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For Member of State Committee,

G. OSCAR GRAY, Bellefonte.

For County Chairman,

G. OSCAR GRAY, Bellefonte.

Soldier Boys Coming Home.

If the National Guard units of Centre county have not reached home by the time the "Watchman" is in the hands of its readers it is pretty sure they will arrive some time today, or tomorrow, as orders were issued for breaking camp yesterday. In the meantime our correspondent with the headquarters troop of the 52nd machine gun squadron has contributed the following letter on camp life the past week:

Editor of the "Watchman":
The past week has been marked with minor disturbances among the striking miners. A bridge was blown up Saturday, near a little town called Jerome, which was supposed to be the work of miners and railroaders together. The structure was just a small one on a branch line of the B. & O., leading to several mines. The job was not a very successful one and the damage was quickly repaired. The Boal troop patrols in the vicinity of where the explosion took place and it was only a short time afterward that they arrived on the scene but they were unable to find any clue that might indicate who the persons were.

Today everything is reported quiet over the county, although trouble was to be expected on Labor day. The United Mine Workers of America held a meeting in Somerset last week, the object of which was to get the operators of the county to sign the Cleveland agreement, but none of the operators put in their appearance at the meeting so nothing was gained. They did resolve to continue the strike until the operators would sign either the Cleveland agreement or individual wage scales according to the policies of the district and national agreement.

It is more than probable that by the time the readers of your paper see this that we will be on our way home. We expect to leave here Friday morning, picking up the different troops of our squadron on the way to Johnstown. It would be hard to tell just when we will arrive in Bellefonte, but it will be some time Saturday.

The present camp site of our squadron has been named in honor of Bugler Frank B. Crissman, a former member of Troop L, who gave his life in France, September 29th, 1919.

Every one is looking forward to getting home and they will be able to tell their people more than I could ever write in a letter, so I will leave the rest to the boys.

Sincerely,
JOHN J. BOWER, Jr.

Forger Sent to Penitentiary.

At a special session of court on Friday Harry Pergrin was sentenced to the western penitentiary for not less than four years nor more than five for forgery. Six weeks or two months ago Pergrin made his appearance in Phillipsburg and finally opened an account at the Moshannon National bank with a check drawn on the Cherry Tree National bank and signed John D. Little. When it was discovered that the check was a forgery Pergrin had disappeared. It also developed that he had left Phillipsburg in company with a Morrisdale young woman. He was finally located in DuBois where he was arrested on August 11th. Being unable to make good he was brought to the Centre county jail and on Friday, after entering a plea of guilty to the charge of forgery was sentenced as above noted. He was taken to the penitentiary on Saturday by sheriff Harry Dukeman.

Veteran World War Organization Holds Reunion.

The first official reunion of the Boal Machine Gun Troop was held at Boalsburg, Saturday and Sunday, and a very large attendance was present. This organization was organized by Theodore Davis Boal and completely equipped for service on the Mexican border in 1916, where it served as machine gun troop of the 1st Pennsylvania cavalry during the Mexican trouble; called and mustered into federal service July 15th, 1917. Trained at Boalsburg and Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, as members of Machine Gun Troop, 1st Penna. cavalry. On disbanding of cavalry regiment at Camp Hancock, December 19th, 1917, the troop was transferred intact to the 28th divisional headquarters and designated as Company A, 107th Machine Gun Divisional Battalion.

The first complement of 90 men was enlarged to 172 men and officers to comprise a divisional unit. The additional men were chosen and especially selected from the 1st Penna. cavalry. The organization served in the late world war and saw service on all battle fronts and in most of the major battles participated in by the glorious Iron or Keystone Division—the pride of Pennsylvania. Served from July 15th, 1917, to May 22nd, 1919, and mustered out of service at Camp Dix, New Jersey, May 22nd, 1919.

Owing to the heavy number of casualties suffered by the organization it was filled by replacements, who came from all over the United States. After being mustered out of service the men erected and dedicated a monument at Boalsburg, on Labor day, 1919, in honor of their fellow comrades who made the supreme sacrifice on the battle fields. This monument is a Lorraine cross, found on the battle fields of France, by the troop, and the name of each member inscribed thereon. Since that time they have been prominent in dealing with the affairs of all ex-service men, and especially those under Captain Wilbur F. Leitzell, commanding Company A, 107th Machine Gun Battalion.

The large attendance of the first official reunion was very hospitably entertained by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Davis Boal in his usual kindly manner at Boal camp, the rendezvous of Troop A, 52nd, Machine Gun Battalion, which is the continuation of this organization and was organized by both new and old men of this company, and which is now serving in the coal fields.

Col. Boal has just returned from a survey of the battle fields of Europe, being an attaché of the War Department with the Pennsylvania Commission delegation sent to select suitable places to erect monuments in honor of the glorious Pennsylvania troops during the world war.

Many interesting subjects were discussed, and one worthy of mention is that the Boal Machine Gun Troop and Col. Theodore Davis Boal have proposed to erect a monument in shape of a fountain at one of the important sites in France where this machine gun company covered itself with fame and glory and were honorably mentioned in division orders, and by special citations from G. H. O., A. E. F., and Major General Bullard, commanding second army corps and officers in the French high command. This monument will be erected at once by personal subscription of the troop and Mr. Boal in honor of their fallen comrades during the defense of this site in October, 1918, during a very severe counter attack. The names of the participants of this engagement will be enrolled and placed in the cornerstone, and the names of the heroes who fell will be engraved on the outside. A suitable site has been presented by the French major commanding this area, from where the fountain will be erected, leading to the cliff overlooking the battleground and the river below, where the troop so gloriously fought.

A new club house for the Boal Machine Gun Troop will be erected next year by the members of this veteran organization for their exclusive use. The reunion came to a very happy end, a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Col. Boal for his kind hospitality, and members from all over the Keystone State look forward to the next reunion to be held at Boalsburg on Saturday and Sunday previous to Labor day, 1923.

Agricultural College Men Earn More Money.

The initial earning capacity of graduates of the school of agriculture of The Pennsylvania State College, has risen 62 per cent. in the last 15 years, according to an announcement made by Dean R. L. Watts. Basing his conclusions on a study made of the salaries of more than 500 alumni, for the most part men engaged in farming, Dean Watts stated that the average initial salary for men leaving college in the past five years has been \$1,340, while in a similar period 15 years ago, the average was \$820.

The average salary of all men replying jumped from \$1,327 the first year to \$2,093 the fifth year. The average present salary of all the men who replied to the questionnaire sent out is \$2,600. Eighty-six are receiving net incomes ranging from \$2,500 to \$3,000; 78 from \$3,000 to \$4,000; 12 from \$4,000 to \$5,000, and 24 \$5,000 or more.

Country reared farmers were found to be getting a slight amount more on the average than city reared men.

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McSparran and Pinchot Both Talk to the Grangers at Centre Hall.

The campaign was formally opened at Grange park, Centre Hall, yesterday when John A. McSparran, Democrat, and Gifford Pinchot, once a Moose always a Moose, talked to sweltering crowds in the auditorium. It was the big day at the picnic, but so hot, dry and dusty that pop and ice cream cones were far more popular than anything else on the grounds.

It was a field day for both Democrats and Republicans but the former had the call because McSparran is Master of the Grange and a Pennsylvanian crowd is largely Democratic in conviction.

The crowd was estimated at from ten to fifteen thousand visitors outside of the campers.

Wednesday was Grand Army day and twenty-nine of the survivors of the sixties assembled to hear addresses by Col. J. L. Spangler and Prof. Geo. P. Bible. The crowd on the grounds on Wednesday was estimated to have been about half as large as that of Wednesday of last year.

The main exhibition house, where fruit, vegetables, grain and curios are shown, is, as always, an interesting feature but the poultry and cattle exhibits, while of high grade, are very few, not near all of the pens being occupied.

The two candidates for Governor spoke as follows:

WHAT McSPARRAN SAID.

One of the twenty-seven indictments made against King George, of England, and which were the basis of the separation between the thirteen colonies and the mother country was "He has sent over a swarm of office holders to harass our people and eat up their substance."

The situation in Pennsylvania is very like that which held in the olden days. We have carelessly allowed the usurpation of authority and privileges until we have built up a government composed of swarms of office holders harassing our people by meddling interference in the most trifling affairs and eating up our substance in the largest taxes we have possibly ever had to pay. Bureaus and commissions have been established under the excuse of taking care of some public good when the real operation of the department proved to be simply a set of jobs to be distributed by a centralized political machine. A family cannot go fishing without sending to Harrisburg for a license, and the excuse for that meddling interference was that a fisher's department would care for and restock the rivers and lakes with fish. Our great difficulty has been the dumping into our rivers of poisonous substances detrimental to fish life, and thus many of our rivers have become unsuitable for fish, and yet the department asks for larger and larger support each succeeding Legislature. A hunting license was put over on our people under the excuse that dogs should be restrained in order that game be multiplied. The net result has been to establish a costly department at Harrisburg and make a day's sport for a busy man expensive.

We started in some years ago presumably to build a system of state highways, but after ten years or more of effort we have made the miserable showing of thirteen hundred miles of state highways completed and have built up a contractor's combine at prices for building roads that eats up our money and gives us mighty little roads, and at the same time, usurping the authority over the ninety thousand miles of dirt roads harassing our supervisors and borough commissioners in the performance of their duty and preventing the community who must pay for their dirt roads from spending their own money.

We have built up a stupendous health department, not for the purpose of establishing uniform regulations and keeping a closer watch over epidemics, but finding places for a horde of office holders which meddle into private affairs, keep our children out of school and inject virus in communities where no disease is prevalent.

We have allowed our schools to be subject to inefficient political interference on the excuse of statements as ludicrous as they are faulty. They tell us Pennsylvania is twenty-first in the list of States in the standard of measuring a school system when he said "The test of a school system is the product it turns out." No one has ever had the hardihood to say that our boys going out to West Point and Annapolis in competition with the boys from every other State have fallen down in their examinations because of the poor schools of Pennsylvania.

The fact is, the honor man last year at West Point was a Pennsylvania boy and the honor man of Annapolis last year was a Pennsylvania boy, coming out of our schools before Finigan laid his autocratic hand upon them. The meddling interference in detailed conduct of our schools is seen in having reports go up to the State Department from forty-five thousand school rooms in the State harassing our teachers and finding jobs for multiplied office holders in the State Educational Department.

In the olden days the colonies had to gather the taxes and then turn them over to proteges of the English government to spend. Our supervisors, school directors, etc., collect enormous taxes and turn them over to a political hierarchy at Harrisburg to spend.

The whole situation has become intolerable. Not in a life time has there been such an upheaval in the body politic, and that clean-up cannot be made by an administration that has machine affiliations or uses in its coterie of officers the people who are responsible for bringing about this outrageous situation. The duty of the hour for the citizenry of Pennsylvania is to register and be ready to appear at the polls to exercise the right our forefathers gave to us when conditions in their day became intolerable. They had the manhood to do their duty. Can we do less?

—The Bellefonte school board last week received \$6,000 of the overdue State appropriation.

WHAT PINCHOT SAID.

Before our State government can be conducted openly, economically, and efficiently, many things must be done, and many changes must be made. To let in the light and clean up the mess at Harrisburg is a long, difficult, and many-sided undertaking. Without the support of the people it cannot be done at all. That is the first essential.

It is in no sense a one man job. To carry it through the Governor and the Legislature must each do their part. Some things the Governor can do by himself; others the Legislature can do by itself; others can be done only by the Governor and the Legislature working together for the good of the State.

The things which the Legislature can do by itself belong to the Legislature, and do not require to be pointed out by me.

The things which the Governor can do by himself concern good housekeeping in the government departments at Harrisburg and throughout the State. They include such things as removing from the pay-roll office-holders who do not earn their pay; protecting those who are loyal and efficient; and generally using modern business methods in the State government.

What the Governor can do by himself is important. What the Governor and the Legislature must work together to get done is at least equally important. The Governor can submit a budget, but he cannot pass it. Only the Legislature can do that. The Governor can recommend changes in the legally established financial practice of the State, but he cannot enact the necessary legislation. Only the Legislature can do that. It is just as necessary that we should have a Legislature that will stand with the Governor in doing what ought to be done, as it is to have a Governor pledged to attempt it, and able to put it through.

A Governor without a Legislature to support him is like a man without shoes walking on stony ground. To get economy and efficiency at Harrisburg will require a complete reorganization of the Government and a thorough reconstruction of its finances. These are the big things, without which the people of Pennsylvania cannot have a good modern State government. They have not got it now.

The government of Pennsylvania does a fifty million dollar business every year. Many years of executive work in building up, managing, studying, and planning for the reorganization of State and National government organization have given me a realizing sense of what the task of reorganization actually means. It will require knowledge, experience, and continuous hard work. The slap-stick methods which we hear put forward on the stump way about as much chance with it as a tinker with a lady's watch.

I am going to Harrisburg to carry out the things my platform promises. I shall do my best to offend no one, injure no one, disregard no one. It is reasonably certain that I shall not please every one. No Governor has to this date. Doubtless I shall not succeed in everything. But at least I will make a hard and honest try. And if at any time during the coming four years I find it necessary, in order to get done any of the things which the voters have elected me to do, I shall go straight to the people for help. They have the power. They have the right to decide. They can get what they want by letting their servants in office know their will. I shall put the question up to them.

In Mountain Cabin, Co-eds Plan Work.

Miss Margaret A. Knight, dean of women at The Pennsylvania State College, and about fifteen officers and members of the women's student government board, the Y. W. C. A. and the Co-ed athletic association are now holding their annual camping conference at a cabin in the heart of the Seven mountains, not far from State College, to be held from September 7th to 9th.

It has become customary for Miss Knight and the officers of the various organizations to go to the mountains for a few days just before the opening of college each fall, to map out a program for the coming year's activities. During this camping trip plans will be prepared whereby the women students at Penn State will take an active share in the proposed campaign for \$2,000,000 for college health and welfare buildings.

—Quite a number of people motored to Bellefonte on Wednesday evening evidently under the impression that the Odd Fellows band would give another of its delightful concerts, not aware of the fact that the concert season closed last week. It might be mentioned that during the entire summer the band missed but one concert, and that was because of a hard rain.

ULRICH.—Samuel Moore Ulrich, a well known resident of lower Pennsylvania, died quite suddenly at his home at Spring Mills on Monday morning as the result of a third stroke of paralysis. He was first stricken in October, 1919, and ever since had been a semi-invalid. Two weeks ago he suffered a second stroke and a third on Monday morning resulted in his death.

He was a son of Michael and Mary Winters Ulrich and was born in Millheim on December 7th, 1858, hence was 63 years, 8 months and 28 days old. His boyhood life was spent in Millheim but when he grew to manhood he engaged in farming, an occupation he followed in Penn and Gregg townships until stricken with paralysis almost three years ago when he retired from the farm and moved to Spring Mills where he had since lived.

About forty-four years ago he married Miss Harriet Burrell who survives with the following children: Mrs. Sallie Clemens, of Philadelphia; Mrs. John Eckel and Harry Ulrich, of Bellefonte, and Miss Mary, at home. He also leaves two brothers and one sister, William Ulrich, of Greenville, S. C.; Hesser F., of Millheim, and Mrs. L. H. Gettig, of Bellefonte.

He was a member of the Lutheran church and Rev. Catherman will probably have charge of the funeral services which will be held at ten o'clock this (Friday) morning, burial to be made in the Heckman cemetery.

SHUEY.—James Shuey, a life-long farmer of College township, passed away at seven o'clock yesterday morning. He had been a sufferer with rheumatism for a number of years but was able to be around and see after his farm work until last week when he was suddenly taken worse and died yesterday morning. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shuey and was seventy-two years old. He never married but is survived by one sister and two brothers, Miss Sallie Shuey, who lived with the deceased; Isaac, of Bellefonte, and John, of Lemont. He was a member of the United Brethren church for many years and a good citizen. The time for the funeral is not known at this writing.

JOHNSTON.—Thomas F. Johnston of Crafton, sales manager for the Federal Enameling and Stamping company, died very suddenly at the Hotel Jordan, in Clearfield, on Monday evening of last week, of acute dilatation of the heart, aged about sixty years. I. J. Johnston, a son of the deceased, took the remains to his home in Hollidaysburg where funeral services were held on Thursday evening and on Friday the remains were taken through Bellefonte to Lemont for burial in the Branch cemetery.

LOFF.—James M. Loff died at his home at Boalsburg on Monday morning from an affection of the heart, aged 83 years. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bliss Meyer, living in Virginia, and Mrs. Robert Harper, at home. He was a member of the Reformed church and Rev. S. C. Stover had charge of the funeral services which were held at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

Potato Seed Test by Farm Bureau.

The Farm Bureau completed a very interesting potato seed source test on the farm of A. C. Kepler, two miles west of Pine Grove Mills, on Wednesday, August 30th. The Irish cobbler is considered the best variety of early potatoes to grow in this section of the State, but there has been some question as to the best source of seed. Disease free seed was selected from four best known sources, three from Maine and one from Vermont, and two rows of each planted side by side on the same day, April 21st, under the same conditions as to soil and fertilizer.

All were cultivated and sprayed the same throughout the season. They were raised, weighed and yield per acre calculated with rather surprising results. The figures following represent the yield per acre of marketable potatoes.

Maine No. 1, 233.5 bushels.
Maine No. 2, 292.5 bushels.
Maine No. 3, 350.1 bushels.
Vermont, 336.5 bushels.

The above results are very striking, however, too much dependence cannot be placed on one year's results. The same comparison will be made next year. A similar comparison will be made with sources of disease free seed potatoes of the russet variety, which is recognized as the best Maine crop of late variety for Pennsylvania. Figures on this will be published later.

Mayer—Beezer.—Albert Mayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayer, and Miss Lillian Beezer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beezer, both of near Bellefonte, were married at seven o'clock on Tuesday morning at St. John's Catholic church by Rev. Father Downes. They were attended by Miss Eugenia Bauer and Andrew Kanopic. The young couple were given a big reception at the Mayer home at Roopsburg the same evening.

Cramer—Neff.—Benjamin F. Cramer and Mrs. Sarah E. Neff, both of State College, were quietly married at the Reformed parsonage at Boalsburg, last Saturday, by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Stover. They will reside at State College.

—A detailed report of the veteran reunion at Grange Park, on Wednesday, was received too late yesterday for publication this week, but will be printed next week.

Health Features at Grange Picnic.

Mrs. Maude Jones, State College Red Cross nurse, and Miss Pearl Meeker, Bellefonte Red Cross nurse, were on duty daily at the Red Cross tent to give first aid or answer any call that came. They also had a supply of literature on infant welfare subjects for distribution, as well as a model baby layette, after the Metropolitan Life Insurance pattern displayed in the exhibition tent.

Tuesday afternoon, at one o'clock, the health down, Fun Loo, gave a performance for children and this was followed by two films from the State Tuberculosis society, "Jinks" and "The Priceless Gift of Health." At three o'clock "How Life Begins" and a lecture film for women, both from the State Health Department, were presented to women and girls over fifteen and at four o'clock, a film for men was shown.

The auditorium is not well equipped for afternoon movies and with doors closed, owing to the heat, some discomfort was experienced. In spite of these drawbacks, good-sized audiences attended the presentations and expressed appreciation of the courtesy of Mr. Anderson, owner of the machine, and his operator, Mr. Morehouse, for running the films, free, under such a handicap.

Big Community Sale to be Held September 27th.

A big community sale will be held in Bellefonte on Wednesday, September 27th, and farmers and others in Centre county who have anything to sell can add interest to the sale by bringing it in, while any person wishing to buy, should not fail to attend. The committee in charge already have in view a number of head of blooded stock of various kinds, farm implements and many useful articles, so that the sale is assured.

To make it worth the while of everybody to attend all the merchants of Bellefonte will have a special sale that day of one or more articles at greatly reduced prices. It will not be a dollar day sale but the reduction of the price on some articles will be of decided benefit to the purchaser. Any one wishing to send articles in advance of the day of sale should get in touch with either John B. Payne, J. N. Robinson, at the farm bureau office; G. Oscar Gray or D. Wagner Geiss.

Bellefonte Academy Faculty for Coming Year.

Mr. James R. Hughes announces the opening of the fall session of the Academy on Wednesday morning, September 13th, at nine o'clock, with the following faculty:

George F. Reiter, Ph. B., Sc. M., Assistant Headmaster (Bucknell University)

Physics and Chemistry
Helen E. Canfield Overton (Formerly of Minneapolis City Schools)
English Grammar, History, Civics and Commercial Law

Isabella S. Hill, Ph. B. (Wesleyan Univ. Columbia Univ.)
English, Rhetoric and Literature

Dawson D. Miller, A. B. (Muskogum College)
History and Latin
Thomas J. Hamberger (University of Pittsburgh)

Biology and Physical Geography
Norris W. Grabill, A. B. (Ottawa College, Ohio State University)

Higher Mathematics
Lawrence D. Kimball, A. B. (Bates College)

French, German and Spanish
J. L. Simmons, A. B. (Valparaiso College)

Mathematics
E. B. Malcolmson, B. S. (Columbia University)

Mathematics
Rev. David R. Evans, A. M. (Lafayette College, Princeton University)

Bible History
Charles S. Hughes, A. B. (Princeton University)

Mathematics
Thos. J. Hamberger, Director Athletics
Charles S. Hughes, Business Manager
Daisie A. E. Graham, Secretary

Big Office Building for American Lime and Stone Co.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new office building of the American Lime and Stone company, which will be located on the spot occupied by the old coal yard of McCalmont & Co., near the old glass works. The building will be two stories in height and will face the road leading to Coleville, which will require considerable filling in and grading of the grounds in front of the building. The company expects to have the building completed before winter sets in.

—On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Christy Smith and their daughter Sarah motored to the top of Nittany mountain for a brief outing. While there Mrs. Smith and her daughter were using a see-saw installed there for the use of picnickers and while doing so one of the supports gave way and Mrs. Smith fell to the ground breaking her left leg below the knee.

—When John W. Garbrick vacates the house he now occupies on east Bishop street to move into his new home on Thomas street, his present home will be taken by the Harry Murtorf family.

—Samuel Ray, of Bellefonte, has purchased the L. C. Bullock plumbing business at State College.