

### Examinations for Entrance to Forest Academy.

Examinations for entrance to the State Forest Academy at Mont Alto will be held in Harrisburg Monday and Tuesday, June 19th and 20th. All applicants will submit to a physical examination at the office of the Department of Forestry on the 19th. The examinations in scholarship will be held in the High school building on the 20th, and only those applicants will be admitted who have already passed the physical examination. All applicants must be citizens of the United States, not over 26 years of age, and not under 19. The examinations in scholarship will include the ordinary High school branches, algebra, plane and solid geometry, arithmetic, English grammar and composition, physical and commercial geography, civil government, physiology, history, reading, writing, and spelling. An average grade of 75 per cent. must be attained to pass. No specimen examination papers will be supplied.

Of those who pass the examinations, the fifteen with the highest standing will be assigned to foresters on state forests for two months of practical work in the woods. At the end of this period an additional test will be given. The ten men passing the tests most satisfactorily will be admitted to the Forest Academy on September first.

### That Barbecue at Boalsburg.

Big posters were put up this week heralding the big barbecue and public meeting to be held on Theodore Davis Boal's farm at Boalsburg tomorrow (Saturday). The time will be from 2 to 6 o'clock p. m. The speaking will be about 2:30 o'clock with the barbecue at 4. As stated last week Major General Leonard Wood will be the principal speaker and he will be accompanied by his aid and several prominent Washington gentlemen. From all indications a large crowd will be there if the weather permits. Members of the new mounted machine gun troop will act as general utility men to help look after the welfare of the crowd. No invitations have been issued but the public in general is invited.

On April 17th action was brought by Charles M. McCurdy, trustee for the bondholders, against the Bellefonte Steam Heating company, to recover payment of \$30,000 worth of bonds with accrued interest thereon, the defendants being given until the first Monday in May to file an answer. Several days prior to that date a statement of defense was filed. On Wednesday of this week the plaintiff filed an amendment to his original statement and the court made an order that unless an amendment was filed by the defendants to their original statement of defense an order would be issued directing judgment to be entered in favor of the plaintiff.

At the present time there are three dwelling houses and three fraternity houses in course of construction at State College, which is a pronounced contrast to building operations during the past three years when from forty to sixty new buildings were erected yearly. A gentleman who is in a position to know informed the writer this week that in addition to the collapse in the building boom there were at the present time from fifty to one hundred vacant rooms at the College. The only explanation is that the speculative builders exceeded the growth of the College and the above is the inevitable result.

At the regular May meeting of the Woman's club, Monday night, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. John S. Walker, president; Miss Mary M. Blanchard, vice president; Miss Isabell Hill, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Keichline, corresponding secretary; Miss Lillian Smith, treasurer; Mrs. H. F. Whiting, auditor; Mrs. George Hazel, member at large; Mrs. Thomas J. Mitchell, chairman civic committee; Mrs. John P. Lyon, chairman educational committee, and Mrs. R. S. Brouse, chairman charity committee.

A rumor was current in the early part of the week that Alexander Risk, who was found dead in bed at the home of James Crozier, near Pleasant Gap on Sunday morning, was likely a victim of foul play, owing to slight superficial abrasions on the forehead and right arm. The proper authorities, however, made a thorough investigation as well as an examination of the body and they openly aver that his death was due entirely to natural causes.

The big power plant of the Mosshannon Coal Mining company at Oscoda Mills was blown up with dynamite on Monday night entailing a loss of \$12,000. The destruction of the plant will necessitate the closing of the mine until a new plant can be built and equipped. A reward of one thousand dollars has been offered for evidence that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties guilty of setting off the explosion.

ZIMMERMAN—JONES.—Charles A. Dale Zimmerman, of Milesburg, and Miss Stella Jones, daughter of Mrs. Wesley Jones, of east Lamb street, were united in marriage at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, at the United Brethren church, by the pastor, Rev. T. Hugh MacLeod. Immediately following the ceremony they went to the bridegroom's home in Milesburg.

SYKES—YOUNG.—Benjamin H. Sykes, of Galeton, and Miss Mary E. Young, of Lock Haven, were married in the latter city on Thursday of last week by Rev. James M. Brennan, at the parsonage of the East Main street M. E. church. The young couple took a brief honeymoon trip and later will make their home in Bellefonte.

BEAVER—BAILEY.—A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. Joseph M. Alters, on east Bishop street, on Thursday of last week when Grover E. Beaver, of Youngstown, Ohio, and Miss Margaret P. Bailey, of Spring Mills, were united in marriage by Rev. W. M. B. Glandings, pastor of the Lutheran church.

W. R. Brachbill is confined at home with a sore foot, being under the doctor's care.

Memorial day and the circus are now things of the past and the next event will be the Fourth of July.

William Doak, the blind man, takes this means of publicly thanking Miss Margaret Noonan and Hon. James Schofield, each of whom presented him with a very substantial and durable cane the latter part of last week.

In sending out invitations for their annual picnic at Belmont mansion, Fairmount park, Philadelphia, on Saturday, June 17th, the Centre county association of Philadelphia makes the announcement that there are now over five hundred Centre county residents in Philadelphia and vicinity. The basket picnic is not confined to these alone but is open to all who care to attend.

In our item last week regarding the appointment of Elliott Lyon Morris and Gordon Montgomery as cadets, we got the two young men wrongly placed. Morris was appointed a cadet to West Point and Montgomery to the Naval academy at Annapolis, instead of vice versa. Morris and his father returned home from West Point on Saturday where the former passed a very creditable preliminary examination.

The "Watchman" is in receipt of a letter from an old and warm friend, Samuel W. Baker, of Des Moines, Iowa, who is on the verge of making a trip east, expecting to be in Philadelphia at the time of the annual picnic of the Centre county association of Philadelphia. On his way home he will stop in Centre county to shake hands with some of his friends of long ago and we assure him of a warm welcome when he reaches this office.

A queer phenomenon was witnessed near the Whiterock quarries at Pleasant Gap during the brief thunder storm on Saturday afternoon. It will be remembered that there was one quite loud crash of thunder. Persons who happened to be in that neighborhood aver that when the crash came a ball of fire about the size of a man's head fell from the clouds and descended to within thirty feet of the ground when it vanished. William Knoffsinger was lying on his back making repairs to a freight car standing on the siding at Whiterock and while he did not see or even hear the crash his entire right side was stunned and he felt the effects of it for several hours.

### Colonel Mosby Dies at Washington.

Washington, May 30.—Col. John S. Mosby, the daring confederate cavalry leader, died here today in Garfield hospital. Since Sunday his condition has been critical. He was 83 years old.

With the veteran at the home of his death were his sister, Mrs. Blakely Mosby, and his three daughters, Misses Ada and Pauline and Mrs. Stuart Mosby Coleman, all of this city. The body will be taken to his former home, Warrenton, Va. It is expected special honor will be accorded his memory at the celebration of Memorial day by confederate veterans at Arlington next Sunday.

Mosby had been suffering from a complication of diseases incurred in part through the exposure to which he was subject in his picturesque raids around the Union army and in the period when he was held an outlaw by the federal government, before pardoned by Gen. Grant.

### Coin Designs to be Changed.

Washington, May 30.—Dimes, quarters and half dollars of new design will be minted after July 1, Secretary McAdoo announced today. For the first time since 1891 a change will be effected in these pieces.

The announcement disclosed that the half dollar has fallen virtually into disuse. The new design was selected with hope of restoring it to more general circulation, it was indicated.

Under the new coinage each piece will be of different design. The half dollar and dime models were made by Adolph A. Weinman and the quarter dollar by Herman A. MacNeil. Both are sculptors of note.

### With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.  
Service Sunday 11:00 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 9½ E. High street.

### Centre Co Sunday School Convention.

The forty-seventh annual convention of the Centre county Sabbath school association was held at Howard on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. First on the program was a boy's conference conducted by state worker P. G. Orwig and a girl's conference conducted by Mrs. P. G. Orwig. Later both the girls and boys were entertained with a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Wagner, an even hundred being present.

A meeting of the county executive committee was held at ten a. m., when very encouraging reports were received from the various district presidents. At the afternoon session the address of welcome was delivered by A. A. Miller and the response made by Rev. T. Hugh MacLeod. A general conference was then led by R. M. Hopkins, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

At the Tuesday evening session an address was delivered by W. W. Whetstone on the relation of the Y. M. C. A. to the Sabbath school work. Several other short addresses along the same line were made by Mrs. Orwig, Rev. J. E. Dunning and others.

At the Wednesday morning session committees were appointed and A. C. Thompson reported that the teacher's training department was extending its work throughout the county very satisfactorily.

The report of Mrs. S. W. Nuttall, statistical secretary, at the Wednesday afternoon session, showed good progress throughout the county during the year. William Tressler, treasurer, presented his report which showed a balance in the treasury of \$29.06. The report was accepted.

The following officers were elected: President, I. L. Harvey; vice president and superintendent of rural work, R. L. Watts; secretary, Darius Waite; treasurer, C. C. Shuey; elementary superintendent, Mrs. C. E. McGirk; assistant superintendent, Mrs. S. W. Smith; O. A. B. C. superintendent, L. W. Nuttall; missionary, T. Hugh MacLeod; teacher's training, A. C. Thompson; temperance, R. R. Jones; secondary division, W. E. McWilliams. On vote of the convention the district chairmen were made a part of the executive committee.

At six o'clock Wednesday evening the Howard band gave a concert for the entertainment of the visitors and at the meeting which followed later addresses were made by Dr. R. L. Watts on the relation of agricultural extension to the Sunday school, and J. L. Holmes on "How to Hold the Boys' Committee."

The committee on resolutions extended a vote of thanks to the citizens of Howard for their open-hearted entertainment and to all who contributed in any way toward making the convention such a big success. They also recommended using every effort to elect candidates to office, irrespective of party affiliations, who will stand squarely in favor of the annihilation of the liquor traffic. The resolutions were adopted. The time and place for holding next year's convention was not decided.

Last Sunday morning in the Reformed church, Rev. Dr. Schmidt delivered a Memorial day sermon and made an appeal for funds to feed the starving people of Armenia and Syria. Offerings amounting to \$47.00 were given by the congregation and \$15.00 by the Sunday school, making a total of \$62.00. This amount will feed 620 persons for one week.

The U. B. Sunday school will observe Children's day by holding appropriate services on Sunday evening, June 4th.

The U. B. church will inaugurate its summer campaign next Sunday morning. The officers will be installed and Rev. MacLeod will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The second sermon by Rev. W. M. B. Glandings on Everyday Experiences will be given in the Lutheran church next Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, with the topic, "Carelessness in Ordinary Affairs."

### Ringling Bros. Coming this Way.

World's Biggest Circus and Spectacle "Cinderella" Announced for Early Date.

Announcement is made that on Tuesday June 13th Ringling Bros. circus will give afternoon and night performances at Altoona.

The famous showmen are this season presenting an all new and wonderful program. The tremendous fairyland spectacle, "Cinderella," will appeal to both young and old. More than 1000 persons take part in it. It is easily the biggest spectacle Ringling Bros. have ever staged and its glorious "Ballet of the Fairies," with 300 dancing girls, is in itself worth going many miles to see. Following "Cinderella" 400 arenic artists appear in the main tent program. Because of the great European war the Ringlings have secured scores of circus performers never before seen in America. An entire trained animal show has been made a part of the main tent program this season. The menagerie now numbers 1009 wild animals. The elephants, including "Big Bingo," the earth's largest pachyderm, have been increased to 41 and almost 800 horses are carried. There will be 60 clowns and a big free three-mile street parade show day morning.

### No References.

Willis—The new cook is a jewel, dear.

Mrs. Willis—Yes, but I'm afraid I must discharge her.

Willis—What's the matter?

Mrs. Willis—I'm suspicious of her. I went to the library this afternoon and spent three hours in the reference room and couldn't find any of hers.

—The lucky man is one who sees and grasps his opportunity.

### Harmonious Meeting of Democratic State Committee.

Harrisburg, May 31.—The Pennsylvania Democratic State central committee today endorsed President Wilson and elected William S. McLean, Jr., of Wilkes-Barre, Democratic county chairman of Luzerne for the last five years, as State chairman without a dissenting vote. Only six members of the 115 elected on May 16 failed to attend and there were fewer proxies than usual.

The meeting was characterized by harmony, except when the resolutions were presented and then a proposed amendment was tabled because it did not get a second. The amendment called for the investigation of the military preparedness of the nation and also for an inquiry into what had been spent for defense in recent years. The resolutions had already referred to national defense and the amendment, which was offered by H. H. Wilson, of Beaver, was not seconded.

State chairman Roland S. Morris, who was not a candidate for re-election, made an address reviewing his conduct of the affairs of the party for three years and was given a rising vote of thanks. After election of a chairman, National committee-man A. Mitchell Palmer and Assistant Postmaster General James I. Blakeslie delivered addresses.

The committee decided to meet about Labor Day to ratify the nominations made at St. Louis. It is likely that headquarters will be removed here from Philadelphia. No selection of a secretary was made by Chairman McLean. All of the divisions except the seventh, composed of Luzerne and Lackawanna, elected chairmen.

After the meeting the Pennsylvania delegation to the St. Louis convention met and discussed arrangements. The delegation will have headquarters in the Jefferson hotel and will start from Philadelphia, June 11. A chairman will be elected in St. Louis.

It is narrated of Keir Hardie's visit to India that instead of going to the officials for information concerning British rule he mingled with the common people and learned their views. On this tour, in his chat with a dark-skinned school boy, he found that all the lad's food for the day was a tiny pouch of dried millet, scarcely two spoonfuls of canary seed. He had known the pinch of poverty in his childhood, having worked in the collieries since he was eight years old, and when he saw this little child's famine ration the hot tears from his own cheeks fell on the dark face of the boy. And when the rumor of his companion ran through the village it was said that "a god had come on earth again," as it was said by them of old time at Lystra, when Christy men were a new thing on the earth.

Bagdad has the summer climate of Yuma; and that's where thousands of British soldiers are to be imprisoned.

"Mamma!" said a little boy, after coming in from a walk, "I've seen a man who makes horses."

"Are you sure?" asked his mother.

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