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THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Judge of the Superior Court, WILLIAM A. MCGUIRE, of Johnstown.
Judge of the Courts of Centre County, W. HARRISON WALKER
District Attorney, WILLIAM GROH RUNKLE.
Jury Commissioner, JAMES C. CONDO.

Citizens and Road Supervisors at War in Patton Township.

Starting over nobody knows just what, the disagreements between some of the citizens of Patton township and the supervisors they elected to have charge of their roads have grown until the whole township is in a furore and petitions to the supervisors to resign are floating everywhere and the court has finally been called upon to remove them from office.

John W. Hartsock, J. W. Blair and Arthur C. Thomas, all progressive, representative citizens of Patton, are the gentlemen at the mouth of the cannon. While we know little of the merits of the case it is hard for us to imagine any one of them doing anything maliciously or willfully, to the prejudice of the best interests of the township in which they all reside and own considerable property.

Be that as it may some time ago the supervisors started the project of building a township house. It was to provide covering for the road-making machinery, room for the supervisors, school directors and a voting place. A protest went up at once. The taxpayers insisted that the township couldn't afford the expense, especially since it was "already in debt, had a 10 mill road tax and no roads"—as one of them expressed it to us.

The supervisors went to work again and did complete the building, but cut out the provision in its original plan for housing the township machinery. It stands at Waddle today, but was not used as the voting place at the recent primaries because the John Hoy estate has a building there that has always been rented to the County Commissioners for that purpose and the Hoy estate is human. It prefers the rent to becoming enthusiastic over a township house getting it.

So the turmoil has grown until having failed with their petitions to the supervisors to resign the citizens leading the opposition appealed to the court to have them removed. Judge Dale declined to do that forthwith and appointed viewers to go over the roads of the township. Their finding follows:

To the Honorable Arthur C. Dale, Judge of the said Court:—
We, the undersigned, Ray C. Noll, R. J. Hartle and S. M. Nissley, who were by your Honorable Court, on the 12th day of August, 1925, appointed in the above proceeding as inspectors to inspect or examine the Township Highways in Patton Township, Centre County, Pa., and report the condition thereof to your Honorable Court on the Third Monday of September, 1925, beg to report as follows:

We performed the duties of our appointment on the 11th day of September, 1925, by making a personal examination of the Township Highways in Patton Township, and find the condition of the same as follows:
First stretch of road viewed was from Fillmore Station to Hoover's farm, a distance of 2.2 miles. We found that very little work had been done on this road and drainage was apparently neglected entirely. We also found that culvert near Gephart's lane, had been broken down and instead of being properly repaired, was filled with large stones, which rendered same practically useless.

Next route was from State Road over past Johnstonbaugh Farm, about 2 miles distance in all. We found that road from Crust lane to Cross Roads was very bad, in fact many deep ruts remained yet from the soft weather last spring. The drainage on this stretch was also badly neglected and in most places, no provisions whatever were made to drain the road-bed.

We then inspected road leading from School-house around edge of woods to Patton Township line, and then doubled back to edge of woods, then up over hill past Hensley farm lane, to Alto. This section had been patched up here and there with cinders or ashes hauled from Scotia,

which made a very poor job, as same ground up into dust and did not help improve road to any considerable extent. In our minds this was the wrong kind of material to put on roads, as the results obtained were not of a permanent nature. Drainage was also neglected almost entirely on this stretch.

From Alto we turned to left, going to Patton Township line. Found loose stone on road and ruts from last spring, road looked as if it had not been scraped. No provisions made for drainage. Then we doubled back to Alto to road and passing to Waddle Station found road in fair condition, owing to dry weather. No provisions made for drainage. Portion of road Waddle Station to State Road in good condition.

From Waddle Station, we drove to angle of road leading from Sellers' Farm to edge of woods, turning to left to township line next to farm occupied by Steve Matis. In this section after crossing Railroad, we found piles of large stone on side of road that had not been crushed, or used on section of road badly needing same. From this section, road was in fair condition, but after going along woods to Matis Farm, found section of road low, rough and full of ruts.

Then doubled back to road passing Elbs lane, passing Sellers lane to big oak tree. Section of road from Seller's lane to oak tree in good condition and good drainage.

Turned to left passed Anna Gray farm to Gahner farm. In this section found trees and brush hanging over edge of road. Road in fair condition. Then doubled back to oak tree going over section to State Road at Gray's Church. In this section, we found culvert pipe exposed, making bump on road. Section of road past Meek Homestead to state road was rough, with drainage needing attention.

We then viewed road from State Road past Mattern farm, going up road about one mile. Section of road from State Road to Mattern farm was good. Other section was neglected, and at one place found drainage pipe completely filled up with sand and wash, rendering it useless. This section of road is not traveled extensively.

Section of road Waddle school-house to Clark's lane in fair condition. In covering all the Patton Township roads, that we traversed the speedometer on car showed approximately 32 miles, although probably twelve miles of this was due to doubling back. In other words we viewed approximately 20 miles of Patton Township road.

In conclusion would state that all ashes that had been hauled on road had been hauled there recently, and while these ashes smoothed up road temporarily, it undoubtedly is an unwise procedure, when no drainage is provided for. We would say that in our opinion, judging from conditions as we found them, that drainage is the first requirement on all of these roads, and then after this has been provided and roads properly crowned, it would then be in order to cover roadbed with crushed stone, as rapidly as available funds will permit.

We the undersigned, hereunto affix our hand and seals, this seventeenth day of September 1925.

S. M. NISSLEY, Viewer.
R. J. HARTLE, Viewer.
RAY C. NOLL, Viewer.
During the last three years collector T. M. Huey has turned over to the treasurer of Patton township the following amounts available for road purposes:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. 1923: \$252.31; 1924: \$188.26; 1925: \$224.04; Total: \$534.61

We know nothing of the cost of road-building, so we have no opinion to express as to whether the amount of the taxes is well reflected in the condition of the roads. The Court will decide that after the hearing on the petition and report is held, no date having been set for it at this time.

On Monday, it seemed that all of Patton township was in Bellefonte. Folks up there were under the impression that the hearing was to be held that day. This probably was occasioned because of the fact that the viewers filed their findings on that date.

John Stratton, of Altoona, was arrested in that city on Monday on a warrant issued in Centre county charging him with driving an automobile while intoxicated and failing to stop and render assistance following an accident. The incident took place near Osceola Mills, in Rush township, and failing to give bond in the sum of two thousand dollars he was brought to Bellefonte on Monday evening and placed in the Centre county jail.

The football season will open tomorrow. Lebanon Valley will play at State College and the Carlisle soldiers handle the pig-skin with the Bellefonte Academy. Of the two games the one on Hughes field will probably be the most interesting. The Carlisle kickers last year won eight out of ten games while the Academy was unbeaten. Hence if past reputation counts for anything tomorrow's game should be a hummer.

Rev. Fraser Metzger Resigns as Chaplain at State College.

Rev. Fraser Metzger on Sunday tendered his resignation as chaplain at The Pennsylvania State College to accept the position of dean of men at Rutgers University, where Dr. John M. Thomas has gone as president.

Louis, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carpeneto, of Curtin street, who was desperately ill with pneumonia during the early part of the week, has taken a decided turn for the better. So marked has been the change that his recovery seems assured.

LEATHERS.—Mrs. Anna Eliza Leathers, widow of John B. Leathers, for many years residents of Mt. Eagle, died quite suddenly and unexpectedly at the home of her daughter Florence, in Perth Amboy, N. J., at 6:30 o'clock last Thursday evening. She had been in apparent perfect health up to within a few days of her death and passed away while resting comfortably in her easy chair.

On August 25th she celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday anniversary with a dinner party for a number of friends and at that time was in the best of health and spirits. She lived at Mt. Eagle until twelve years ago when she went to Perth Amboy to make her home with her daughter. She was a woman who always appreciated and entered into the joys of life and during the past two years had traveled about a great deal, notwithstanding her advanced age, having covered about four thousand miles by railroad and almost twelve thousand miles by automobile.

She was a life-long and devout member of the Christian church and was loved and respected by all who knew her. She is survived by the following children: N. Haupt Leathers, in Tennessee; Mrs. Etta Bower, of Mt. Eagle; Mrs. John Bartruff, of New Bloomfield; Mrs. Olive Butler, of Narberth, and Miss Florence, of Perth Amboy, N. J. The remains were brought to Centre county on Monday and laid to rest the same afternoon in the family plot in the Curtin cemetery.

LIEB.—Mrs. Matilda W. Lieb, widow of J. M. Lieb, passed away at her home in Bush's Addition, Bellefonte, last Friday, following an illness of more than a year with pulmonary trouble.

She was a daughter of Henry and Margaret Fulty Guisewite and was born near Bellefonte on February 26th, 1855, making her age 70 years, 6 months and 22 days. Practically her entire life was spent in Bellefonte and vicinity. She was a member of the Methodist church all her life and always a regular attendant. Her husband died some seventeen years ago but surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Samuel H. Taylor, of Bridgeport, Conn., but who has spent considerable time in Bellefonte during her mother's illness, and Mrs. Miles Osmer, of Oberlin, Ohio, who is at present confined to her bed with illness and unable to come to Bellefonte for her mother's funeral.

Funeral services were held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Homer C. Knox, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

SWARTZ.—Mrs. Susan Swartz, widow of the late Christian Swartz, died at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Harry Rossman, on east Bishop street, on Sunday, following an illness of several years which made her a confirmed invalid.

She was a daughter of George and Polly Teats Bearley and was born in Walker township on September 4th, 1848, hence was 77 years and 16 days old. The greater part of her life was spent in the vicinity of Hublersburg, though she had been a member of the Rossman household the past four years. Her husband died eighteen years ago and her only survivor is one son, L. H. Swartz, of Hublersburg.

Funeral services were held at the Rossman home at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

JOHNSTONBAUGH.—Mrs. John Johnstonbaugh died at her home at Pitcairn, on Sunday, as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained on Friday. She was a daughter of John and Sarah Coffey and was born in Centre county fifty-two years ago. In addition to her husband she is survived by one daughter, Miss Helen, at home. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. George Sowers, of Philipsburg, who is now seriously ill as the result of a stroke sustained on Saturday; Mrs. Lucy Adams and James Confer, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Emma Morrison, of Tyrone; Miss Anne and John Confer, of Bellefonte. Burial was made at Pitcairn on Wednesday.

BARR.—Betty Jane Barr, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barr, died at the parental home at Huntingdon Furnace, last Friday evening, following a four day's illness with pneumonia. She was born at Gatesburg, Centre county, and was not quite four years old. In addition to the parents she is survived by three sisters and two brothers, Mary, Nellie, Florence, Melvin and George. Rev. Fred B. Norris had charge of the funeral services which were held on Sunday, burial being made in the Gatesburg cemetery.

TATE.—Charlotte D. Tate, infant daughter of John M. and Rachel E. Young Tate, died at the Centre County hospital on Monday of last week, following three days' illness. The child was one month and fifteen days old and was their first-born. Burial was made at Boalsburg last Thursday.

BANEY.—Margaret Jane Baney, only child of Edward and Rose Rackow Baney, died on Tuesday of last week, aged one year and fifteen days. Burial was made in the Union cemetery, on Wednesday.

The Huntingdon and Clearfield Telephone company is planning to spend \$25,000 on improvements to its plant in the Philipsburg district.

ONE MAN KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED IN QUARRY ACCIDENTS.

Samuel Warick Dead, Tony Frank Injured.

Samuel Warick, an Austrian employed at the Conrad Miller plant of the American Lime and Stone company, was instantly killed by a huge fall of rock about 3:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and Tony Frank, another workman, was caught by fragments of the falling stone and his right leg badly crushed above the ankle.

Seven men were at work in the quarry at the time. Two of them had just gone out with several cars of stone when a big part of the left side of the quarry broke loose and tumbled down. Three of the men were able to scamper to safety; Mr. Frank got far enough away that only the crumbling stone at the edge of the caving caught him, while Warick was so completely buried that he was crushed beyond recognition and it took an hour or longer to dig him out. The recent hard rains evidently loosened the shale of rock from the mother lode and was responsible for the caving. The rock that fell was about a foot in thickness, forty to fifty feet high and aggregated in weight several hundred tons.

Warick was forty-one years old and leaves a wife and two children in the old country. He had no relatives in Bellefonte. The remains were taken to the Harris undertaking establishment where they were prepared for burial. Funeral services were held in St. John's Catholic church at ten o'clock on Monday morning by Father Downes, after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Tony Frank, the injured man, was taken to the Centre County hospital where he is receiving every care and attention possible.

Norman Maurer, an employee at the big mine of the American Lime and Stone company, was injured on Saturday and is also a patient in the hospital. His injuries, however, are not of a serious nature.

New Forest Fire Observation Tower Erected on Purdue Mountain.

A 60 foot steel forest fire observation tower was erected last week on Purdue mountain, one mile west of Point McCoy and Bellefonte, by a crew of five men, under the supervision of T. C. Harbeson, district forester, of Milroy.

This tower is a substantial affair with winding stairways, stair railings and a glass inclosed cabin on the top. It is named Purdue tower, in honor of Dr. John Purdue, an early French Huguenot, who settled on this mountain. It was erected in the record time of twelve working hours. It is located on the land now owned by Bert Poorman, at an elevation of 1860 feet, which is the highest point in the vicinity of Bellefonte.

The grandeur of the view afforded from this tower on a clear day is beyond description. Forest, field, stream and town lay below on all sides—near and far.

One lone observer on this tower, with a telephone to be installed, will be enabled to detect and report fires while they are yet small and thereby give protection to 150,000 acres of privately owned forest.

The public is invited to visit this tower. However, the Department demands that the visiting public respect all the rights of the property owner who gave free use of his land for this forest protection equipment. If these rights are not respected, the public will be excluded.

To reach this point, one must go in from Coleville over a narrow, dug-off township road, which leads to Bert Poorman's farm.

Bellefonte Chapter D. A. R. Celebrates Ratification of the Constitution.

John Adams may have said that the constitution was "extorted from the grinding necessity of a reluctant people," but the plans and provisions of its committee of three (Mrs. Harry Keller, Mrs. James C. Furst, Mrs. David Dale), for its celebration of the one hundred and thirty-eighth anniversary of "the governing instrument of the United States of America," found no difficulties about ratification amongst the members of the Bellefonte Chapter D. A. R.!

Sever eight "Daughters" and guests met at the Nittany Country club at six-thirty o'clock last Thursday evening and partaking of supper listened to addresses by Dr. David Allen Anderson, of the Department of Education, State College; Miss Sabra W. Vought, librarian, State College; Col. McLaughlin, of the same place, and Mr. Harry Keller, Bellefonte.

Among those present were three charter members, Mrs. Austin O. Furst, Mrs. James T. Thompson, and Mrs. Frank McCoy. The Chapter, numbering originally sixteen, now has a resident and non-resident membership of one hundred and fifty, besides the eleven on its "associate" roll.

Among the marriage licenses granted at Cumberland, Md., on Monday, was one to Hugh Stanley Stevens, of Pine Grove Mills, and Lela Marian Yearick, of Bellefonte.

The ninety-ninth annual meeting of the Centre Baptist association will be held in the Baptist church, at Mount Union, September 29th and 30th, and October 1st.

Routine Business Disposed of by Borough Council.

Just five members were present at the regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, and in the absence of president Walker, who was confined at home with illness, J. M. Cunningham was chosen to preside.

Dr. C. M. Parrish was present and registered a strenuous complaint about the flooding of his cellar with sewer water during heavy rain storms. He admitted that he was not troubled with the water except during hard rains, but declared that during the past week he had baled out of his cellar several hundred gallons of sewer water. Borough manager Seibert stated to council that he had men at work repairing the sewer on Pike alley which would relieve the trouble so far as the sewer water is concerned.

The Centre Oil and Gas company presented a permit for the erection of a new tank and pump at its plant on south Potter street, and the matter was referred to the Street committee.

The secretary read a communication from Dr. Charles H. Miner, secretary of the State Board of Health, conveying the information that a district office has been established in Williamsport, and the district engineer in charge there has supervision over eleven counties, of which Centre county is one.

The secretary announced that Burgess W. Harrison Walker had again returned the amusement license ordinance with his disapproval and the matter was laid on the table until the next meeting of council.

Mr. Kelly presented the deed for the property purchased by the borough from the Bellefonte Lumber company, out at the spring, which the borough solicitor approved as to form. The Water committee was instructed to see that the lines, measurements, etc., as given in the deed, are correct before it is entered of record.

Edward J. Decker, of east Logan street, was present and complained of the lack of water at his home. Mr. Cunningham, chairman of the Water committee, informed Mr. Decker that a survey had been made out to his present residence and the result showed that when the reservoir is full to overflowing the water would just about run in his kitchen sink. The house is higher than the reservoir and Mr. Cunningham stated that there is no way by which the borough can get the water up to him. Mr. McCulley was present in the interest of his father, who lives next to the Hepburn property, and wanted council to give them water. Mr. Cunningham informed him that the survey showed that they are located six feet above the top of the reservoir and it is impossible to get the water up to them.

The Street committee reported various repairs to streets and sewers and cutting weeds on alleys and vacant lots. The committee also reported the collection of \$27.00 from the school board for stone.

The Water committee reported a number of new water connections, repairs of leaks, progress on the improvements at the spring and the collection of \$68.75 on the 1923 water duplicate and \$26.50 for old junk.

The Fire and Police committee reported that with the opening of the borough schools George Glenn had been engaged as traffic officer on Bishop street, to watch traffic during the hours that the children are going to and returning from school. Council approved the action of the committee. The committee also reported that the roof of the Undine fire company building is in bad shape and should be repaired before cold weather sets in. The matter was referred to the Fire and Police committee with power.

The Finance committee requested the renewal of notes aggregating \$11,000 and that a new note be authorized for such a sum as is necessary to meet current bills. Council authorized same.

John Gross made his appearance just as council was ready to adjourn and made complaint about the surface water on Cherry alley, during hard rain storms, overflowing the sewer inlets and flooding his cellar. The matter was referred to the Street committee and borough manager.

Bills to the amount of \$7698.91 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

CENTRE HALL.

Mrs. Lizzie Shirk has been on the sick list for the last few days. J. F. Lutz visited his brother Frank, at Zion, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lansberry, of Philadelphia, are hotel guests in Centre Hall at the present time.

Mrs. Rufus Finkle, of Millinburg, spent a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Emery.

Mrs. T. L. Smith returned from Philadelphia on Wednesday, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Stoffel, for a week.

Mrs. Ellen Miller and her sister, Miss Caroline McClaskey, of Potters Mills, spent Wednesday at the Bartholomew home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Luse and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, of State College, attended the funeral of Mrs. Fred Carter on Tuesday.

Mrs. Roxanna Brisbin Robertson, who is at present visiting her father, B. D. Brisbin, spent a few days in Tyrone with her friend, Mrs. Florence Rhone Bayard.

Miss Victoria Witmer, of Los Angeles, and her niece, Mrs. Samuel Storrow, of Pasadena, are visiting at the home of their cousin, Mrs. Margaret Smith. Mrs. Smith's son James, of Williamsport, was an over Sunday guest of his mother.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

A motor party from Bradford will arrive in Bellefonte today to be guests until Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bradley, of Curtin street. Mrs. M. C. McGregor, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradley as driving guests, comprise the party. Mrs. Benjamin Bradley will return with them to Bradford for a visit of a week or more with relatives there.

James E. Harter, of Coburn, was in Bellefonte Monday for the meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance company, of which he is a director. Mr. Harter doesn't come to town as often as his friends would like to see him, but even though he has retired from the mercantile business he finds his time so much taken up with other interests in and about his home town that there isn't much of it left for mere gadding about.

Henry McCracken, of Ferguson township, was in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, having come down to make arrangements for the sale of the McCracken farm in "the Glades" on October 21st. Henry was right in the midst of the excitement in Pine Grove caused by the arrival and discovery of the Williamsburg bank bandit at that place. He was in the mill when the commotion attracted his attention and, running to the door, got a safe view of it all.

Cambria County Murderers Electrocutated Monday Morning.

Michael Bassi and Tony Pezzi, two members of the gang who on the 11th of October, 1924, held up a train on the Cambria and Indiana railroad, near Colyer, killed express messenger James Garman and stole a \$33,000 payroll of the Ebensburg Coal company, were electrocuted at the Rockview penitentiary on Monday morning. Refusing the attendance of the prison chaplain, both men went to the chair accompanied only by the guards. Bassi was the first to go, being placed in the chair at 7:02. Five minutes later he was pronounced dead. Pezzi went to the chair at 7:09 and was pronounced dead at 7:15. The physician in attendance was Dr. John Priestess. The men were given breakfast before being taken to the chair and both ate heartily.

Seven men were implicated in the holdup and murder last October and all escaped. Bassi and Pezzi were caught at Terre Haute, Ind., six weeks later and had in their possession \$6,000, supposed to be their share of the stolen payroll. They were taken to Cambria county and convicted at the December sessions of court. An application for a new trial was refused and they were sentenced to death in February. Their case was appealed to the Supreme court which declined to intervene. Application was then made to the board of pardons but that body also refused commutation of the sentence.

At the trial evidence was produced which closely connected the two men with the holdup of a train in Lackawanna county, in July, 1923, when a \$75,000 payroll was stolen and Edward Murphy, of Lock Haven, a passenger on the train, was killed. In June the two men made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the Cambria county jail and on June 30th were transferred to the death house at Rockview. During their almost three month's incarceration there the men were not very communicative. They gave Chicago as their home but both said they had no families nor relatives in this country. They were literally soldiers of fortune preying upon the public for their own subsistence. During all the time they were at the death house they refused to see a priest or minister of the gospel and persisted in that stand to the last. Neither one made a confession and their life story is now a sealed book. Their bodies were not claimed and they were buried in the penitentiary cemetery.

The electrocutions of Bassi and Pezzi make three from Cambria county this year and 142 in the ten years electrocution has been the means of capital punishment in Pennsylvania.

Johnson Gets Motor Bus Certificate Revived.

Harry W. Johnson, whose motor bus line, between Bellefonte and Lock Haven, was suspended when he lost the contract for carrying the mail through Nittany valley, resumed business last Monday morning.

It appears that when Johnson secured the mail contract W. J. Emerick already had the certificate of convenience for the passenger traffic through the valley. This made it impossible for Johnson to carry passengers to points other than those not located on the state highway. His certificate called for two years privilege of carrying passengers to Hecla Park, Mackeyville, Salona and such points as are not on the highway and had to be visited by his mail carrying bus. When a new mail carrying contract was let, a few months ago, Mr. Emerick bid considerably less than Johnson and got it. It was thought that this would automatically annul the latter's privilege to carry passengers to the points named, but recent investigation has revealed that as his certificate for that right has not expired he can continue doing so, whether he has the mail contract or not.

Fall opening of all that is new in the Millinery world at the William S. Katz store today and tomorrow.

Poultrymen in a number of cases are discovering that the demand on their local markets for capons is increasing. Others might find the same condition existing in their sections and take steps to supply it and thus profitably dispose of surplus cockers.