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Pinchot a Glutton for Spoils.

Mr. Pinchot seems to be a glutton for spoils. According to information from Harrisburg he is even claiming a voice in the appointment of pages in the Senate and postmasters and folders in the House of Representatives.

It has been a rule at the organization of the General Assembly to appoint a "slate committee" to apportion the patronage of each chamber. The State organization selected the chairmen of these committees and the chairmen named the officials, also selected by the State organization.

The Governor-elect has announced the selection of Dr. Ellen C. Potter, of Philadelphia, to be commissioner of Public Welfare; A. Nevin Deitrich, of Chambersburg, to be superintendent of Public Printing; Peter C. Cameron, of Wellsboro, to be commissioner of Banking, and Lynn G. Adams, of Scranton, to be superintendent of state police.

—And just when every boat landing on the coasts of this U. S. A. is being guarded to prevent his slipping in Grover Bergdoll writes from Switzerland that he is married and "is still an American citizen."

—Having told Europe that the United States entered the world war for cowardly and selfish reasons Ambassador George Harvey is now giving Washington a few private lessons on foreign policies.

—A diagram of the mental operations of Dave Lane, of Philadelphia, as he contemplates the surrender of the machine to Pinchot, would find a ready market on the well known rialto.

—Brother Bill Vare is still a Congressman-elect and he may elect to continue his services in Washington after he has pointed the way to the party in Pennsylvania.

—Kid McCoy, the pugilist, is said to be bankrupt after having been married nine times. Kid has probably done too much of his fighting in the kitchen.

—Nobody knows who'll be Secretary of the Commonwealth except our old friend Giff, but whoever he is he will be a long-time friend of the Governor-elect.

—Harding continues to fear that soldiers' pensions will bankrupt the country, but believes that subsidies to ship owners will make us rich.

—It is said that good, hard cider puts a flavor into the mice pies that almost makes one forget about the good old days.

—Even Max Leslie, of Pittsburgh, is so docile under Pinchot's orders that he "stands without hitching."

—The cheering information comes from Russia that Lenin is dangerously ill.

JACKSON.—A brief item in last week's "Watchman" told of the illness at Indiana, Pa., of Maurice A. Jackson, where he had gone to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. George T. Brew, and this week it is our sorrowful duty to chronicle his death and pay this last tribute to his memory.

Deceased was a son of George W. and Jennie Thompson Jackson and was born in Bellefonte forty-four years ago last August. He was educated at the Bellefonte Academy and as a young man entered the bank of Jackson, Hastings & Co., as a clerk, his father being the senior partner.

Such, in brief, is the material story of a young man who spent the greater part of his life in Bellefonte and was known by every man, woman and child. The Jackson family in its day was among the most prominent socially in Bellefonte and quite naturally Maurice, the youngest member, grew to manhood in a life of social activities which developed in him the most refined and gentlemanly instincts, and yet left him unspoiled and unafraid to face life's usual hardships.

He was a member of St. John's Episcopal church, of Bellefonte; the Logan fire company and the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks. For a number of years he was also a member of the Panther hunting club and one of the most active hunters while out on the trail in the wilds of the Alleghenies.

OSMAN.—John J. Osman, a well known and highly respected citizen of Ferguson township, passed away at his home at Kruminer on Tuesday morning. He had been in feeble health for a year or more and just last November retired from the farm.

He was a son of David and Margaret Lichty Osman and was born at Oak Hall a little over seventy-four years ago. His entire life was spent on the farm. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and a most estimable citizen in every way.

FERGUSON.—Mrs. Myra Ferguson, wife of J. F. Ferguson, died at her home in Altoona last Friday morning as the result of hemorrhages, following an illness of some months.

RHOADES.—Andrew Curtin Rhoades, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Rochester, Pa., on Monday morning following a few days' illness with pneumonia. He was born at Pennsylvania Furnace on January 20th, 1865, hence was almost fifty-eight years old.

fonto on his trips. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and five children. He also leaves a number of brothers and sisters. Burial was made in Pittsburgh yesterday afternoon.

INGRAM.—Thomas C. Ingram, a life-long resident of Union township, died on Sunday evening as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was a son of George G. and Eliza Davis Ingram and was born in Union township sixty-two years ago.

HOOPER.—Mrs. Nancy Hoover, widow of the late Jackson Hoover, of Kylertown, died on Tuesday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Buckingham, of Mahaffey.

CUMMINGS.—Mrs. Susan Cummings, widow of George W. Cummings, died at her home in Millheim last Thursday as the result of a stroke of paralysis, aged 87 years, 8 months and 13 days.

Brood Sow Show a Special Feature at Harrisburg Exhibition. When the State farm product show is held in Harrisburg, January 23rd to 27th, Centre county swine raisers will witness and take part in one of the biggest and best brood sow shows ever held in the east.

The breeders, in staging this combination show and sale, bring to Pennsylvania the distinction of being the first of the eastern States to hold a state-wide swine show and auction, where blue-ribbon hogs from a large number of districts and counties are brought together, judged and sold at auction.

H. H. Havner, live stock specialist at The Pennsylvania State College, delegated by the State show committee to pass judgment on the sows offered for entry, has already completed the inspection of most of the counties. The coming show and sale, in his estimation, will present the most outstanding display of females ever driven into an auction ring in the east.

Y. M. C. A. Orchestra and Chorus. The general secretary has made arrangements with Mr. Frank Wetzler, director of the Milesburg band and known to all as an excellent musician and leader, to conduct a male orchestra in connection with the Y. M. C. A. It is hoped that as many as twenty-five musicians can be assembled and rehearsals will be started once a week as soon as the enrollment will warrant meeting.

—On November 3rd, 1921, Walter Gray, of Blair county, and Willis Woodring, of Port Matilda, went out on the hunt of wild turkeys in Worth township, this county. The young men separated and hearing a noise in the underbrush Gray shot on the supposition that he was shooting at a turkey, but he hit Woodring, instead. He was later arrested and almost a year ago tried in the Centre county courts and convicted of shooting a man without proper investigation.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO AUDITOR GENERAL LEWIS.

(Continued from page 1, Col. 4).

In so far as they allude to a proposed movement to standardize the system of accounting of the hospitals of the State and the consequent use of uniform records and charts I, as president of the Bellefonte hospital, want to express my hearty approval of the plan.

Knowing something of the matter of printing it has long been apparent that there has been needless loss in printing supplies to our institution for the reason that most of the charts and record blanks are what we printers call special ruled work and heavy composition falling under the most expensive class of printed matter.

My observation, formed with my connection with the local institution since it was built, has been that nearly every new superintendent has changed the forms—presumably to correspond with those in use at the institution from which she was graduated or in which she had served before coming to us.

Under date of February 28th, 1922, Dr. Baldy replied to the above communication as follows: February 28th, 1922. George R. Meek, President, Bellefonte Hospital, Bellefonte, Pa.

My dear Mr. Meek: I have just received your letter of February 25th. In explanation I might state that it will be necessary for you to separate any communications received from the Nurses Examining Board or the Auditor General's Department from the Department of Public Welfare.

Coming then to the subject matter of your letter referring to the issuing of a standard accounting system for hospitals it is the intention of this department to furnish the binders and the loose leaves free of charge to the hospitals. They are now being printed by the public printer at Harrisburg and the system including the vouchers which are in hand.

We are doing this because of the fact that we recognize that in the past a great deal of expense has been put on institutions because of constant changes as indicated in your communication and we wish to make the change, first, with no expense to the institutions, or as little as possible; secondly, to establish a system which would be permanent and which would for all time obviate this constant change; thirdly, that the hospitals would have such a system that they could be judged comparatively as regards expenditure and that the deservingly hospitals doing a great deal of charity work would be able to get the benefit of it as against institutions which did little charity work and pulled a great deal of politics.

In this connection I might add that the Auditor General's Department has been freely consulted in the formation of the system and has agreed to bring all their blanks and forms into conformity with it and to allow the control of the system to be vested in this department. In other words it will have the effect of stopping the constant changes made in the past by the Auditor General's Department.

You will see therefore that we have fully appreciated the situation as indicated by you and have taken into full consideration the move made by us having the correction of that situation as part of its background.

It will be seen from reading Dr. Baldy's reply that he was already at work along some of the lines that I had suggested. It was a matter of much gratification to me until the practical result of his efforts to simplify and standardize our hospital forms and accounting system became apparent. It appeared some weeks later in the form of a parcel containing 105 different blanks and loose-leaf sheets which we are to keep in order to analyze and distribute the cost of running the Bellefonte hospital.

—Twenty employees of the State Highway Department in this district were laid off on Tuesday, quite a number of them being from the Bellefonte offices. They were informed, however, that if their services were needed they would be put on again in the spring.

a cost to our maintenance out of all proportion to the advantage gained.

Almost it would be the same as a law that would compel the "Watchman" office to keep the same accounting system as does the United States Steel company or the Pennsylvania Railroad.

If we are to conform to this new system, Mr. Auditor General, I can answer your inquiry by saying that we will have to buy an adding machine and employ a regular accountant involving us in an annual outlay of from \$1200.00 to \$1800.00 a year, merely to check up a business that has always been honestly conducted though probably not analyzed down to the nth degree of modern business detail.

It will be noted that Dr. Baldy's efforts have been directed only along the line of standardizing the accounting systems of the State's hospitals. My suggestion as to a standardization of the charts and other patient record devices—which was my idea of where the greatest saving could be effected—seems to have been overlooked entirely.

There are no losses in the Bellefonte hospital that can be detected or stopped by any method of book-keeping. Such as do occur are trifling little items that go out through the back door exactly like they do, occasionally, in every one of our homes. They are unavoidable and infinitesimal when compared with the expense that the proposed system of accounting that you inquire of will entail.

Already the mere item of expense of the experts who have been here from Harrisburg to assist us in getting the new system started—and there have been several of them—probably exceeds all the savings it may effect throughout the next ten years—losing sight entirely of the overhead its adoption is imposing on us.

Coming then to direct replies to your communication of December 12th, Mr. Auditor General, I want to answer your question (1) as follows: There should not be duplication in the work of the Traveling Auditors from your Department and that of the representatives of the Department of Public Welfare, for yours are business investigators and theirs scientific.

As a matter of fact my personal opinion is that Traveling Auditors and representatives of the Public Welfare Department are merely parasites on public institutions. If the business system were standardized and REALLY simplified our quarterly reports would be acceptable to you when they are sent in and the State would be saved the expense of maintaining a corps of Auditors who travel to such institutions as ours where they return no real service to the State. If the physicians and surgeons who are attached to our staff are not competent to conduct the hospital as it should be conducted then we should close our doors and surely you will not say that some one willing to work for the compensation he receives from the Department of Public Welfare as a traveling investigator is qualified to check up on their activities.

As to your question (2) Mr. Auditor General, I think I have already answered it. Certainly "the installation of the uniform system of book-keeping" will entail additional cost. As I have said above we will have to buy an adding machine and add a book-keeper to our personnel. Heretofore there has been no administrative cost in the conduct of the Bellefonte hospital. The Superintendent has done all the work, with the assistance of a woman who has served for \$150.00 per year. The new system is beyond her unless she gives her entire time to it and that she cannot afford without adequate compensation.

In conclusion let me say that this letter has been written by you without consultation or authorization with or by any members of the Board of The Bellefonte Hospital. It is entirely my own idea of getting before the public a more intimate knowledge of the problems that are confronting their smaller public institutions through the insidious process of centralization that has been going on in both National and State governments for years. It seems to me that every step forward that the public is advised to take is designed as much to provide positions for new governmental attaches as to serve the public weal.

If there are to be any reprisals for my frankness in writing you thus let them fall upon me, not upon the Bellefonte hospital. I have the honor to be the president of its Board of Managers, but have written you not in my official capacity.

Very sincerely yours

GEO. R. MEEK.

—In default of one thousand dollars bail Earl Slopey, of Rush township, was brought to the Centre county jail on Wednesday on the charge of converting to his own use funds belonging to the Oak Ridge Coal company. Information was made against Mr. Slopey by John B. Dugan, one of the partners.

Rev. Kirkpatrick and Family Kindly Remembered by Parishioners.

Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick and family, of Centre Hall, have good cause to remember the recent Christmas season. The congregation of the church at Pine Grove Mills gave them a purse of \$42.00 and a quantity of fresh pork.

During the holiday week a social was held at the manse in Centre Hall at which a banquet was served by the Ladies Aid society and a musical program given under the leadership of Dr. J. V. Foster, of State College. Among those who took part were Miss Nan McWilliams and Florence, Luella and Sarah Reareck. At this social Charles Arney contributed four dollars to complete the purse of \$25.00 donated by the Centre Hall congregation, the members also giving a chicken, a liberal donation of pork and a load of wood. The guests present at the social included the following:

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bright and daughter Betty, Jesse T. and G. W. Sarson, Mr. and Mrs. David Reareck, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reareck, Misses Mary, Ida Catherine, Anna, Sarah, Luella and Florence Reareck, Ellis Reareck, H. Duane Crum, C. Hubert Haugh, Andrew C. Jordan, Mrs. P. S. Brady and daughters Dorothy and Barbara, J. C. Goodhart, Mrs. S. E. Sweetwood, Mrs. Mary J. Odenkirk, Mrs. W. Frank Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith, Capt. George M. Boal, R. H. J. T. Harry and Mary Delinda Potter, B. D. Brislin, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Heckman, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lingle, F. V. and Mrs. Cora Jotson, Mr. and Mrs. George Emerick and daughter Verna, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Crawford, Misses Elsie and Martha Boal, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slack and son Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arney and daughter Mabel, George A. Reber, J. F. Coble, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Daup, John and Miss Breeze Benner, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brooks, Mrs. T. L. and Miss Miriam Moore, Carrie M. Sweetwood, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Benner, Miss Emma McCoy, Miss Nancy McWilliams, Mr. D. Reiber, Mrs. G. I. Yearick, Miss Grace Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brunger and daughters Thelma, Emily and Loraine, Mrs. J. W. Bradford, William E. Bubb and Dr. and Mrs. Foster.

On New Year's eve the Kirkpatricks were surprised by a large delegation of members from the Lemont Presbyterian church who presented as their donation \$18.00 in cash, 50 pounds of sugar, wool blankets, potatoes, apples, fresh pork, lard, a chicken, eggs, butter, canned fruit and vegetables and various other articles. The delegation included the following:

Mr. and Mrs. L. Frank Mayes, Hilda and Kenneth Mayes, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Evey and son Elwood, Mr. and Mrs. George O. Bryan and children, Madeline, Harold and Imogene, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Louder and daughter Dorothy and son Ross Daniel, Miss Miriam Dreese, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shuey and daughter Madeline, Miss Nell Peters, Mrs. Mary Trunkle, John Bathgate and sister Alverda, Mr. and Mrs. George Bohm, David Reese, Clifford Warner, J. H. and James G. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Louder and daughter, Mrs. J. Elmer Campbell, Mrs. Philip Bradford, Mrs. E. W. Evey, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glenn and son Robert, Lewis Baylett, Mr. Emma Bathgate and daughter Helen, Mrs. Samuel Glenn and daughters Eleanor and Margaret, J. T. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Glenn, Norman Englert, P. W. Knepp, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wasson and children, Priscilla, Eleanor, John and Paul.

A Baseball Dance.

The old adage "in times of peace prepare for war" applies equally as well to the field of sport, and now is the time to organize a baseball team for the summer season. A certain amount of money is required to outfit a team and for the purpose of securing the same a dance will be held in the armory on Friday evening, February 2nd, from nine to one. The music will be furnished by the popular Academy orchestra, which assures a good time. The admission of one dollar per couple will be within the reach of all, and you will not only have an enjoyable evening but help out for the summer as well.

Officers of the local baseball association include Blaine Mabus, as secretary, and W. Frederick Reynolds, treasurer.

Notice to Penn State Alumni and Former Students.

The committee on the alumni program for commencement, R. L. Watts, '90; C. L. Kinsloe, '03, and the alumni secretary, which was recently appointed by your board of managers, has met and after considering the situation, urgently desires a meeting of all the alumni and former students of Centre county.

This meeting has been called, therefore, for Friday evening, January 19th, at 7:30, in the old chapel, State College.

Please make every effort to be present as the matters to be considered and acted upon require the co-operation of every alumnus and former student.

THOMAS BEAVER, President.

Music Study Club Meeting.

The program of the Music Study Club's first 1923 meeting—in the Episcopal parish house at eight o'clock Friday evening, January 12th—evidences the fact that the high standard of the work done is not to be lowered in the new year. Scandinavian composers will be studied and among the numbers will be the Peer Gynt suite arranged for the piano, four hands, with a synopsis of Ibsen's play prepared by Mr. Hubbell. There will be a Grieg sonata for violin and piano, and Swedish and Norwegian folk songs by a women's quartette, as well as vocal and instrumental numbers from Finnish and Danish composers. At the end there will be singing of American folk songs by the club members.