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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For United States Senator,
WILLIAM B. WILSON,
of Tioga County.

For Governor,
EUGENE C. BONNIWELL,
of Philadelphia.

For Lieutenant Governor,
W. CLAYTON HACKETT,
of Northampton County.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs,
JOHN MURPHY,
of Allegheny County.

Democratic District and County Ticket.

For Congress,
CLARENCE R. KRAMER,
of Clearfield.

For State Senator,
WILLIAM I. BETTS,
of Clearfield.

For Assemblyman,
ANDREW CURTIN THOMPSON,
of Phillipsburg.

Interesting Facts About Centre County Farms and Farmers.

The Federal-State crop report for Centre county for the year 1925 has just been issued and it contains some surprising figures. The total value of the county's crops and farm products for the year is given at \$4,645,529.92, and strange as it may seem milk and milk products (butter) lead with the astounding figure of \$1,005,851.70. Corn was next, its value being placed at \$901,239.20. And then in order came hay, valued at \$801,908.00; wheat, \$670,078.92; potatoes, \$428,935.50; eggs, \$346,993.40; oats, \$314,452.80; apples, \$115,531.00; buckwheat, \$19,355.60; rye, \$13,219.20; wool, \$9,864.60; honey, \$8,140.00; pears, \$7,085.00; and peaches, \$2,875.00.

The livestock on the farms included 5,930 horses, 450 mules, 12,690 milk cows and heifers two years old and over, 7,970 other cattle, 5,470 sheep, 15,630 swine, 200,200 chickens (hens and pullets, only), and 1,450 colonies of bees, the total valuation of which was placed at \$2,440,401.50.

According to the 1924 census there are 2563 farmers in the county and of this number 1789 have automobiles, 237 motor trucks, 262 tractors, 316 have silos, 947 have gas engines, 1764 have telephones in their homes; 326 electric service, 526 cream separators, and 125 radios. There is running water in the homes of 547, bath rooms in 211 homes and heating systems in 168.

During the year the farmers spent \$105,192.00 for commercial fertilizer and \$34,064.25 for lime. The total acreage under cultivation was given as 120,840, which is not quite one-tenth of the total acreage in the county.

An Engagement Extraordinary.

The wonderful success of the Mantell-Hamper company last season in a tour that attracted more gross receipts than many of the musical attractions, and the approval that greeted Walter Hampden and Ethel Barrymore in New York last season, would seem to indicate that the interest in Shakespearean drama is not only real but is permanent as it is possible for anything to be in the theatre. At least such is the belief of Robert B. Mantell.

"Audiences are barometers of feeling," remarks Mr. Mantell "even though I reveal nothing new in saying that. Many seasons ago, it was noticeable that virtually all those who attended Shakespearean performances were regulars, who observed Shakespeare, if I might say so, with the same regularity as they observe Christmas. Recently—in the past two seasons, say—there has come to the theatre another group, heretofore absent. These are the average theatre-goers, in lieu of a more definite characterization, who have regarded Shakespeare as being too 'highbrow.' To their astonishment, they have discovered that his plays are really entertaining, with laughs, tears, thrills, everything; in short, what they look for at the theatre. The lyrical lines, the dramatic suspense all these are found in the plays of the great poet.

An so, gradually, but none the less surely, the public is again realizing that Shakespeare is human, entertaining, lovable even. And, therefore their interest is more marked, and lasting because of its genuineness."

The Mantell-Hamper company comes to the Moose theatre for an engagement of one night, Monday, Sept. 20th, in "The Merchant of Venice."

ORLADY.—Judge George Boal Or lady, for more than thirty years a member of the Superior court of Pennsylvania, and for ten years chief justice of that court, died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Huntingdon, last Friday night. Though he had not been in good health for some years he was no worse than usual and on Friday evening was host to a number of his Masonic friends. Early on Saturday morning his wife went to his room and found him dead in bed. A heart attack was assigned as the cause.

Judge Or lady was a son of Dr. Henry and Martha C. Boal Or lady and was born at Petersburg, Huntingdon county, on February 22nd, 1850, hence had reached the age of 76 years, 6 months and 21 days. As a young man he attended the Pennsylvania State College, Washington and Jefferson and then took a course in medicine at the Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia. He practiced medicine two years and at the same time read law in the office of Hon. S. S. Blair, in Hollidaysburg. He gave up medicine and began the practice of law in Huntingdon county in March, 1875. In 1878 he was elected district attorney of Huntingdon county, serving until 1887.

In the meantime he had become quite active in Republican politics and was a warm supporter of Daniel H. Hastings in his campaign for Governor in 1894. When the Superior court was created by an act of the Legislature early in 1895 Governor Hastings appointed Mr. Or lady a member of that judicial body. Through re-election he served until the first of January of this year, or thirty years and six months. Judge Or lady was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and a thirty-third degree Mason.

He married Miss Mary Irvin Thompson, of Curwensville, who survives with three children, George Phillips Or lady, an attorney in Philadelphia; Frederick L., in the west, and Miss Edith, registrar at Bryn Mawr college. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Henry N. Or lady, of Durand, Wis.; Benjamin N., of Jamestown, N. D.; Mrs. Homer Crawford, of Cooperstown, Pa., and Mrs. Josiah Wood, of Richmond, Va. A Masonic funeral was held at four o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Riverview cemetery, Huntingdon.

GILLILAND.—Mrs. Sarah B. Gilliland passed away at her home in Snow Shoe on Saturday afternoon from a heart attack superinduced by goitre. She was the widow of the late Robert C. Gilliland, for years a well known citizen of Centre county.

Mrs. Gilliland was a daughter of Alexander and Isabelle Holt Murray and was born at Leontes Mills, Clearfield county, on July 8th, 1857, hence was a little past 69 years of age. She married Mr. Gilliland in 1881 and shortly thereafter they located in Snow Shoe which had been her home ever since. Although stricken with total blindness twenty-five years ago she enjoyed good health and took an active interest in church and community affairs until a few weeks before her death. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church, a woman of many endearing qualities and enjoyed the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances, all of whom will mourn her passing.

She is survived by three sons, Ray D. Gilliland, of State College; J. Murray, of Reading, and Leslie J., of Lebanon. She also leaves one brother and a sister, Alfred A. Murray, of Leontes Mills, and Mrs. W. S. Gilliland, of Karthaus.

Funeral services were held at her late home in Snow Shoe on Wednesday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. A. A. Price, assisted by Rev. M. J. Runyan, burial being made in the Askey cemetery.

STEEL.—William Steel, a native of Spring township but for almost forty years a resident of Phillipsburg, was found dead on Monday morning at his home in that place, where he had lived alone since the death of his wife several years ago. He was last seen alive on Saturday evening and physicians who examined the body expressed the belief that death had resulted from a stroke either Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Deceased was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Perry Steel and was born in Spring township seventy-three years ago. His early life was spent at the old home but about forty years ago he located in Phillipsburg where he was a laborer by occupation and also did nursing when his services were required. He was a member of the Methodist church for many years. Soon after locating in Phillipsburg he married Miss Gussie Eboch who died several years ago, but he is survived by two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning by Rev. S. B. Evans, and burial made in the Phillipsburg cemetery.

POORMAN.—Asbury B. Poorman, a native of Centre county, died on Saturday at his home in Jersey Shore following a lingering illness, aged 68 years. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. E. W. Reid, of Flagler, Col., and one sister, Mrs. Bertha Watson, of Moshannon, Centre county. He was a member of the Epworth Methodist church at Jersey Shore. Rev. G. W. Faws had charge of the funeral services which were held at 7.30 o'clock on Wednesday

morning, the remains being brought to Centre county for burial in the Advent cemetery, in Boggs township.

BENNER.—Miss Delinda Harvey Benner passed away at her home on High street, at one o'clock on Monday morning, as a result of a general breakdown in health. She had been in poor health for several years and confined to her bed over a year.

A daughter of J. Matlack and Ann Eliza Harvey Benner she was born in the house in which she passed away almost ninety years ago. She was one of the last links connecting Bellefonte of today with its historic past. Her paternal ancestors included Gen. Philip Benner, of Revolutionary fame, and it was he who built the house in which Miss Benner was born and passed away for his son, J. Matlack Benner. Gen. Benner also owned the Pennsylvania house, in that day the leading hotel in Bellefonte, and it was he who started the Centre Democrat, Bellefonte's second newspaper, in 1826. It might also be of interest to note that Miss Benner's brother, Harvey Benner, died in the same room in the Benner home in which he was born.

Miss Benner was a lifelong member of St. John's Episcopal church and during her active life a regular attendant. She was a home-loving woman and a gracious hostess to friends or stranger. Her only survivor is one sister, Miss Sarah.

Funeral services were held at the Benner home at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

WETZLER.—Frank L. Wetzler Jr., son of Frank L. and Elizabeth A. Wetzler, of Milesburg, passed away at the Altoona hospital at 10.38 o'clock on Wednesday morning, of meningitis, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on August 26th. It will be recalled that on the evening of that day he was riding his bicycle on the State road above Milesburg and unfortunately rode from behind one car right in the path of another with the result that he was knocked down and run over sustaining the injuries which eventually resulted in his death.

He was born in Milesburg and was fourteen years old last February. He was a bright and attractive boy and his passing away is cause for general regret among all who knew him. In addition to his parents he is survived by one brother and two sisters, Malcolm L. Wetzler, of Milesburg; Miss Ruth L., who only recently registered as a nurse in training at the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, and Annie E., at home.

Funeral services will be held at the Wetzler home in Milesburg at 2.30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon by Rev. Hare, of the Baptist church of Milesburg, assisted by Rev. Adams, of State College, interment to be made in the Wetzler lot in the Curtin cemetery.

COOK.—Members of the Cook family, in Bellefonte, have received word of the death of their brother, George H. Cook, at his summer home near Los Angeles, California, on Monday of this week.

He was the youngest son of William and Margaret Harris Cook and was born in Bellefonte on January 11th, 1857, hence was in his seventieth year. A good part of his life was spent in the west, first in Colorado and later in California. His last visit to the home of his childhood was made in the spring of 1925, and at the time he was not in good health. He is survived by his wife, at Los Angeles, and three brothers, Andrew J., Claude and Charles F. Cook, all of Bellefonte. Burial was made at Los Angeles.

THOMAS.—Mrs. Sarah Jane Thomas died at Los Angeles, Cal., on August 25, aged 77 years. Her maiden name was Sarah Jane Poorman and she was born in Clearfield county. She married Abram Thomas in 1868 and they lived in Centre county until 1891, when they moved to Denver, Col. Mr. Thomas died there a year later and in 1904 Mrs. Thomas and family moved to Oregon where Mrs. Thomas lived until 1925 when she went to Los Angeles to make her home with her son David. Her surviving children are James W., of Anchor, Oregon; David M. and Joseph E., of Los Angeles, Cal.; Abram E., of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Paul Ludwig, of Yoncalla, Oregon. Burial was made at Los Angeles.

Three Men Electrocutd.

Three men and a horse were electrocuted on the public road below Lock Haven on Tuesday morning. The men, Fisher McClain, George Hale and Harry Engles, were engaged in hauling cinders on the road with a two horse team. One of the horses became entangled in a high tension wire that had fallen to the ground, and fell dead in his tracks. In attempting to release the horse the three men were killed. Mr. Engles was a brother of Miss Jessie Engles, who is employed in the Zeller home in Bellefonte.

Fresh Baked Ham Supper.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold a birthday supper, at the church Thursday, September 23, from 5 until 8. Find your place at the table representing your birth month. Adults 75 cents, children under twelve 35 cents.

The Local Young Men's Christian Association and Its Relation to Bellefonte.

The local Y. Y. C. A. will start its annual membership drive on September 27th for 750 members and \$3000 in cash to carry on its program for the coming year. Be ready to give your subscription when the solicitor comes to your home.

During the past year the "Y" had over 5000 people engaged in physical department activities outside of bowling which included twelve bowling teams in two leagues bowling a schedule of four seasons. Gym classes were held for men, women, boys and girls.

The county rural high school volleyball championship for boys and girls was held with five teams competing. Three basketball leagues were run with 60 boys competing. One volleyball league with 35 men playing was run off. Two indoor baseball leagues with 60 men and boys playing was run off.

It is hoped to make the program for this year bigger and better than it has ever been. The library is now a membership privilege of the "Y". The bowling alleys have been put into first class playing condition and are now open. The gym classes will start the first week in October. Everything points to a bigger and better year than ever before. Will YOU take a part in it.

The Bellefonte "Y" is a community center. It is maintained for the use of the people of Bellefonte. It is the duty of every citizen of Bellefonte to have a part in it. The "Y" needs you and YOU need the "Y".

When the drive starts lets go over the top in memberships and money.

Forged Check Swindler Worked Phillipsburg, Too.

The forged check swindler got in his work in Phillipsburg, recently, and according to the Phillipsburg Journal his scheme was identical with that of the man who a month or more ago successfully passed a number of checks in Bellefonte. In Phillipsburg six checks were passed, all of them for \$24 each. They were made out to R. F. Nelson and were signed by the name of Harry C. Fravel, contractor and builder, of Chester Hill.

The forgeries were not discovered until Mr. Fravel received his statement and cancelled checks the other day from the First National bank, of Phillipsburg, where he does his banking.

Burchfield's, Ziff's, Oxley's, Magwire's, Finberg's and Adelman & Ratowsky's stores were the business establishments which accepted the checks, presented in payment of purchases made, cash, of course, being given as change.

One of the victimized merchants recalled that the person who presented the check was young, tall and slim. He evidently departed from the neighborhood at once after he made his easy money.

Mr. Fravel is of the opinion it was some one more or less familiar with the time when he drew checks for his workmen. The checks, however, were not his regular kind, but the ordinary counter checks. The handwriting was effeminate and a fair imitation of the hand of Miss Madeline Fravel, who makes out the checks for her father with "Per M. F." under the signature.

John Benson, one of the wireless operators at the government radio station in Bellefonte, was arrested and jailed, last Saturday, for brutally beating his wife on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Benson came to Bellefonte from Cheyenne, Wyoming, three or four months ago and have been living at the Garman house. Mrs. Benson is only twenty-three years old and Mr. Benson several years her senior. Regular roomers at the Garman house allege that they have quarreled frequently and when Mr. Benson went on duty at four o'clock last Friday afternoon, he insisted that his wife accompany him to the radio station, located on the Beaver farm, east of Wilson street, and it was there the assault took place. The woman's face was cut open, one eye blackened and her body bruised in several places. She walked back to the hotel through the darkness then swore out a warrant for her husband's arrest. Sheriff Taylor made the arrest and placed Benson in jail, where he still is at this writing.

Anna Woodcock, the elder daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Woodcock, of Syracuse, has been awarded a four year college scholarship by the State of New York with the privilege of selecting her college. The reward came from her standing of fifth in general excellency in High school work in Onondaga county.

A fire on the roof of the William Doll home, on east Bishop street, on Tuesday afternoon, resulted in the calling out of the fire department, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

Richard P. Noll, D.D.S., has opened dental offices in the rooms in the Bellefonte Trust Co. building formerly occupied by Dr. Tinsley.

Marriage Licenses.

William P. Lansberry and Marion R. Glasgow, both of Centre Hall, James H. Confer, of Howard, and Bertha E. Peters, of Beech Creek. Mike Satok, of Morrisdale, and Verna Bartgo, of Pittsburgh.

Governor Pinchot Announces His Opposition to Vare.

In a signed statement Governor Pinchot publicly announced, on Tuesday, his attitude toward William S. Vare, Republican nominee for United States Senator.

Read what he has to say himself and what he quotes others as having said as to the fitness of the Philadelphia contractor-boss.

"I am a Republican, but I cannot stand for Vare. He is not fit to represent Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States.

At different times during the primary campaign, Senator Pepper said of Vare, "He is the Jonah of the organization * * * his so-called leadership is a sham. What the organization needs is to be delivered from Vare. Up-State where every respectable person speaks of the Philadelphia organization with disgust the explanation ought to be made that it is Vare that gives it its bad name."

"He (Vare) wants to play emperor. He would like to boss the State as he has bossed Philadelphia."

"In Washington he (Vare) is a cipher, up-State in Pennsylvania he is a minus quantity."

"Vare cannot possibly be elected even if he receives the nomination."

"Vare must go."

On April 20, 1926, W. L. Mellon, now campaign manager for Vare, said: "The issue is extremely important, for the result of the election on May 18th will determine if Mr. Vare or the people are to run the State of Pennsylvania."

On April 30, 1926, John S. Fisher said of Vare: You must determine as to whether * * * you are going to send into the Senate representing your State one whose statesmanship is not above that of the mere mob. Can you imagine anything more ridiculous or more shameful than a man who makes a complete platform out of a beer mug."

On May 14, 1926, Senator David A. Reed said: "Pennsylvania's industries will receive a set-back if Vare is sent to the Senate because he admits that he knows nothing about the protective tariffs."

All of these men are supporting Vare today. Either their statements were not true when they were made, or the men who made them are today attempting to elect to the United States Senate a man whom they know to be utterly unfit.

During the campaign I said of Vare: "He marches at the head of gangsters in Philadelphia, whose representatives in the extra session voted against clean election laws; voted against protecting depositors in banks; voted against relieving the drudgery of the women of this State by making it easier for them to have electric service in every house; and have steadily voted against any and every law that would hamper or interfere with the illegal liquor traffic."

"Congressman Vare represents all that is worst in Pennsylvania politics. "Fraud, intimidation and the protection of criminals are the strength of the Vare organization. It cheats as naturally as a duck swims."

"The people of Pennsylvania ought not to have inflicted upon them the disgrace of being represented in the United States Senate by a man put there by Vare methods, standing for the Vare brand of politics, and dominated by the men who dominate Vare."

These things were true, every word of them, when I said them in the campaign. They are just as true today. I will not support the man of whom they are true.

Vare is not only personally unfit to represent this Commonwealth in the United States Senate, but the methods by which he secured his nomination are abominable.

We know of \$800,000 that was spent for Vare's campaign. Senator Reed, of Missouri, chairman of the Investigating Committee, is authority for the statement that only about 40% of the money spent in the recent primary has been accounted for.

Great sums were paid in and paid out in cash, so that where they came from and where they went could not be traced. Alleged contributors of

large amounts forgot or refused to tell where they got the money they said they contributed. The whole affair was disreputable beyond exaggeration.

I cannot prove that vast frauds were committed for Vare's benefit in the primary election, but the recent history of elections in Philadelphia gives me every reason to believe it.

The whole country knows that Vare's nomination was partly bought, partly stolen. In a similar situation President Roosevelt refused to support a Republican candidate for United States Senator who had stolen his nomination. He said:

"I am in this fight for certain principles, and the first and most important of these goes back to Sinai, and is embodied in the commandment, 'Thou shalt not steal.' Thou shalt not steal a nomination. Thou shalt steal neither in politics nor in business. Thou shalt not steal from the people the birthright of the people to rule themselves."

"I hold, in the language of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, that 'stealing is stealing.' No people is wholly civilized where a distinction is drawn between stealing an office and stealing a purse. No truly honest man should be satisfied with an office to which his title is not as valid as that of the homestead which shelters his family."

Roosevelt refused to support Lorimer. A follower of Roosevelt need have no scruples in refusing to support Vare.

I shall take no active part in the campaign. When the time comes, I shall go to the polls and vote as my conscience dictates. As a Republican, I shall vote for a majority of Republican candidates.

Altoona Race Classic to be Run Tomorrow.

The 250-mile national championship race classic scheduled for the Altoona bowl tomorrow, September 18th, gives promise of a stellar attraction that will satisfy the most expectant lover of the sport.

A coterie of daring pilots, representing the highest type of America's professionals are in Altoona awaiting the crack of the starting bomb. The great roster of racing men under the jurisdiction of the American Automobile Association are recognized the world over.

To the sport loving followers goes the guarantee of an exceptional entertainment in speedway racing, Saturday. Altoona will be a drawing for those who desire the highest class of this form of sport. Eighteen cars only will be permitted to start. These will be selected by qualification tests from the field of twenty-three entrants held by the Association. The starting is promised promptly at 2.30 p. m. standard time.

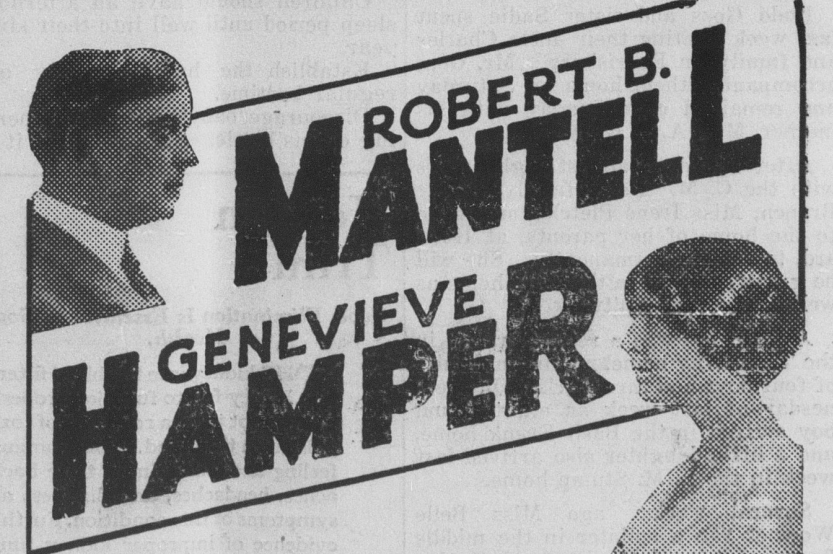
The cool weather of the forepart of the week evidently had a chilling effect on the truck gardeners of Centre county as less than a dozen cars were at the Bellefonte curb market on Wednesday morning. Truck growers in general complain about the wet weather and cool nights during most of August and the early part of this month playing havoc with garden crops. This was especially the case with cucumbers, many of which either rotted on the vines or became stunted and dropped off. One grower in College township, who had an acre of ground in cucumbers, stated that at one picking he got only about two bushels when he should have had from fifteen to twenty. The weather was also detrimental to the proper development and maturing of the tomato crop.

The condition of Miss Lois Foreman, who was taken to the Geisinger hospital at Danville two weeks ago, suffering from inflammation of the spinal cord, is now greatly improved. Nevin Noll a patient in the Centre County hospital is also rapidly recovering from his recent serious illness.

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