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#### Political Announcements.

FOR JUDGE OF THE COURTS OF CENTRE COUNTY.

I am a candidate for President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the primaries, Tuesday, September 15th.

Should I be nominated and elected, I will bring to the office an experience in the trial of causes and in the general practice of law in our local and appellate courts, of more than thirty-three years; and an administration conducted with fidelity, economy and to the best of my ability.

ability.

Your support and influence in my behalf will be much appreciated. NEWTON B. SPANGLER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Judge of the Courts of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primary election to be held Tuesday, September 15th, 1925. In the event of my nomination, and finally my election in November, all of my time, energy and efforts will be devoted to SERVICE and the best interests of those who may have business before the Courts of our county; and I now, without reservation, solemnly pledge a courteous, prompt, honest, economic and efficient administration.

Your vote, influence and friendly support is most earnestly and respectfully solicited.

W. HARRISON WALKER

W. HARRISON WALKER. As a candidate I respectfully announce:
That if it be the plesaure of the Democratic women and men voters of our county to nominate me for the office of Judge of our Courts at the September 15, 1925, primaries, I shall appreciate it highly.

And if it be the will of our voters to elect me to said office at the general election, I shall consider it as a call of duty to serve all of our citizens in a practical, impartial, just and economic manner without fear or favor; and shall maintain our laws by example, as well as by precept, governed by no uncertain principles which our sincerely patriotic citizen demand from all public officials.

I sincerely trust that I may have YOUR hearty co-operation.

J. KENNEDY JOHNSTON.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Condo will appreciate your support and assures faithful and honorable service should he be nominated and elected to that office

### NATURAL WONDERS OF

New National Parks in Utah Attract- comfortable jags.

ing Many Visitors. Early in June George T. Bush left To the Creditors of the Centre County Bellefonte on a trip to the Pacific coast, his object being the Knights Templar convention at Seattle the latter part of July. The intervening time he will spend in sight-seeing and

Los Angeles, Cal., June 17. Editor of the "Watchman:"

and after leaving the Smoky city the partners declared bankrupt. weather became more congenial, with nights really cool. Arriving in Chicago one of the first persons I met was Major Hugo Diemer, formerly of State College but never feel of the United States shall make all necessary rules, forms and orders as to tet of colored singers from the Hamp-

ton institute. On the trip from Chicago to Dener, Col., our train ran through the cy-On the trip from Chicago to Dentation in the district around and partner to put all the members of the about Uray, Col. Overturned houses partnership into bankruptcy. and small buildings plainly marked In the present case the the path of the storm. Sunday was spent in Denver and to Dr. Marvin W. Reed, a well known surgeon of that that said court never had any authorcity, am I indebted for several hours ity to adopt said general order and of delightful motor sight-seeing. In driving about the city he pointed out the new home of Rev. Wilson P. Ard, ceeding by one partner to put all the formerly of Bellefonte, as well as the church of which he is now pastor. The latter is a fine little edifice and is located in a pleasant, growing commu-

From Denver to Salt Lake City, Utah, the trip was through the famous Royal Gorge, where the Union Pacific railroad is carried on arched beams hung in the rocks. beams hung in the rocks across the gorge. Arriving in Salt Lake City I ran into a big celebration in the Mormon church, that of the fiftieth a niversary of the establishment by Brigham Young of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, which is similar to the Y. M. C. A. in other churches. Representatives were present from Australia, New Zealand, Honolulu, Canada and a number of European countries, about twelve thousand people being in the line of The various nationalities wore native costumes while the local contingent were arrayed in uniforms and crepe paper regalias. In the parade were many floats representing agriculture, the arts, sciences, etc., as well as various phases of the Mormon of the "Watchman" in expressing

massed band of over three hundred

pieces.
On leaving Salt Lake City I went by the Union Pacific to Lund then took a branch road to Cedar City for the purpose of visiting the new Zion national park opened to the public by President Harding on his ill-fated journey west. This branch road is 33 miles in length and it was built in eighty days, President Harding's train being the first to pass over it. The Union Pacific built and maintains a large hotel at Cedar City and has a fleet of forty large transportation busses to convey tourists to and through the park. The park is sixty-five miles south of Cedar City, but the journey is mostly over improved high-way. It ordinarily takes from three to four days to make the trip but I accomplished it in two days through the courtesy of a Union Pacific official In addition to the Zion national park there are two others, Bryce's Canyon and Cedar Brakes, and the cost of the tel bills and everything, is \$87.00.

The Grand Canyon in Arizona, the Yellowstone national park and others of the old-timers have been repeatedly described in the public prints, but none of them exceed in grandeur the Zion national park. It is a natural gorge about seven miles long, like the Yosemite, only almost twice as big and much superior in every way. Yosemite is of grey granite with a sheer rock face of 3,000 feet, while the Zion has a sheer face of 3,800 feet and the rock gives forth every color in the rainbow. It is already being proclaimed one of the great wonders of

the world. Cedar Breaks is located 25 miles from Cedar City and about 5,000 feet above sea level, with its loftiest peak towering 10,200 feet. It has an amphitheatre about a mile in diameter and 1,500 feet in depth. Bryce's Canyon is 65 miles from Cedar City and is similar to Cedar Breaks only smaller. Highways are now being built for motor transportation from Zion National park to the Kiabab National forest, a distance of 170 miles. Fifty thousand deer inhabit this forest which is on the north rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

From Cedar City I returned to Lund thence continued my journey to Los Angeles. That city is just recovering from having entertained the Shriners convention. Many "for rent or sale" notices were conspicuous on good appearing properties, and building is almost at a standstill. One thing very noticeable on the coast is the numerous motor bus lines, running from Los Angeles south to San Diego and across the border to Tia Juana, in old Mexico, and north as far as Portland, Oregon, a thousand miles or more

over almost perfect highways. Bus traffic to old Mexico is a thriving business and Tia Juana is a perfect oasis for the thirsty individual. We are authorized to announce that James C. Condo, of Gregg township, is a candidate for nomination for Jury Commissioner on the Democratic ticket, subject to the primaries of the party to be held Tuesday, September 15th.

Mr. Condo will appreciate your support and assures faithful and honorable service it is generally crowded. The trip by bus costs 75 cents and wet goods are not cheap by any means, being priced in the States. Every bus back from THE UNITED STATES. Tia Juana carries a full quota of

## Banking Company.

The creditors' committee have received a large number of inquiries regarding the effect of the decision of the United States Supreme court on he has favored the "Watchman" with the present proceedings brought in the the following letter on his trip so far: Court of Common Pleas of this county. In reply to these inquiries would state that we are advised by counsel representing the committee, that the only When I left Bellefonte on June 2nd question involved in the decision of the torrid wave was on and it was a the Supreme court was the right of sweltering trip to Pittsburgh, but for- one partner to bring a proceeding in tunately that was only for a few hours the bankrutpcy court to have all the

State College but now one of the ex- proceedings. In compliance with these ecutives of LaSalle University, in the Windy city. We had luncheon at the sage of the Bankruptcy Act by Con-Hotel Sherman, of the Exco club, gress in 1898, rules, forms and orders which is composed of the executives of practice were promulgated by said of various business organizations in court. One of the rules then adopted Chicago. Entertainment was furnish was General Order No. 8, which proed during the luncheon by a humorist rom the Redpath bureau and a quar-partners against all the members of a partnership. Form No. 2, referred to in the opinion of said court, has refclone which caused such great devas- to be followed in a proceeding by one

In the present case the Supreme court decided that General Order No. 8 and form No. 2 were null and void; partners into bankruptcy could not be

maintained. In its opinion the Supreme court did not pass upon the liability of Geo. R. Meek, Florence F. Dale and An-

The action for the settlement of the affairs of the Centre County Banking sence of litigation the remedy is much more effective and speedy than in our local courts.

Everything is being done in the present proceeding to cause as little delay as possible.

W. F. REYNOLDS. Chairman Creditors' Committee.

-A reader in Seattle, Washington, writes to tell us that the "Watchman" is a "wonderful paper." Many adjectives have been used by readers church. The evening prior to the parade a musicale was given in the Mormon tabernacle which seated nine their admiration of it, but we don't recall any one having gone so far as to call it "wonderful" before. Thanks, J. thousand people. One feature was a E. B. Thanks.

## An Easily Workable and Hopeful Plan for Creditors of the Centre County Bank.

In the "Watchman" of June 12th we suggested to the creditors of the Centre County Banking Co., a plan that offered hope of recouping the losses they have sustained through the closing of that institution. It was one of two we had in mind. The second plan we intended to present in last week's issue, but were unable to do so because of lack of space.

It is our intention to present it now, but before we do let us clear the atmosphere just a bit by bringing the mind of every creditor to a realization of the inexorable fact that he or she stands to take a loss-how much we are not in position to say. Nor can any one more than guess at it until all the affairs of the old institution are finally settled up.

It is just as certain that there is no way for any of these creditors to recover that loss except through a re-organization of the bank by themselves and standing loyally back of it until it has earned enought in surplus and dividends to make up the difference between what they will actually get out of the defunct institution and what they would have gotten had it paid in full.

Other failed banks have done this and the Centre County can do it if its creditors take hold and work with the spirt that the hopefulness of the opportunity should engender.

The alternatives then appear to be:

Either remain passive and accept whatever will finally be handed out by a receiver.

Or become active and take the only course that offers a chance of getting more finally.

The one objection to the plan of re-organizing the old bank, and it is a reasonable one, is that it would take too long to get the consent of the supposed thirteen hundred creditors. We use the word supposed advisedly because there are not thirteen hundred creditors. There are 1071 open accounts in the bank and 374 certificates of deposit outstanding, making a total of 1445 accounts, but that doesn't mean 1445 creditors for in this every account and every certificate is counted. Many of the creditors know that they have two or more open accounts and they also know that in some instances the same creditor holds two or three or even more certificates of deposit. Looking at it in this light you will see that many persons are counted twice and some as high as six or more times to make up what has been the popular belief that there are "over 1300 creditors." Of this number there are 140 accounts of less than \$1, many of them only a few cents. 159 accounts less than \$5. 45 accounts less than \$10 and 80 accounts less than \$20. From this it will be seen that there are 424 accounts representing less than \$2,500 in aggregate in deposits. While this is not exactly relevant to the present discussion we have stated these facts as justification for the thought we have always had that it would not be such a difficult matter to get in touch with all of the creditors as some have supposed.

Be that as it may. We have given you the suggestion and plan for re-organizing the old bank. Now for the other. The one that offers quicker results and the same opportunity for every creditor.

Organize an entirely new bank with a capital of \$50,000.00. Call it the County National and start it working for you and you for it at once. But, you say, it can't be done. Where are we going to get \$50,000.00 in new money to start a bank when most of our funds are tied up in the old one? Let us tell you it can be done and if the creditors don't do it and reap the benefits for themselves others will open a third bank here and the opportunity will be gone.

We say it can be done because we have received enough letters and personal assurances of support for any project that will help the creditors and we are firmly convinced that there are hundreds of others who feel the same way about it, yet have hesitated in voicing their sentiment.

Without making any other effort than that expended on these articles we are reasonably safe in saying that we have \$15,000 in new money in sight now for the project. That is nearly a third of the amount required and the surface of possibilities hasn't even been scratched. But the big news. The elixir that will bring the dead money in the old bank to life at once and make it possible for every creditor to get in, even if all of his funds are tied up in the old institution, is this:

We have personally made arrangements for and can guarantee loans to creditors only to an amount in the aggregate of from \$20,000 to \$30,000. This means that all a creditor whose funds are tied up needs do, if he

wants to help start the new bank, is give an assignment for the amount he wants to go in for, of a like amount of his interest in the distribution to be made by the old bank.

Here is the opportunity. Practically all worked out. It is up to the creditors. They can grasp it or leave it.

Now that we have arranged and revealed a plan that will avoid the delay of re-organizing the old bank, secured the funds for those who want to go in and thought they couldn't because their money is tied up let us make a few suggestions and explanations.

We suggested that the new bank be capitalized at \$50,000 because that amount could be gotten together quickly and would serve to start with and permit of increase.

We suggested that the bank be named the County National because it should be a national bank and the name combines two very vaulable assets in the public mind.

The new bank should be started by those who go in with the sole purpose of giving every other creditor the same opportunity to get in, eventually, as they have had themselves. Little depositors as well as big ones. This might involve the issuance of fractional shares, but that difficulty can all be worked out and we have the solution of the problem ready when

The new bank should be entirely in the control of the creditors. No outside interests should be invited into it unless there are not enough creditors willing to go in at the start to provide the suggested capitalization of \$50,000.

The procedure of getting a charter for a National bank is as follows: The Controller of the currency furnishes application blanks. A notice that application for a charter is to be made is published three times. The Controller and the Federal Reserve bank, Philadelphia, send examiners here to investigate the undertaking. If they recommend it the charter is granted-all rarely requiring more than six or eight weeks.

The creditors should petition the court to have the new bank made trustee of their old bank. Because the new bank, as a national institution, would be better equipped to settle the affairs of the old institution than any individual and it should act as trustee without compensation—In fact, if it doesn't all our offers of credits and help are off.

Summing up and boiling it all down those who really want to do something can start a new bank—which ought not to take more than sixty or ninety days at the outside. They should immediately apply for a charter, make arrangements to rent their own old bank building with the privilege of buying it from themselves, ask the court to appoint them trustee of the old bank and start functioning. If the new bank were made trustee it would save considerable fees for the creditors because it would act without compensation. If we are properly informed it would have \$100,000 for distribution to the creditors almost at once. That would be slightly over 20%. Notices would then be sent to every creditor to call and get his or her share of the first distribution. When they have called for it they would be informed that if they wanted to they could take that money or any part of it, and buy stock in the new bank. Nobody knows how many would want to help themselves and that is the reason we suggested that the bank be started at only \$50,000. So that every creditor—big or little—would have a chance to get it at any distribution period.

We are entirely wrong in our impression of sentiment and disposition of the creditors to help themselves if this plan doesn't work out to a bank with \$100,000 or more as its capital before the creditors get through helping themselves.

The only other thing that we have to suggest at the present is that the new bank be started as economically as possible. While it is creeping the old banking rooms-brightened and tidied up a bit-are good enough. When it is ready to walk we have some suggestions to make, that if acted upon. would make the present building second to none in Bellefonte, as an attractive, impressive banking institution.

This is offered as a constructive, hopeful plan purely for the good of all of the creditors. It is workable. Most of the money necessary to get it going is provided for. It has no strings, conditions or reservations attached to it. The creditors can work it out, with or wihtout our help, just as they elect. GEO. R. MEEK.

Judge Dale Shows Leniency to Young Man on Parole.

At a special session of court on Wednesday morning, Joseph Gombar, was brought before the bar to answer to the charge of the larceny of an overcoat and three dollars from Clyde Blackford two years ago. Gombar, township on February 15th, 1862, whose home was in Scranton, came to Bellefonte in 1923 on the hunt of 4 months and 4 days. He was a lawork. He landed at the Blackford borer by occupation but a splendid restaurant, and according to his story type of citizen. He was a member of as told the court, he was engaged to the Disciple church and the Milesburg work there at a salary of \$15 a week. lodge No. 410 I. O. O. F. He married For various reasons he decided to quit | Miss Mary Confer, a daughter of Jeat the end of a week but could not get rome Confer, of Yarnell, who survives his money, so he took an old overcoat with two children, Orin, of Milesburg, that he found hanging in the room he and Armor, at home. He also leaves occupied and three dollars from the

He went to Emporium and there met a man whom he asked for work. The man said he was a stranger there Disciple church at 2:30 o'clock on Sunand had no work himself but sug- day afternoon. Rev. Croft officiated gested that they write a check and and was assisted by Revs. M. C. Piper get it cashed. Gombar wrote the and C. C. Shuey. His brother Odd check and attempted to pass it but Fellows had charge of the burial in failed. He was later picked up by the the Advent cemetery. police and pleaded guilty before Judge Baird who sent him to the Huntingdon reformatory.

He had such a good record at that institution that he was paroled in worked. Recently his father and his uncle had some trouble and the father quit, with the result that the son was Huntingdon and reported to Supt. Herron who advised him to try elsewhere for work, but to keep him informed of his whereabouts. The young man came to Bellefonte and secured years. He was especially fond of chilpicked up on the warrant sworn out by Blackford two years ago.

suspended sentence on the Blackford charge and suggested that Gombar go back to Huntingdon and consult Supt. Herron about his parole and liberty, and Miss Alice Bright, both of Prothonotary Roy Wilkinson motored Aaronsburg. Burial was made at Toto Huntingdon yesterday and took Gombar with him, but had not returned when the "Watchman" went to

#### Farmer's Field Day at State Has Record Attendance.

More than three thousand people attended the annual Farmers' Field day at The Pennsylvania State College, on June 18. This same day was also the biggest of the Young Farmers' week, which started Tuesday, June 16, and ended Friday, June 19. Four hundred boys and girls from Pennsylvania farms attended.

In the farmers' dairy cattle judging contest, one of the big features of field day, A. Spousler Shearer, of Dunday morning by Rev. Harry Hartman, 400 points. Ninety-one participated in the contest which was made especially attractive because of the prize Juniata Man Wants Heavy Damages offered, a pure bred Ayrshire heifer, a descendant of Auchenbrain Brown Kate 4th, former world's butterfat

Loy, of Loysville. team was 697.3, and the trophy re- 1923. ceived was a silver loving cup donatgeneral livestock judging contest. All lious injuries. of the contests were remarkably close.

-James P. Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hughes, of Bellefonte, and who two weeks ago completed his prep school course at the Bellefonte Academy, was admitted to that he was the first Academy student compelled to take an examination. Heretofore students were admitted on certificate but as a means of limiting the number of students at the Naval Academy the authorities decided that will continue from June 28th to July in the future all applicants will have to undergo a comprehensive examina- feature for each day. Lewistown usution. Consequently James was the ally does things right and in welcomfirst to be caught in the examination ing back all former sons and daughte 3 net, but a little thing like that didn't she has planned something stupendous worry him as he passed all four sub- in the way of making their return a jects with flying colors and was happy one. promptly admitted as a naval student.

### Bargain Time at Schofield's.

I have been in business in Bel'efonte for over fifty-three years, in the | will include the construction of a new oldest business establishment in this dining room in the rear and the ensection. During the ensuing three tire remodeling of the interior of the weeks I will give a ten per cent. reduction on all heavy and light harness, collars, bridles and strap work, and anything else pertaining to horse equipment. Also, 15 per cent. reduction on fly nets and umbrellas. I carry a good line of ladies, men's and tre county, Miss Linnie Bechdel, of boy's shoes. A good shoe at a low Blanchard, and Miss Margaret Conprice.—James Schofield.

26-1t fer. of Howard.

HEATON.—Wilson I. Heaton, a well known resident of Milesburg, died at the Centre County hospital on Friday as the result of gangrene in the right foot, with which he had been

afflicted the past nine months. He was a son of James and Maria Moore Heaton and was born in Boggs hence had reached the age of 62 years, one brother and a sister, Howard Heaton, of Milesburg, and Mrs. Brickley, of Avis.

Funeral services were held in the

BRIGHT.-Rev. John A. Bright, a native of Centre county, died on Saturday morning at his home in Topeka, Kan., as the result of general de-March by Supt. Herron. He went to bility. He was a son of George and Scranton and got work there with his Sarah Bright and was born at Aaronsuncle, at the same place his father burg in 1845, hence was eighty years old in April. As a young man he studied for the ministry and was ordained in the Lutheran church, filling also discharged. He then returned to several pastorates in the east before going to Kansas. Less than two years ago he spent some time at his old home in Aaronsburg and at that time displayed unusual vigor for one of his employment at the Bush house, but dren and many fond memories still he was recognized by the police and linger in the hearts of those who knew him intimately in his old home locality. He is survived by his wife and After hearing his story Judge Dale two sons, both of whom are ministers in the Lutheran church, one at Orville and the other at Lucas, Ohio. He also leaves one brother and a sister, C. G. peka, Kansas,

> VONADA.-Mrs. Carrie E. Vonada died at her home in Walker township on Thursday of last week, following a prolonged illness with a lung affection.

She was a daughter of Elias and Pauline Schugart Gentzel and was born on May 12th, 1883, making her age 42 years, 1 month and 6 days. She was married three times, her first husband having been Calvin Porter, by whom she had two children, LaRoe and Pauline. Her second husband was Russell Snook and following his death she married Adam Vonada, who passed away about four years ago leaving one daughter, Genevieve.

judging four classes of dairy animals, of the Refermed church, of which she was a member, and burial made in the Zion cemetery.

# from Mrs. Rowland.

On Thursday of last week W. A. champion of the breed. Last year | Moyer and his wife, Mrs. Ruth Moyer, Perry county also claimed the winner of Juniata, through their attorney, A. of the contest in the person of E. R. H. Woodward Esq., began an action in trespass in the Clearfield county Two hundred, or the largest number courts against Mrs. Annie C. Rowland, in the history of the young farmers' widow of the late Congressman week, participated in the judging con- Charles H. Rowland, of Philipsburg, tests for the juniors. Jefferson coun- seeking to recover damages in the ty repeated in the winning of the sum of \$15,000 for injuries sustained swine judging event. The score of the in a motor accident on October 19th,

According to the statement filed ed by the Northumberland county Du- with the notice of the suit, on the day roc Breeders' Association. A team, above mentioned a Marmon car owncomposed of three girls, from Cum- ed by Mrs. Rowland collided with the berland county won the poultry judg- machine in which the Moyers were ing contest with a score of 788. They traveling, on Pine Top hill, near the were awarded the Pennsylvania railroad crossing at Woodland, Clear-Trophy. The Huntingdon county team field county. Mr. Moyer was driving scored 741.5 points to win the dairy his own car and was accompanied by cattle judging event. The award in his wife while the only person in the this contest was the Pennsylvania Rowland car was the chauffeur. As a Bankers' Association trophy. Colum- result of the accident the Moyer car bia county won the Pennsylvania was so completely demolished that it Breeders' and Dairymen's Association was beyond repair while both Mr. and trophy by scoring 1050.2 points in the Mrs. Moyer suffered painful and ser-

-At last the long desired rain has fallen. It began to descend on Wednesday evening and continued with very little intermission all of Wednesday night with the result that the ground is pretty thoroughly soakthe Naval Academy, at Annapolis, on ed and farm crops and gardens given Wednesday of last week and is now a a renewed lease of life. Of course it full-fledged member of the Freshman was just threatening and showery class. An interesting incident in con- enough yesterday to interfere somenection with his admission is the fact what with the annual picnic of the Bellefonte Methodists, which was held at Hecla park.

> -Next week Lewistown will open her "Old Home Week" celebration. It 4th, with a notable and interesting

> ---Charles Harrison is making some very extensive improvements to his home on Howard street, which house, both upstairs and down.

-Of the four nurses graduated at the Lock Haven hospital training school, last week, two are from Cen-26-1t fer, of Howard.