty bound to answer any inquiry as courteously worded as yours.

Although you are not lawyers you are no doubt aware that the law forbids either a Judge or a candidate to pre-judge the legal rights of any citizen, and that the higher courts have held that any promise or pledge, public or secret, that in the least tends to violate this principle, very properly disqualifies the Judge or the candidate. For this reason and this reason only I cannot answer the questions as fully as if I were actually adjudicating upon a case already presented before me.

To question one, I answer that I will, if elected, give due regard to the number and character of the petitioners for license and of remonstrators against the petition, and in general will act in compliance with Section 7 of the Act of 1887 as governed by the interpretations upon said Section by the rules of the appellate courts thereon. This applies equally to old and new licenses.

To question two, I answer unhesitatingly, yes. The Supreme Court has ruled that a license Judge may rightfully consider his personal knowledge in passing upon a license petition, and accordingly in the past I have not hesitated to do so. I will also enforce all the provisions of the liquor statutes of Pennsylvania to the fullest extent of my judicial power.

If you will properly analyze it, you will find that question two, at least in spirit, contradicts that of question one in your letter.

I beg to remain,
Very sincerely yours,
ELLIS L. ORVIS.

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PLETCHER.—George W. Pletcher, the well known agent for the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania at Salona, died very suddenly on Monday night as the result of a hemorrhage of the lungs. He was in charge at the station as usual all day on Monday and retired that night in his usual health. Shortly before two o'clock in the morning he was seized with a hemorrhage and rapidly lapsed into unconsciousness. A physician was summoned but death ensued in a short time.

Mr. Pletcher was forty-five years old and had been a resident of Salona for eighteen years. As a young man he showed a marked artistic ability and in 1891 he went to Paris and studied art. Returning to this country he executed some excellent paintings and finally accepted a position on the Pennsylvania Grail, at Williamsport, as a staff artist. During his four years with that paper his drawings attracted considerable attention. He was compelled to resign his position on account of his health and since then had lived at Salona and been agent for the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Methodist church and a man highly esteemed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and one son, George W. Pletcher Jr.; also one brother, Prof. B. F. Pletcher, of the Lock Haven business institute, and a sister, Miss Nan Pletcher, of Flemington. The funeral will be held this (Friday) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, burial to be made in the Dunnstown cemetery.

OVERTON.—Mrs. Florence Virginia Small Overton, wife of Edward Overton, died at her home on St. Paul street at 1:10 o'clock last Friday afternoon, following an illness of some months with paralysis.

She was a daughter of Thaddeus and Tillie Small and was born at Hardford, North Carolina, on April 28th, 1860, at her death being 55 years, 3 months and 15 days old. She was married to Edward Overton on January 1st, 1880, at New-bacon, N. C. Surviving her are her husband and the following children: George, of Cumberland, Md.; Edward Jr., McKinley, Cecil and Emma, at home. She also leaves an adopted daughter, Mrs. Charles Samuels, and two brothers, John Small, of Norfolk, Va., and Arthur Small, of Elizabeth City, N. C.

Deceased was a member of St. Paul's A. M. E. church for twenty-two years and president of the stewardess board twelve years. A peculiar coincidence about her death is that it occurred on the same date in the year as her mother and at the same age. Funeral services were held in St. Paul's church at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. L. V. Jones, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—Following a stroke of paralysis sustained about seven weeks ago Mrs. Mary J. Williams, wife of David Williams, died at her home in Philipsburg on Sunday afternoon.

Her maiden name was Mary J. Rowen and she was born at Howard on May 1st, 1847, making her age 68 years, 3 months and 14 days. She was twice married, her first husband being Andrew G. Stine, who died many years ago. In 1875 she married David Williams who survives with one daughter, Mrs. James Stott, of Philipsburg, and James Stine, of Port Matilda. The funeral was held from the Baptist church at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. H. K. Bower officiated and burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

PARKER.—Ferguson Graham Parker, the eldest brother of G. Ross Parker, died quite suddenly at his home in Johnstown at eight o'clock yesterday morning, of heart disease. He had not been in good health for some time and on Sunday made a trip to Atlantic City. He returned on Tuesday and yesterday morning he was taken seriously ill and died in a few hours.

He was born in Somerset but practically all his life was spent in Johnstown where for many years he was general superintendent of the Cambria Iron company. Ill health compelled him to resign. He never married but is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ellen Parker, of Somerset, and the following brothers and sisters: Neff Parker, of Des Moines, Iowa; G. Ross Parker, of Bellefonte; Misses Annie, Emily and Elizabeth Parker, all at the old home in Somerset. Arrangements for the funeral are not yet known. Ferguson Parker went out to Johnstown at noon yesterday and Mr. and Mrs. Parker yesterday evening.

SMICKO.—John Smicko, a Slavish miner of Clarence, died at the Lock Haven hospital on Monday afternoon as the result of injuries sustained in a fall of rock in the mine in which he was working on August 6th. He was about forty-five years old and is survived by his wife. The remains were shipped to Clarence where the funeral was held on Wednesday.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Jones, wife of Rev. L. V. Jones, pastor of the A. M. E. church, went to the depot to meet her brother, who she had invited to come to Bellefonte for the benefit of his health. He failed to arrive and yesterday morning she got a telegram which stated that he had died in Pittsburgh while on his way here.

RAY HICKS DROWNED.—Ray Hicks, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hicks, of Scotia, was drowned in one of the old ore mines near that place on Monday afternoon. Owing to so much rain and wet weather all the ore cuttings and mines in the Scotia territory are filled with water and they have afforded a good place for the boys to go in swimming.

Shortly after the noon hour on Monday Ray Hicks, his cousin, Fred Hicks, and Daniel McKivison went to the ore mine to wade in the water. Some of the older boys had constructed a raft of old railroad ties and the three boys climbed upon it and poled around through the mine. On nearing the edge Fred Hicks and McKivison jumped off into the water on the bank side of the raft. Ray Hicks jumped off on the other side of the raft and at once sank, the water closing over his head. Neither of the boys could swim and realizing their companion's danger the two boys screamed for help. Calvin Lykens drove along in the wagon about the time the boy sank the second time and he jumped out and waded into the water up to his neck, but as he could not swim he was afraid to venture further, fearful of old shafts that dot all the mines in that locality, and the boy sank for the third time.

Of course the alarm soon spread and several men climbed on the raft and dragged the water, recovering the body shortly afterward. All efforts to resuscitate the boy, however, proved futile. Ray Hicks was born at Scotia and in addition to his parents is survived by one brother and two sisters, John, Gertrude and Martha. The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning. Rev. Lawson, of Stormstown, had charge of the services and burial was made in Gray's cemetery.

FOUND DEAD NEAR CENTRAL CITY.—Shortly before nine o'clock on Tuesday morning a fireman on an extra freight west on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad saw the body of a man lying at the foot of the bank near Bald Eagle creek just above Central City. The railroad authorities at the Milesburg station were notified and an examination disclosed it to be the lifeless remains of William Bullock, of Julian. A wound on the left side of the head explained the cause of death but whether the man had been hit by a train or by some person unknown has not been divulged.

Undertaker Frank Wetzler was summoned and he considered it a case for the coroner, hence Dr. Sebring was called to Milesburg. After viewing the body it was removed to the Wetzler undertaking establishment where an inquest was held. A close examination showed that while the man's arms and legs were cold there was still a degree of warmth in the body, showing that he had not been dead very long. After hearing all the facts and evidence the jury found that the man had come to his death by a blow on the head with a blunt instrument, either by the train or at the hands of parties unknown.

Mr. Bullock was about forty-five years old and is survived by his wife but no children. George Bullock, station agent at Julian, and Edward S. Bullock, lumberman of Huston township, are brothers of the unfortunate man. The remains were taken to his late home at Julian where funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery at that place.

SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD.—News of a shooting which occurred in April, has but recently become public in Bellefonte. It was the shooting down in cold blood of William Haywood Boone, of Lambert, Miss., and a friend of his, Mr. Black. Mr. Boone, who was married to Miss Gertrude Irvin, of Bellefonte, eldest daughter of the late G. Wash Irvin, kept a general store in Lambert. On the day of the tragedy he got into an altercation with a customer over the amount of the latter's bill. The latter became very much enraged and before Mr. Boone realized his danger the customer drew a revolver and shot him dead. Mr. Black interposed and the man also shot him dead in his tracks. Mr. Boone and Miss Irvin were married eleven years ago and she is left with three small children. Heretofore it had been her custom to spend some time in Bellefonte each summer, but as she is now situated she will be unable to do so this summer.

BITTEN BY A COPPERHEAD.—While gathering eggs in the poultry house late Saturday evening, Mrs. Alfred Lucas, of Marsh Creek, was bitten in the hand by a copperhead snake which was coiled in one of the nests. When she discovered that she had been bitten by a venomous snake Mrs. Lucas hurried to the house and fastening a tourniquet above her wrist applied what remedies she had at hand and sent for a physician. In the meantime the poison spread rapidly and when the physician finally arrived and made an examination he found one of the snake's poisonous fangs in the wound on Mrs. Lucas' hand, it having been broken from the snake's mouth. At last reports Mrs. Lucas' condition was regarded as extremely critical. Mr. Lucas was only recently discharged from the Bellefonte hospital where he had been for treatment for a fractured leg sustained in falling from a load of hay, and is yet unable to walk without crutches.

It requires eleven cars to transport the Frank A. Robbins shows which will exhibit in Bellefonte on Friday of next week.

WITH THE BOROUGH COUNCIL.—Six members were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening. Mrs. G. Murray Andrews and John Blanchard Esq., were present and the latter in behalf of the former protested against such a strong light at the intersection of Allegheny and Howard streets, and asked if it would not be possible when establishing the new street lighting system to place one there whose effulgent rays would not be so penetrating in character, or something to that effect. The matter was referred to the Special committee.

William P. Shope, the coal dealer, asked for at least a portion of the borough's coal patronage for the water works, stating that business was a little dull now and he would be able to put in a car load on short notice. Referred to the Water committee.

Harry Miller made complaint about the weeds on three vacant lots on east High street and the matter was referred to the Street committee.

Isaac Underwood was present and introduced Mr. U. G. Bisham, of the Emerson Branting Implement company, Williamsport, who spoke in behalf of the Peerless steam road roller, and offered to sell council a new one for \$2138, the market price being \$2800. The matter was referred to the Street committee.

J. P. Harbold stated to council that he had been informed they were in the market for a number of lamp posts, and on behalf of the Bellefonte Engineering company he requested permission to present bids and designs. Referred to the Special committee.

Secretary W. T. Kelly stated that he had received notice that the road roller authorized at last meeting of council had been shipped from Buffalo, N. Y., and was due to arrive here any day.

Chairman Harris, of the Street committee, stated that he had received a proposition from state highway superintendent Bennett to repair the state highway on Allegheny and Linn streets by resurfacing it with asphaltum, the State to bear half the expense. On motion the matter was referred to the Street committee with power, the only proviso being to keep the cost as low as possible.

Mr. Seibert, of the Water committee, stated that he had taken the water meter from the old electric light plant and put it on the Y. M. C. A. to find out just how much water the Association is using.

The Nuisance committee entered complaint about the garbage in the rear of the Bush Arcade and in the rear of Garman's, Miller's and the John Meese store. They were instructed to proceed in a legal manner and have the nuisance abated as soon as possible.

The Fire and Police committee reported receiving fifteen dollars from Harry Dunlap for the second uniform furnished him while policeman.

The Village Improvement committee presented the ordinance providing for the appointment of a park play ground and shade tree commission for second reading and recommended its adoption. After some discussion the ordinance was tabled for the present upon motion of Mr. Lyon, council deeming it wise to give the matter more careful consideration.

Mr. Lyon, of the Special committee, presented a revised offer from the State Centre Electric company on prices for street lights as follows: For four ampere magna arc lights \$63 per year instead of \$66; 400 candle power lights, \$45 per year; 250 candle power, \$36 per year; 100 candle power, \$20 per year instead of \$22.50, which, according to the plans now outlined by the Special committee will give the town better street lights at slightly less cost than under the present system. The proposition was accepted and Mr. Lyon stated that by next meeting night the entire matter would probably be closed up.

Bills to the amount of \$1,215.52 were approved after which council adjourned.

MANY NEW ACTS WITH ROBBINS CIRCUS THIS YEAR.—The Frank A. Robbins All Feature Show, one of the best known circuses on the road today, having been under the same management for thirty-five years, will visit here on Friday, August 27th.

Following his usual custom, Mr. Robbins has searched the country for the best available acts and will have a number of stars of the circus world with him when he comes here. Hillary Long, who walks down stairs and leaps the gap on his head, and does equally difficult stunts while upside down, swinging in a trapeze; the most graceful and best bareback riders of the country; troupes of aerialists; a group of wire walkers, who have just returned from a triumphant tour of South America; acrobats without equals, make a list of stars which briefly tells of the real attractions of the show. There will be a score or more of fun provoking clowns, a number of fine animal acts, a splendid menagerie and other attractions to entertain the spectators. The show gives performances daily, at 2 and 8 p. m. Doors open one hour earlier, and a band concert precedes each regular show.

THOMPSON.—McGINLEY.—Harold B. Thompson, of Erie, and Miss Sara Elizabeth McGinley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McGinley, of Bellefonte, were united in marriage at the parsonage of the First United Brethren church, Altoona, at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Winey.

Miss McGinley is a graduate of the Bellefonte High school and for four years was a clerk in Katz & Co's store. Mr. Thompson is a graduate of State College, class of 1914, in the mining engineering course. Shortly after his graduation he went to Murray, a suburb of Salt Lake City, Utah, and accepted a position with the American Smelting and Refining company. After being there some months he was seized with a longing for the east and returned to Youngstown, Ohio. A week or ten days ago he received a flattering offer from the American Smelting and Refining company to return to Murray and take his old position.

He at once conferred with Miss McGinley and inasmuch as they had intended getting married about the first of September she consented to having the wedding at once, and so on Monday evening she went to Altoona, accompanied only by her sister, Miss Marjorie McGinley, where they met Mr. Thompson, and securing the necessary license were married Tuesday morning as stated above. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left for Erie where they will visit the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Anderson, until next Wednesday, August 25th, when they will leave for Utah so that Mr. Thompson can go to work September first. They expect to go to housekeeping in Murray immediately. Mr. Thompson when a student at State was a member of the Acacia fraternity.

WILLIAMS.—KEICHLINE.—At noon on Saturday Boyd D. Williams, of Lemont, and Miss Gertrude Keichline, of Pine Grove Mills, were united in marriage at the Reformed parsonage in Boalsburg by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Stover. Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Williams left on a wedding trip to Atlantic City and New York and upon their return will take up their residence at State College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams are well and favorably known in their respective communities and have many friends who wish them all the joys of a long married life.

HUEY.—MYERS.—Ellis Huey, of Bellefonte, and Miss May Myers, of Avis, were married at the parsonage of the east Main street Methodist church in Lock Haven on Wednesday morning, by Rev. J. M. Brennan, pastor.

SMITH.—BENNER.—On Thursday of last week William Smith and Miss Edna E. Benner, both of Roopsburg, were united in marriage at the United Evangelical parsonage by the pastor, Rev. E. Fulcomer.

WEST VIRGINIA'S BIG FAIR.—"Many new features will tend to make the West Virginia State Fair at Wheeling this year the best held in its 35 years," said Harry Ulmer Tibbens, of Wheeling, who with his family spent several days in Bellefonte this week. "The fair will open on Labor Day September 6th, with a whole afternoon devoted to running races. During the week 23 pacing, trotting and running races are scheduled for purses aggregating \$11,200, ranging from the 2:08 pace to the 2:25 pace over one of the fastest half mile tracks in the country. To relieve the tedium of the waits between the races high class vaudeville acts will be given in front of the grand stand. Another innovation will be the night horse show and hippodrome each evening during the week, when fancy horses will be put through their paces and when many vaudeville stars will perform.

"For years the fame of the West Virginia State Fair has gone abroad and the agricultural and live stock exhibits have attracted the attention of the farmers of three States. The farm machinery section will be large. Besides all these there will be a baby show. A class horse show and an up-to-date dog show open to the world, while the boy's judging contests will be of extra value to youngsters interested in stock raising. Band concerts will be given day and evening, while in every way the State Fair will be made of interest, amusement and instruction to all who attend. Special arrangements for the comfort of automobile parties have been made, while the hotel accommodations in Wheeling are exceeded by no city of its size in the country. Come to Wheeling Fair September 6th to 10th and have a splendid time."

IN A SOCIAL WAY.—A dinner for which thirty covers were laid was given Tuesday night by Col. and Mrs. W. F. Reynolds at their home on Linn street, in celebration of the twenty-first birthday of their oldest son, William Frederic Reynolds 3rd. After the dinner Mr. Reynolds' friends were his guests at the dance given in the Arcade.

Thirty of Mrs. J. Thomas Mitchell's friends were her guests at a dance at the Country club Thursday evening of last week.

Mrs. H. Laird Curtin and her sister, Miss Janet Potter, gave a tea at the home of Mrs. Harry Curtin, yesterday afternoon, from three until five o'clock. The greater number of the guests were from Bellefonte.

The Centre county Odd Fellows will hold their customary picnic and reunion at Hunter's park on September 6th, Labor day.