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Political Announcements.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE.

We are authorized to announce that John F. Short is a candidate for Delegate to the National Democratic Convention from the 23rd Congressional District.

Another Native Centre Countian Getting to the Top.

The recent elevation of John Emory Meek to the vice presidency of the H. W. Johns-Manville company is another significant answer to the question eternally being asked: "Where do the men who are running our great cities and industries come from?"

Mr. Meek was born near Pine Grove Mills, Centre county. When the exodus of Ferguson township boys began toward Altoona where the Pennsylvania Railroad company was welcoming the intelligent, sturdy, ambitious young sons of the soil and eagerly making places for them, he was among the first of the pilgrims.

The time for talking is over. Your interests must now be expressed by your gift, based on your power to give.

A Call to All

It is possible that some of those from Old Centre who have gone to make their homes in other parts of the country would like to feel that they had helped a little in the reconstruction of the hospital that is ministering to relatives and friends back home.

If there be such the opportunity is extended. If you will mail your gift to this office we will forward it to the leader of the division including your old home community and it will receive credit on its quota and acknowledge the contribution with grateful appreciation.

TO THE CITIZENS OF CENTRE COUNTY.

The intensive drive for \$100,000 for your hospital opens with a dinner at the Brockerhoff house this (Friday) evening at which time most of the workers will assemble to receive final instructions.

Instead of inadequate, unserviceable and limited facilities, the purpose is to modernize the present buildings and equipment and erect and equip a new wing. The poorer people and those with moderate means will do their full share.

The one and only thing that will forward this cause is generous subscriptions from all, and particularly from those who are recognized as best able to give.

HENRY QUIGLEY, Chairman.

One Man Held for Murder, Two Suspects Discharged.

A habeas corpus proceeding was held before Judge Quigley, last Saturday, in the case of John Bodenchock, John Billey and John Strabilla, the three men arrested by state police on March 15th, charged with having dynamited a house at Pancake, in Snow Shoe township, on the morning of March 14th, 1922, which resulted in the death of William Bukoski.

The case was argued on Tuesday morning after which Judge Quigley stated that there was insufficient evidence to warrant the holding of Bodenchock and Billey and they were discharged, but Strabilla, who is a barber at Clarence, was held without bail for trial.

The prosecutor in the case is Sergt. Leo Grafkostky, of the state police, who was assisted in the investigation by Corp. John N. McHugh.

Mrs. Agnes Moore Suffers Broken Hip.

Mrs. Agnes Moore, who will be remembered by so many friends in and about Bellefonte, where she resided until a few years ago, met with a very serious accident early in March.

She has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Malin, in Pittsburgh, and slipped on the freshly polished hardwood floor. The fall broke her hip. She has been in the South Side hospital ever since and the X-ray has shown the fracture to be knitting nicely, though it is feared that she will be permanently crippled.

Mrs. Moore is seventy-five years old and in consequence there is the danger of other complications developing through the long confinement to bed that her injury necessitates.

Her friends everywhere will join us in the hope that her recovery may be speedy and permanent.

Nationally advertised lines of rugs of known merit now on sale at W. R. Brachbill's furniture store. 13-2t

Meeting of Centre County Conservation Association.

An important meeting of the Centre County Conservation Association will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church, at State College, Monday evening, April 7th, at 6:30 o'clock for the purpose of reorganization and election of officers.

Light refreshments will be served. Those planning to attend the supper should notify J. A. Ferguson, secretary, forestry building, State College. The speakers will be Dr. J. M. Thomas, Dean R. L. Watts, Thomas H. Harter and John L. Holmes.

Y. M. C. A. Individual Bowling Tournament.

Object: To discover the most consistent bowler in Bellefonte (if there is one), and to promote a general interest in the manly art of knocking them down (the pins).

Who: Open to all amateur bowlers of Bellefonte, young and old, right and left handers, tall and thin ones, in fact any one who can keep the ball on the alley until it reaches the pins, will be eligible.

How to enter: Leave your name and the small sum of 25 cents at the desk with Mr. Roth. This fee will go towards buying a suitable prize for the winner.

Scoring: The total number of pins for three consecutive games. Games can be rolled at the convenience of the entrants as soon as possible after the names have been posted.

Closing date: No names entered after April 5th will be accepted. Do not delay, enter your names now.

Rockview Prisoner Pleads Guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter.

William Muse, the one armed colored prisoner at Rockview penitentiary who, on March 8th, hit Floyd Mason, another prisoner, knocking him to the concrete floor with such force that he sustained concussion of the brain, causing his death nine days later, went into court on Tuesday morning and entered a plea of guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

BIRTHS.

Brouse—On March 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Brouse, of Marion township, a daughter, Jane Rebecca Brouse.

McCulley—On March 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. McCulley, of Bellefonte, a son, Edward Albert.

Stover—On February 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Stover, of Spring township, a daughter, Ethel Mary.

Jodon—On March 3, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jodon, of Bellefonte, a daughter, Phyllis Pauline.

Hoy—On March 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Hoy, of Pleasant Gap, a son, Eugene Harry.

Cobb—On March 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Cobb, of Bellefonte, a son, Myron Moore Jr.

Dullen—On March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dullen, of Marion township, a daughter, Annie M.

Tressler—On March 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Tressler, of State College, a daughter, Cathleen.

Howard—On March 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howard, of Spring township, a son, George Nathaniel.

Ray—On March 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Ray, of Bellefonte, a daughter, Mary Virginia.

Confer—On March 23, to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Confer, of Bellefonte, a son, Claude Norman.

McCloskey—On March 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCloskey, of Hubbersburg, a daughter, Ethel L.

Hartswick—On March 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hartswick, of Bellefonte, a daughter.

Rhoads—On March 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Rhoads, of Bellefonte, a son, Charles Gordon.

Wright—On March 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Wright, of Bellefonte, a son, Ira Wilson Jr.

Gates—On March 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gates, of Bellefonte, a son, Earl Gray.

Knarr—On March 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knarr, of Marion township, a son, Gerald Ardell.

Baldwin—On March 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Baldwin, of Bellefonte, a daughter, Gertrude Ellen.

Klinger—On March 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Klinger, of Pleasant Gap, a son, Roy Edward.

Blazino—On March 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blazino, of Spring township, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

Bathurst—On March 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bathurst, of Bellefonte, a daughter, Anna Belle.

Gherity—On March 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gherity, of Bellefonte, a son, Joseph Walter.

Brumbaugh—On March 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur A. Brumbaugh, of Howard, a daughter, Phyllis May.

Bottorf—On April 1, to Mr. and Mrs. John Bottorf, of Bellefonte, a daughter.

Kelly—On March 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Kelly, of east Linn street, Bellefonte, a daughter, Patricia. Mrs. Kelly before her marriage was Miss Katherine Rosenhoover.

Sinie H. Hoy has leased his farm in Benner township and become a resident of Bellefonte, having moved into the one side of the Harry Page double house on south Thomas street which he recently purchased.

GENERATIONS ARE MARCHING—OLD NAMES ARE PASSING—BUT MEMORY STILL CLINGS.

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away. I was struck with the sad procession of the passing generations.

Believing that many of your readers would be interested in the events of fifty-six years ago as published by the "Watchman" at that early day I have taken down some of the most important events of that day.

This was a Presidential year and the candidates for President and Vice President were already nominated and were: Republican, Grant and Colfax. Democratic: Seymour and Blair. As might be expected, the editor of the "Watchman" kept pouring hot shot into the Republican camp. It was only three years after the close of the Civil war and the two political parties were very bitter against each other, but the Republican held power in the National government for many years. Centre county was strongly Democratic and a nomination was equal to an election.

The minutes of the Democratic county convention are published in the one dated August 14th, 1868, from which I have taken down a few notes and comments as follows: Convention was called to order by John H. Orvis, chairman of the county Democratic committee. John H. Morrison was elected permanent chairman of convention and D. F. Fortney and John P. Mitchell secretaries. A few of the delegates that were present were: Bellefonte—C. T. Alexander, Felix Mullen, S. A. McQuiston; Philipsburg—Dr. G. F. Hoops, Edward Perks; Benner township—Michael Grove, B. F. Hunter, David Lohr; Unionville—A. J. Griest; Halfmoon—J. H. Griffin; Patton—Dr. John M. Bush. Of these not one is living.

The ticket that was nominated and elected was as follows: For Judge, John H. Orvis; for Congress, D. C. Bush; for Assembly, P. Gray Meek; for District Attorney, H. Y. Stitzer; for Commissioner, John Bing; for Auditor, John Rishel; for County Surveyor, William P. Mitchell. All these, too, have passed out with their respective generations.

We copy a few items verbatim, which I believe will be read with interest. "On Monday evening last, a fine horse of Mr. John P. Harris ran away with a buggy in which a gentleman was seated. The gentleman was hurt seriously and the buggy was entirely destroyed."

"Sad Accident: A little son of Henry Harden, of Halfmoon, was run over by a wagon loaded with sand and had his leg and arm badly broken on Saturday last."

"A son of Mr. Beck, of Gregg, aged 9 years, while fishing in Penns creek on Wednesday of last week fell into the stream and was drowned. The body was found next day twenty feet under water and interred on Thursday last."

"Married:—Walker-Garrett on August 13, by R. M. Magee, Mr. Wilson Walker to Miss Munda Garrett."

In one column there are thirty-one short business cards published, of doctors, lawyers, dentists and other business cards of whom, to the best of my knowledge, not one is living, as well as of all the other advertisements of merchants, most of whom I was well acquainted with, too have passed away.

The county officers then holding office were: Prothonotary, James H. Lipton; Sheriff, Daniel Z. Kline, his deputy was D. W. Woodring; Register and Recorder, J. P. Gephart; County Treasurer, J. D. Shugert. Couldn't learn who the Commissioners were.

But there are so many interesting things in those three old "Watchmans" that I could extract enough to fill a couple columns of reminiscences. I note that the present D. W. as now printed is easily one hundred P. C. improved in beauty, neatness in printing, whiteness of paper, fluency of the local items, as well as in its editorials.

This one generation after another join in the march to their eternal resting place and others have taken their places and in due time we, too, will be called to glide down the stream of life until we land in the Haven of Rest where we will soon be forgotten by those we leave behind.

MORE OF OUR PIONEERS.

In another column of this edition will be found the photographic reproduction of the venerable Jacob B. Solt, of Gettysburg. Mr. Solt's picture is hung in our "Gallery of Pioneer Readers" because it should have a place there beside George W. Rumberger.

Mr. Solt writes that he was born at Summit, above Lemont, on April 7th, 1845, on a farm that adjoined what is now The Pennsylvania State College farms. He recalls vividly that he and his father were working in the field when J. Shannon McCormick, father of John T. McCormick, of State College, came riding out to them and induced his father to subscribe for the new Democratic paper—"The Democratic Watchman." As a boy at home Mr. Solt read the paper and when he married and made a home for himself he subscribed for his own and has been reading it ever since, over a continuous period of nearly sixty-nine years. Mr. Solt moved from Centre county in 1889. From here he went to Frederick, Md., and from there to Gettysburg. He concludes his very interesting letter as follows:

"I well remember Mr. Reuben H. Meek, father of P. Gray. I voted for the latter twice for the Legislature and once for the State Senate and I always thought him one of the most useful members our county ever sent to Harrisburg. "I could write several columns of the people in old Centre years ago, but lest I bore you with it I shall close by wishing your good paper success in its efforts to continue to stand up for the rights of the masses as it has done throughout all the years I have read it. Ever its true friend JACOB B. SOLT.

Isn't it strange how one thing brings on another, how incidents tie up with one another and how the world is?

Almost in the same mail came the communication from Mr. Rumberger and Mr. Solt. Then the old Democratic Whig was dropped on our desk. Then came letters from Mrs. Hannah Osman, of State College, and James A. McClain, of Spangler. And then on the occasion of our usual Sunday morning visit to the hospital we dropped in for a chat with Capt. W. H. Fry, convalescent and reminiscent of old days and the "Watchman" of which he has been such a well known part for many, many years. He had just had a letter from an old scholar of his, Charles S. Dannelly, of Wadsworth, Ohio, who was writing to tell him how he longed for his restoration so that his interesting contributions to the "Watchman" would be continued.

Now for the tie up. We had all the letters referred to above and the copy of the Whig in our pocket when Capt. Fry went to reminiscing. He told us how he hosted for Rev. Moser who preached to Lutherans on Sundays and taught German on week days at the Pine Grove Academy. Only a few hours later we found the Moser advertisement in the Whig. Then the Capt. told us that when he returned from the war he taught school for a while and that brought up the letter from Mr. Dannelly, one of his scholars. Then the McCormicks were mentioned and the whole scroll of Ferguson township folks unrolled and Mr. Solt's letter referring to Shannon McCormick became another closed link in the memory chain. Then Mrs. Hannah Osman's pleasing reference to the paper's having been in her father's family ever since the first edition linked her letter into it, for it was Shannon McCormick who rode horseback all over that country soliciting to start the "Watchman" under P. Gray Meek and he it must have been who enrolled her father.

The Rumberger and McClain letters come into the scheme in this way. Mr. Rumberger refers to the candidacy of P. Gray Meek for the Legislature. That was after the lamented editor had been in prison and his candidacy was by way of seeking a vote of confidence from the county. In his letter Mr. McClain refers to the incidents just preceding the arrest and imprisonment—which was on a trumped up charge—but we'll let you read that in his own words.

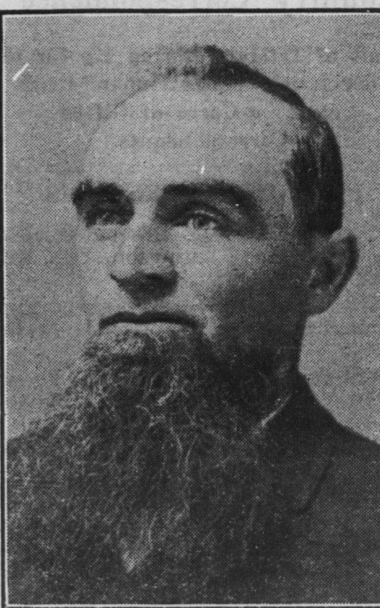
Dear Mr. Meek:

I can not go back to 1855, but I can to 1862. At that time your father lived in the house now occupied by Thomas B. Hamilton and as you know, I lived diagonally across the street. My cousin, John Nolan, was working on the "Watchman," this and the close proximity of your father and my home brought me in touch with the "Watchman," which I think at that time was housed in the Reynolds building on Allegheny street. I was anxious to become the devil of the paper and learn the printing trade but this did not transpire. I distinctly remember of aiding your father and others to barricade the approach to the office, to protect it from a threatened invasion to scrap it. I think I can say I have been a reader of your valuable paper since 1862. I was thirteen years old in the above year. Those were hot times in the grand old town.

Sunday School Teachers.

Six more persons will be added this week to the teacher force of the Methodist Sunday school, Bellefonte. Doris Moore, John Keeler, Rachel and Frances McKelvey, Catherine Shaffer and Mrs. Charles Harrison will graduate this week. This makes fifteen holding diplomas in the Sunday school. There is already much interest in the new and advanced class that will be started.

GALLERY OF The Watchman's Pioneers



Herewith we hang the photograph of Jacob B. Solt, of Gettysburg, in the "Watchman's" Gallery of Pioneer Readers. Mr. Solt is a native of Centre county, having been born at Summit, above Lemont, April 7th, 1845. He was a boy when his father enrolled to help start the "Watchman" and has read the paper ever since. When he married and made a home for his bride he became a subscriber himself and the name has been on the "Watchman's" list for nearly sixty-nine years.

At the age of 79 Mr. Solt is in good health, enjoys full possession of all his faculties and the "Watchman" hopes that he may be spared many more years to enjoy and encourage it as he has so frequently done in the gracious letters that come to this desk from him.

All You Can Eat for Thirty-five Cents

For the benefit of the Milesburg Athletic Association a chicken dinner will be served in the Firemen's hall, in that place, on Saturday, April 12th from four until ten o'clock, p. m. They advertise all you can eat for thirty-five cents. Candies, ice cream and cake will be on sale, but they will be extra.

Upwards of two hundred delegates attended the annual convention of the Woman's Missionary convention of the Huntingdon Presbytery held in the Presbyterian church, Bellefonte, this week. Owing to the crowded condition of our columns this week we are unable to publish a full report of same, but hope to do so next week.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Jodon, on east Curtin street, is under quarantine for scarlet fever, their son Charles being the victim. Fortunately his condition is not serious.

The remains of Mrs. Michael Fox, who died early in the week at her home in Belleville, Mifflin county, were brought here yesterday for burial in the Catholic cemetery.

For Sale.—Two brass beds, an oak bed-room set and some small furniture. Inquire at this office.

CENTRE HALL

Frank Arney has bill, suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Breon are at home again, having arrived on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher returned to their home the latter part of last week.

Samuel Gross fell from a step-ladder while at work and hurt himself considerably.

Mrs. Lucy Henney came home on Tuesday and had her millinery opening on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lambert returned home on Sunday, after spending a pleasant winter in the southern States.

Several new babies have reached our city recently. A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Meyers last Friday, and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moyer on April 1st.

Mrs. A. P. Krape, who underwent several operations in the Geisinger hospital is in a serious condition. Her people have been called to see her several times.

April first, moving day, was a stormy, snowy day and those who were compelled to move on that day were unfortunate. Among them were C. A. Spyker, Andrew Zettle, Fred Stover, L. J. Burris and Claude Dutrow.

Miss Parker, of Juniata, is visiting at the home of her cousins, Rev. and Mrs. J. Max Kirkpatrick. Miss Parker came over from Bellefonte on Wednesday, where she had been in attendance at the Missionary convention.

No Such Car.

The teacher was trying to give her pupils an illustration of the word "perseverance."

"What is it," she asked, "that carries a man along rough roads and smooth roads, up hills and down, through jungles and swamps; and raging torrents?"

There was a silence, and then Tommy, whose father was a motor dealer, spoke up: "Please, Miss," he said, "there ain't no such car."—Youth's Companion.