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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 L. BETTS,  
of Clearfield.

For Assemblyman,  
ANDREW CURTIN THOMPSON,  
of Phillipsburg.

## Heavy Fire Damages Asked of Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has been made defendant in six suits recently instituted in the Centre county court by residents of Centre and Huntingdon counties asking damages in the sum of \$76,000 for the destruction of woodlands by fire on April 8th, 1925, through the alleged carelessness of the defendant company in not having its locomotives properly equipped with efficient spark arresters.

The suits were filed by John G. Love Esq., of Bellefonte, and Hicks & Owen, of Tyrone, on behalf of the Tyrone Mining and Manufacturing company, a corporation; the Evergreen Hunting club, a corporation; Guy B. Rossman and Minnie C. Rossman, his wife; George B. Lake and Jean B. Lake, his wife; J. Raymond Huyer and Elrea E. Ellenberger. In their allegation the plaintiffs state that the fire in question burned over 3500 acres of ground, destroying much valuable timber and other property. A number of other property owners have not yet filed claims for damages.

The fire in question broke out in the Barrens, near Marengo, in west Ferguson township, but the most of the land burned over lies in Franklin township, Huntingdon county. Because of this fact the local attorney of the Pennsylvania railroad, John Blanchard Esq., will attempt to have the cases tried in Huntingdon county, where most of the alleged damage occurred.

## Alumni Homecoming at Penn State Tomorrow.

One of the largest crowds in the history of the town and campus at the Pennsylvania State College is expected this week-end when the seventh annual alumni homecoming day will be observed. The celebration starts to-night with an athletic mass meeting in advance of the football game tomorrow between Penn State and Syracuse University. It closes tomorrow night with a monster smoker and "cider party" in the armory.

More than 20,000 people are expected for the football game, several thousand of them graduates and former students of Penn State. There will be no classes for undergraduates tomorrow morning, for it is the biggest holiday of the entire year at the College. Three other intercollegiate athletic contests are scheduled in addition to the Varsity football encounter.

There will also be many visitors attracted to the annual State poultry production show this week-end.

A number of the schools are arranging special exhibits. In the mechanical engineering laboratory there will be shown a model of the three cylinder locomotive developed by the American Locomotive company.

A Halloween social will be held in the Methodist church on Thursday evening, October 28th, at eight o'clock. An interesting and humorous program is being planned. Refreshments will be served and a silver offering lifted. Everybody who can possibly do so is requested to go masked.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club of Bellefonte will be held in the Presbyterian chapel on Monday evening, Oct. 25, at 7:30. There will be a special musical program at 8:00 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited.

YERGER.—Mrs. Mary Teresa Yerger, wife of H. Elmer Yerger, passed away at the Centre County hospital at 3:33 o'clock on Tuesday morning. She was taken to the hospital on September 10th and underwent an operation for an obstruction of the bowels. She was apparently recovering from the trouble and during the latter part of the week was looking forward to going home this week but on Sunday she suffered a relapse, evidently the result of a reclosing of the bowels, and from that time she gradually grew worse until the end.

Mrs. Yerger was a daughter of Jacob and Emma Walker Rapp and was born in Snow Shoe on March 12th, 1871, hence had reached the age of 55 years, 7 months and 7 days. When she was a girl the family moved to Bellefonte and established their home here and on February 12th, 1897, she married Harry Elmer Yerger, of Bellefonte, and has lived here ever since. She was a faithful member of the Catholic church all her life.

She is survived by her husband and four children, Mrs. Joseph Kane, of Bellefonte; Mrs. H. J. Startzenbach, of Philadelphia; Misses Rebecca and Regina, at home. She also leaves her mother, two sisters and a brother, Misses Regina and Ruth Rapp, at home, and Charles Rapp, of New York city.

Funeral services will be held in St. John's Catholic church at 10 o'clock this (Friday) morning, by Rev. Father Downes, burial to be made in the Catholic cemetery.

BOTTORF.—Fred H. Bottorf died of exhaustion in a Cleveland, Ohio, hospital, at 12:30 o'clock last Saturday, following an operation for appendicitis.

He was a son of D. Hall and Winona Hess Bottorf and was born at Lemont, Centre county, on March 6th, 1900, making his age 26 years, 7 months and 10 days. He was a carpenter by occupation and had gone to Cleveland to make his home about eighteen months ago. In September, 1923, he married Miss Ruth Miller, of State College, who survives with no children. He leaves, however, his parents, living at State College, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Margaret Kerstetter, of Wilkingsburg; Mrs. Mary Sterns, of Lemont; Mrs. Mildred Dreibleis, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Francis R. and Charles Irvin Bottorf, both of State college. He was a member of the Bethlehem Congregational church, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The remains were brought to Centre county and taken to the home of the parents, at State College, where funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. W. J. Wagner, of Boalsburg, burial being made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

STRICKLAND.—Mrs. Nancy J. Strickland, widow of the late Cyrus Strickland, died at her home on Bishop street, last Friday morning, following several months illness as the result of a general breakdown.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huey and was born on the Branch on October 21st, 1838, hence was almost eighty-eight years old. As a young woman she married Cyrus Strickland and they at once took up their residence in Bellefonte and this had been her home ever since. She was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church. Her husband died about thirty-two years ago, but surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. M. I. Gardner, of Clearfield, and Mrs. Lester Sheffer, of Milroy. She was the last to pass away of her father's family.

Funeral services were held at the home of D. Paul Fortney, on east Bishop street, by Rev. W. C. Thompson, of the Presbyterian church, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

STEPHENS.—James C. Stephens, a veteran of the Civil war, died on October 9th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. L. Smith, at Centre Hall, following four months illness.

He was a son of William and Catherine Stephens and was born in Huntingdon county over eighty-six years ago. During the Civil war he served in Company B, 49th regiment. He married Miss Sarah Fulton who survives with three daughters, Mrs. Foster Charles, of Boalsburg; Mrs. T. L. Smith, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Herbert Stoffet, of Philadelphia. Burial was made at Pine Hall on October 11th.

ZETTLE.—M. A. Zettle, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Jersey Shore last Thursday evening following a brief illness. He was 62 years old and was born at Spring Mills. He was a baker by occupation and during his residence in Jersey Shore conducted a bakery up to two years ago, since which time he has been in the mercantile business. He is survived by his wife, four children, two sisters and one brother. Burial was made at Jersey Shore.

The pilot in charge of the night air mail plane west, on Tuesday night, had a rather remarkable experience for this time of year. When he reached the Allegheny mountain section he flew into a storm of rain, sleet and snow and it was so cold that the propeller blades and entire plane quickly became heavily coated with ice, and fearing that the unusual weight might force him down in the wilds of the Alleghenies he circled and flew back to Bellefonte, waiting until daylight Wednesday morning to continue his flight.



WILLIAM L. BETTS  
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## October Meeting of Bellefonte Chapter D. A. R.

It would perhaps not be amiss to characterize the proceedings of the October meeting of the Bellefonte Chapter D. A. R., (which was held at the University club, State College, the evening of October 7th, with Mrs. I. L. Foster, Mrs. R. D. Anthony, Mrs. P. B. Breneman, Mrs. E. M. Frear, Miss Lucretia Van Tuyl Simmons, of State College, and Miss Mildred Wieland, of Linden Hall, as hostesses) as inspirational, philanthropic, educational, artistic and social.

For after the rapping of the regent's gavel, all standing in an attitude of salute, joined in: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

When proceeding with the business in hand requests for support of various works were read; one among them for a contribution to the twenty thousand dollar fund for a window to be put by the D. A. R. in the Memorial chapel at Valley Forge, it being recalled that the Chapter had given \$50.00 last year no additional amount was voted for the window, but to start a chapter's student loan fund—the chapter's regent, Mrs. William Frear, is State chairman of the National D. A. R. student loan fund committee—\$25.00 was voted from the treasury and the way for any voluntary contributions by individuals to the fund was opened. This object meets ready, willing support for the loaning of money to struggling students which is repaid later when their earning power begins, has already been proven, in other organizations, a most worthy, a very gratifying work.

Those who had not attended the Sesqui-Centennial were given a vivid picture of High street and other interesting parts of the exhibition by Mrs. H. B. Shattuck and Mrs. W. F. Dunaway, while Mrs. Shattuck's mother, Mrs. John W. Stuart, made all present almost willing to have suffered the inconveniences (such as lost trunks) incident to a visit to the 1876 Centennial, to have had the opportunity of seeing that first great "fair," and of having a memory of it.

Miss Clemson played the piano very delightfully, two selections from modern composers, and then, whether our appetites needed whetting, or whether quantity were the question in the matter of refreshments, the hostesses had anticipated every circumstance.

## Howard High School will Stage a Halloween Carnival.

A Halloween carnival will be held by the Howard High school on Saturday evening, October 30th. Activities will begin with a parade which will form at the old school house and after covering the principal streets of the town will return to the starting point to disband. The parade will be made up of floats and people in costumes and masks. Everyone who registers with the alumni association will receive a number and be eligible for the prizes to be awarded.

Immediately following the parade a brief open-air entertainment will be held, weather permitting. This will be followed by a masquerade box social in the old school building. Fifty cents admission will be charged all ladies who fail to take boxes, while the men will be admitted free.

Various games will be played and refreshments served. Special amusements will be provided for the little folks, and a small admission fee will be charged for youngsters. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the High school athletic association. Preparations are being made to entertain a large crowd.

One of the biggest sales of household furniture held in Bellefonte in many years will be that at the Holz home, on south Spring street, on Thursday, October 28th. Owing to the fact that the quantity of goods to be offered is so large the sale will begin promptly at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

We admitted several weeks ago that we would probably make a botch of it regulating the weather but if we just had a try at it for a week we would send Jupiter Pluvius off on a vacation and order a few days of continuous sunshine.

## Brief Meeting of Borough Council on Monday Evening.

Mr. Corman, who lives on east Lamb street, appeared before borough council, at its regular meeting on Monday evening, and asked for an extension of the sewer line to his property. The matter was referred to the Street committee for investigation.

C. F. Tate also asked for sewer connection with the house he is building on the rear of his property on Pike alley. This was also referred to the Street committee.

Ivan Walker, trustee, asked for a rebate on water taxes on the property of the late John M. Shugert, on east Linn street, for the reason that the water had been turned off in October, 1925. Referred to the Water committee.

The Street committee reported digging the ditch for the extension of the sewer on east Bishop street, and also cleaning up the streets.

The Water committee reported having made a test of the water flow at the new property of George C. Bingham, on east Curtin street, and found fifteen pounds pressure there. The committee also reported having made the tap and put on a meter on the Coleville water line for the new brick plant of E. Zimmerli. The committee also reported that the uncollected portion of the 1925 water duplicate amounting to \$3498.53, had been withdrawn from the Keystone Power corporation, and with the meter bills totalling \$1463.05, had been turned over to the borough manager for collection.

The Finance committee asked for the renewal of one note for \$630 and reported that the borough treasurer had paid off two notes for a total of \$6000.

The Fire and Police committee reported that the Undine fire company had responded to a call for its services at the fire at Rebersburg, last Friday, and while most of the barns were burned down when they got there they did good work in preventing the fire from spreading.

Mr. Cunningham reported that one of the residents on Pine street had ordered a tap into the new sewer on Stony Batter, and he recommended that every property holder up there be required to tap the sewer as a safety measure to the big spring.

Mr. Cunningham further reported that the committee had exercised the power granted it at the last meeting of council and engaged a secretary for the borough manager. The action was approved by council.

After another lengthy discussion of the sewer question without arriving at any definite conclusion bills were approved to the amount of \$1346.22, after which council adjourned.

## Champion Academy Team Gets Loving Cup from Red Grange.

Outstanding news values on the sporting pages of the metropolitan press for several years have been the Bellefonte Academy football team, recognized as the champion Prep. school aggregation of the country, and Red Grange, "the galloping ghost" of the gridiron.

The celebrities met in spirit in a local theatre here last Monday night. It was the occasion of a senior football warrior recognizing the skill of juniors who might some day even dim the luster of his fame.

Grange, through a representative, presented the Academy team with a handsome silver loving cup. The presentation was made by Prof. Arthur H. Sloop, superintendent of the Bellefonte public schools, and accepted by coach Carl G. Shavely on the part of the boys who have carried the blue and gold of the Academy to the top of the country's pennant pole.

And here's hoping they keep them there in 1926.

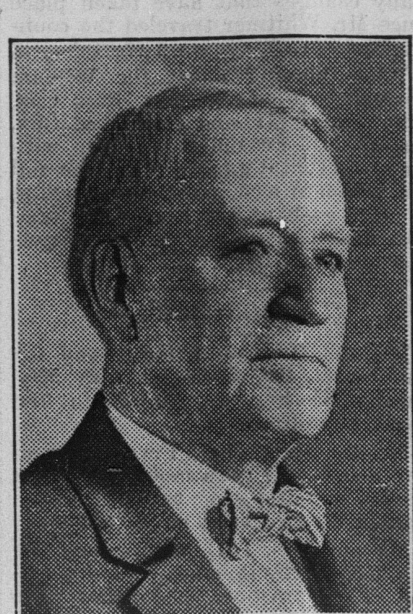
## Hi-Vue Resort, near Sandy Ridge, Destroyed by Fire.

Hi-Vue, the new hotel resort erected on the mountain summit, near Sandy Ridge, during the summer by Otto Adamitz, was entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour on Tuesday morning; together with a big garage and oil and gas filling station. The loss is placed at \$40,000, on which there was some insurance. The fire originated in the basement of the building and although firemen from Oseola Mills and Phillipsburg responded to a call for help, their presence was practically useless, as there was no water supply available. Whether the hotel will be rebuilt or not has not yet been decided upon.

The science department of the High school will appreciate the donation of copies of the National Geographic Magazine after the subscribers are through with them. Persons desirous of rendering this service may hand the copies to any High school teacher. Send them to the High school, or call the Allegheny street building and they will be collected.

Republican women of Bellefonte and vicinity have arranged for a dinner and meeting at the Bush house next Monday evening. Plans are being made for the entertainment of about one hundred.

Marriage licenses were granted at Hagerstown, Md., on Saturday, to Roy Samuel Schaeffer and Catherine L. Simco, and H. Lee Hockenberry and Katherine M. McCullough, all of Bellefonte.



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## Centre County Teachers' Institute will be Held Next Week.

The annual teachers' institute for Centre county will be held in Bellefonte next week. The principal sessions will be held in the court house, as usual, while sectional sessions will be held in the High school building, on Allegheny street. This will be the first institute to be presided over by the new county superintendent, Glenn C. Rodgers, who has arranged a very good program. Among the instructors whom he has secured for the week are ex-Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, now president of Juniata College, at Huntingdon; Jonas E. Wagner, of the Department of Public Instruction, at Harrisburg, and a former superintendent of the Bellefonte public schools; Dr. W. G. Chambers, of State College, and others who will probably prove just as interesting. Prof. J. V. Yoder, of Ivyland, has been secured to take charge of the musical part of the program.

There are now 355 school teachers in Centre county, and all are expected to attend the institute. A large number of them, however, will motor to Bellefonte in the morning in time for the opening of the sessions and return home after the close of the afternoon session, so that Bellefonte will not be over-crowded at any time. However enough of the teachers from the districts furthest away from Bellefonte will be here for the week to take up all the available room in the Bellefonte hotels, with a number stopping at private homes.

## Clearfield Business Man Died from Shock in Auto Wreck.

Death from shock in an auto wreck, last Saturday morning, was the fate of Harry Walther, a well known young business man of Clearfield, while his young woman companion, Miss Marguerite Murray, of Curwensville, escaped with only a few bruises. The two young people had attended a dance at Houtzdale and were on their way to the young woman's home when the accident occurred.

They left Houtzdale about twelve o'clock and reached Clearfield shortly after one. They stopped there for lunch then started for Curwensville. A heavy fog prevailed at the time and near Riverview bridge the car ran off the road and turned turtle, landing upside down and pinning both occupants underneath. The accident happened about two o'clock in the morning and it was over three hours later when the wrecked car was discovered by a negro watchman on his way home. He promptly summoned help and the man and woman were released. Only slight bruises were found on Walther's body and a physician said the shock killed him. Miss Murray had a few minor bruises and she was taken to the Clearfield hospital for observation but no serious trouble in her case is anticipated.

The home of Rev. William C. Thompson has been quarantined the past several weeks for scarlet fever. All of the children have been ill, but none seriously, and they are now on the way to recovery. Mrs. Thompson, who has been in the Geisinger hospital, at Danville, where she underwent an operation, has recovered to that extent that she will probably be brought home in a day or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Craft have moved from the house they have occupied on Spring street, this place, for some years, to Pleasant Gap. The move is being made in order that Mr. Craft may be nearer to his work as a superintendent at Whiteoak quarries located at the latter place.

A new heating boiler of five thousand cubic feet capacity is this week being installed in the Y. M. C. A., the old boiler not being of sufficient heating capacity to properly heat the association building, gymnasium, etc.

Some farmers in Centre county have started husking their corn. Others are just cutting theirs while quite a number still have some plowing to do for their fall wheat crop.

Many a real estate speculator has been able to "make a mountain out of a molehill."

## Government Anxious to Give Airmail Out by Contract.

Advices from Washington indicate that the Postoffice Department will, in the near future, ask for bids for carrying the trans-continental air mail as well as the night mail between New York and Chicago. It has been evident for some time that the Department has been anxious to turn the air-mail over to a private corporation which would also carry express, freight and passengers. In the event the carrying of the mail is taken over by private interests the question of the Bellefonte field as a landing place may become problematical. Of course it may be some time before the Department will be able to secure a reliable bidder, and until that time the mail will be carried as usual. Details of the intention of the Department are outlined in the following news dispatch sent out from Washington last Friday:

The Government intends to relinquish operation of the transcontinental air mail service.

Within thirty days the Postmaster General will call for bids for its operation by private enterprise.

With the passage by the last Congress of legislation placing the Department of Commerce in charge of commercial aviation, Postmaster General New said he felt the time has arrived when the Postoffice Department could step out.

The department has on hand about eighty-five airplanes, fifteen hangers, situated at flying fields all over the country, and shop equipment worth several million dollars.

The Postmaster General reiterated that no company could successfully operate a commercial air service on a mail contract alone, also must be prepared to transport passengers and express. This condition, he said, would be all the more applicable to the contractor who took over the line now being operated by the Postoffice Department.

Mr. New is planning for charges in air mail postage rates that will make them more uniform and provide a flat rate regardless of distance.

In addition to the transfer of the continental line to private contractors the overnight New York-Chicago service also will be let by contract to private operation. The bids for the two services will be returnable sixty days after the date of the advertisement.

It has never been the intention of the Postoffice Department to continue permanently the operation of the air mail service, the Postmaster General said, the plan being to develop it to a point where its feasibility could be demonstrated and then turn it over as commercial flying companies became strong enough to handle it.

So far as the Bellefonte landing field is concerned, it is under lease for a period of ten years, with the proviso, however, that the lease can be terminated at any time by giving three months notice.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Residence and Garage, 203 east Linn St., 15th-16th floors. Inquire of H. N. Crider, 112 south Harvard Ave., Ventnor, N. J. 71-4-T.

ARM FOR RENT—100 acres at Fillmore, occupied by C. W. Biddle. Address: F. D. Hartsock, 436 Chesapeake St., Binghamton, N. Y. or inquire of J. L. Hartsock, Buffalo Run. 71-42-3t

CAUTION.—My wife, Mrs. Lizzie Herman, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation I hereby caution the public not to harbor or trust her on my account as I will not be responsible for any bills she may contract. 71-41-3t

JOSEPH HERMAN, Mingoville, Pa.

WANTED.—Middle aged man. Hustlers make \$40 to \$100 weekly selling Whitmer's guaranteed line of toilet articles, soaps, spices, extracts and medicines. Centre county open now. Team or car needed. Experience unnecessary. Salesmanship taught FREE. Start making good money this fall. Write today. THE H. C. WHITMER COMPANY. 71-41-3t Dept. 25, Columbus, Indiana.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary upon the estate of Debra H. Benner, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the same must present them, duly authenticated, for settlement. W. HARRISON WALKER, Executor. 71-39-6t

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Centre County, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of Michael H. Spicher, Administrator, et al., of Catherine Spicher, late of Centre County, deceased, will hold a meeting in the office of Orvis, Zerby & Dale, in Temple Court, Bellefonte, Pa., on Thursday, November 18th, at ten A. M., at which time and place all persons in interest may appear and be heard. 71-41-3t ELLIS L. ORVIS, Auditor.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of alias writs of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bellefonte Borough on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 1926, the following property: All that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land situated in Ferguson Township, Centre county, Penna., bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at stones on land, now or formerly of William Bloom and Henry Frey; thence by Centre Furnace company's compromise line, North 32 1/2 degrees West 211 perches to stones; thence South 53 1/2 degrees West 63 perches; thence by lands, now or late of Abraham Pifer, South 34 degrees 211 perches to stones; thence North 56 degrees East 61 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 83 acres and 117 perches. Excepting thereout the iron ore, etc., right as formerly reserved by the Pennsylvania Company.

Being the same premises which Jacob Cramer and Wife, by their deed of April 3rd, 1922, and intended to be recorded and even date herewith granted and conveyed the same to Alice G. Brungard of the first part hereto, this mortgage being part of the consideration named therein.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Alice G. Brungard and Oliver B. Brungard, Sheriff of Centre County. Sale to commence at 1:30 o'clock p. m. of said day. E. R. TAYLOR, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Bellefonte, Pa., Oct. 12th, 1926. 71-41-3t