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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

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For County Commissioners,
JOHN S. SPEARLY.

C. M. PARRISH.

For County Auditor,
O. J. STOVER.

H. E. GARBICK.

Miscellaneous Business Transacted by Borough Council.

Just seven members were present at the regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, the absentees being Mr. Reynolds, of the North ward, and Mr. Flack, of the South.

Charles F. Cook was present and made complaint regarding the action of borough manager J. D. Seibert in cutting an iron sewer pipe connection that he had put in for connecting two of his properties with the sewer on Pike alley. Mr. Cook claimed that he paid twenty dollars toward the sewer when it was put down two years ago and also paid for the tap, but the latter had never been made until recently. Mr. Seibert contended that Mr. Cook had been given all the taps he was entitled to and refused to pay the \$30 fee for the new tap and that is the reason he cut it off. The matter was referred to the Street committee for investigation and report.

A communication was received from the county commissioners relative to the resignation of Herbert Auman as tax collector, and suggesting that the borough and county elect the same individual as his successor. In this connection written applications for the appointment were received from Miss Sarah M. Love and O. A. Kline, the latter now collector of the school taxes. President Walker referred the matter to the Finance committee for consultation with the county commissioners and overseers of the poor and report at a special meeting that was held on Wednesday evening.

The Street committee reported various repairs and cleaning of streets.

The Water committee reported the collection of \$329 on the water tax duplicates.

The Finance committee requested the renewal of three notes aggregating \$2830 and also the execution of new loans totaling \$4000 to meet current bills.

The Fire and Police committee reported that the seventy-two fire hydrants in town have all been tested and repainted, and that all are in good condition.

The Village Improvement committee reported that the street markers have arrived in Bellefonte and are ready to be put up in locations to be designated by the Street committee.

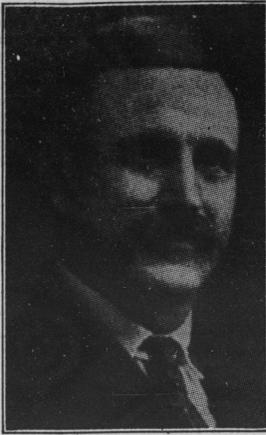
Mr. Brouse stated that a resident on Quaker hill, named Bailey, was anxious to have a sewer connection but the sewer is on the opposite side of the street from his house, and he wants council to lay the sewer across the street to the curb. President Walker stated that he believed that was the usual method and he referred the matter to the Street committee with power.

Mr. Brouse also reported to council that the Bush estate, with a view of improving the entrance to the Bush house, desires to move the electric light standard now owned by the borough and use it as one of the supports for a marquee to be built out over the pavement. They will pay for the standard and will substitute sufficient light around the ceiling of the marquee to compensate for the removal of the borough light, and will also pay for the light. The matter was referred to the Street committee with power.

Bills totalling \$4053.91 were approved for payment after which council adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening.

A few evenings ago James K. Barnhart and Oscar Zimmerman drove over to the Seven mountains to catch sight of a deer, if possible. They stopped in the vicinity of the Sun Set club and Walter Gherry's retreat and counted sixty-eight in a short time. They saw only three bucks, however. There were seven in Walter's corn field and that would look as though they are as fond of his corn as they are of his potatoes.

Our Candidates for Commissioner.



JOHN S. SPEARLY.

Candidate for County Commissioner, is a son of Charles and Anne Spearly and was born in Snow Shoe on Christmas day, 1871. His mother having died when he was very young the home was broken up and the children had to strike out for themselves. John found work and a home on the farms in Buffalo Run valley where he went to school and worked so diligently as to win the helpful interest of all who knew of his struggle. For 15 years he was a farmers' "hireling" then he had grown big enough for a man's job and sought work at the Taylor ore mines where he labored for three years for 80 cents a day. Always on the look out for something better a job at a dollar a day in the Bellefonte stone quarries appealed to him and he worked there for eighteen months then joined the force at Wagner's Roopsburg mill where he stayed until he rented a Reynolds farm and went back to the soil. Later he bought the farm and resided there until building his present home in Bush Addition, Bellefonte.

While a resident of Benner township he filled almost all of the township offices creditably. He was tax collector of the township for fifteen years and settled every duplicate but two in full. The two he was compelled to ask for small exonerations in because of conditions over which he had no control.

Mr. Spearly is married and has five children, he with his family being affiliated with the Evangelical church.

His record as one of the commissioners during the past four years speaks for itself. He should be re-elected because an experienced man is needed in the office. Otherwise all three of the officers would be strangers to its duties and it is not well for private or public business of such a nature to fall into hands wholly unacquainted with its conduct.

Ruth Elder admits that she said a little prayer as she was donning her life-saving suit that stormy Wednesday night when it seemed almost certain that her plane would fall into the merciless Atlantic. It might not have been an eleventh hour appeal in Ruth's case, but the world is too full of scoffers who go to their knees in supplication to the only real Helper when they see fate writing Finis on the wall.

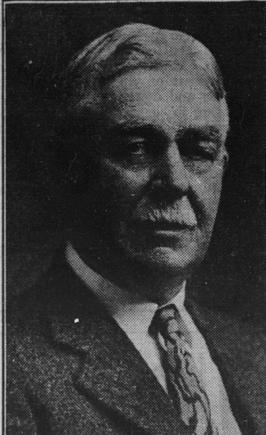
Nittany Lions Wallop the Quakers, at Philadelphia.

Saturday was a day of upsets in football prognostications and one of the most startling was the decisive victory of Penn State over the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. Just a week previous State had been downed by Bucknell and U. of P. had won a splendid victory over Brown, so that by all manner of reasoning the Quakers had by far the best look. But when they met on the gridiron, on Saturday afternoon, State outplayed her opponents at every stage of the game, although it was not until the third period that she was able to cross the Quaker's goal line. In the fourth period two more touchdowns were made which, made the score 20 to 0 in favor of the Nittany lions. This was State's first victory over the Quakers since 1923. Today State will go to Syracuse where tomorrow they will test their merits against Syracuse University.

The Bellefonte Academy met its first reverse of the season, at Greensburg on Saturday, when the Pitt Panther Yearlings won the game by a 12 to 7 score. Hood, who for several seasons was the Academy's flashy fullback, played the same position with the Pitt Freshmen and made one of the touchdowns against the Academy. Though they lost the game the Academy played good football and the defeat was not at all creditable.

The Bellefonte High school eleven journeyed to Mount Union and played the High school football team of that place, on Saturday afternoon, winning by the score of 30 to 0. At no stage of the game was the Bellefonte goal line seriously threatened.

It might be interesting to note that the much heralded Lock Haven High went up to Altoona, on Saturday, in gaily bedecked cars, to take the scalp of the Altoona boys, but lost the game



C. M. PARRISH.

Candidate for Commissioner of Centre county is a native of Cambria county, but has lived in Centre so long that he has become a very highly respected adopted son. He was born in Ebensburg and is a son of the late J. D. Parrish, a well known contractor of that place.

As a boy he learned the printing trade and spent six years as a compositor in the shops of Ebensburg. Then he decided to become a pharmacist and entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia. Working in a store in the city all the while he was studying he was graduated and returned to Cresson to conduct a store of his own. Later he had stores in Altoona and Bellwood and in 1889 came to Bellefonte to open the business he has conducted ever since.

Mr. Parrish is one of our town's best known business men. He has been actively engaged here for nearly forty years so that there has been ample opportunity for the community to know him and appraise the sterling character that is his. We want a business administration in the Commissioner's office. It is the work-shop of the County. All the other offices are routine work but the Commissioners have new problems to solve every day. Roads are to be improved, bridges built, supplies bought and a budget made so that taxes are levied only in sufficiency to meet the obligations made.

When, through his sense of duty, a business man offers to take a position that pays as little as the County Commissioner's office does it seems to us it is good business to accept the offer. As a matter of fact the Commissioner's office ought to pay the highest salary in the court house. If you had a business running into hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly you wouldn't think of putting a thousand dollar man in charge of it. It is only when sound, successful business men like Dr. Parrish feel it their duty to make a sacrifice for the public that the County gets the benefit of their experience.

The late A. J. Griest was a business man. William H. Noll Jr. was a business man. Who can say that the county ever had better Commissioners than they were.

Let us elect Mr. Parrish and try another one.

6 to 0. Just a week previous Bellefonte downed the Altoona eleven 27 to 6, and now the question arises as to the comparative strength of the Lock Haven and Bellefonte teams for their annual game at Lock Haven on Thanksgiving. Bellefonte won last year's game and is going to make a hard try to turn the trick again this year. Up to the present the locals have not lost a game. Tomorrow they will play the Catholic High, of Altoona, on Hughes field, and it is due the players that a large crowd be present to cheer them on to another victory.

Pheasant Flies Through Window of L. A. Schaeffer Home.

On Tuesday afternoon the maid at the L. A. Schaeffer home, on east Curtin street, was badly frightened by a crash of breaking glass in the upper part of the house. Afraid to go upstairs to locate the cause she decided to go out and take a look. On the north side of the house she discovered a broken window, a large pane of glass being smashed almost to smithereens. Securing a long pole the girl managed to close the shutters on the window then went over to the Rankin home and recounted what had happened.

Miss Lillian Rankin went along back with her and together they went upstairs to investigate. Going to the window they found concealed behind the curtain a pheasant, the bird having flown through the heavy glass window, and had not yet recovered from the stunning blow of the impact. Miss Rankin and the maid put the pheasant in a box and that evening gave it feed to eat. Wednesday morning the bird was released by Mr. Schaeffer and it lost no time in flying back to the mountain.

Boys or young men, on Wednesday night broke about thirty dollars worth of windows in the High school building, presumably while Hallowe'ning.

DECKER.—John D. Decker, the oldest office holder in Centre county, and probably in the State, died at his home in Decker valley, Potter township, at 6.30 o'clock on Wednesday morning as the result of a general breakdown, though he had been ill only a brief time.

He was born in Decker valley, near where he died, ninety-three years ago and all his long life had been spent in the foothills of the Seven mountains where he farmed the old homestead. He was a staunch Republican and in 1887 was elected county commissioner, serving one term of three years, being defeated for the nomination for a second term in 1890 by James B. Stroh. In 1917 Mr. Decker became a candidate for jury commissioner on the Republican ticket was successful and was re-elected in 1921 and 1925, hence had served in that office almost ten years. He was an enthusiastic hunter and during his long life had killed upwards of one hundred deer. He was a member of the Reformed church at Tusseyville and a good citizen in every way.

He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Martha Pfoust and his second Louise Rocky, both of whom preceded him to the grave. Surviving him, however, are the following children: Miss Alice Decker, at home; Ella, wife of B. Franklin Boal, of Peru; Martha, wife of Robert Pierson, of Altoona; Thomas, of Milroy, and Logan, of Shamokin. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. James Weagley, of Spring Mills.

Funeral services will be held at the Reformed church at Tusseyville tomorrow (Saturday) morning, at nine o'clock, burial to be made in the Tusseyville cemetery.

LONG.—Mrs. Amelia Long, widow of John B. Long, for many years a resident of Philipsburg, died on Tuesday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Dornblazer, at Penfield, near Philadelphia, following an illness of some weeks.

She was a daughter of David and Mary Parsons, and was born near Unionville, in Bald Eagle valley, on July 23rd, 1851, hence was in her seventy-seventh year. She was a direct descendant of Thomas Parsons, the first white settler in Bald Eagle valley. In March, 1868, she married John B. Long, of Ontario, and after a few years spent in Bald Eagle valley they located in Philipsburg where Mr. Long became a prominent lumber operator. He died in 1917, but surviving Mrs. Long is her daughter, Mrs. Dornblazer, one sister and a brother, Mrs. David E. Dunlap, of Columbus, Ohio, and Jonathan Parsons, of State College.

The remains were taken to Philipsburg where funeral services were held and burial made on Friday morning.

CONFER.—Mrs. Mary E. Confer, widow of Henry Confer, died on Tuesday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Horace Schenck, in Howard, following an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of John and Nancy Gardner, was born in Howard and lived there most of her life. Her husband has been dead for some years but surviving her are the following children: Delbert Confer, of Tyrone; Charles, of Niagara Falls; Robert and Hensyl, of Howard; Walter, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Alonzo Henderson; Mrs. Maude Lass and Mrs. Verna Gross, of Niagara Falls; Mrs. Horace Schenck, Mrs. Fred Bechdel and Miss Nellie, of Howard. She also leaves two brothers and four sisters, Edward Gardner and Mrs. Alvin Pifer, of Howard; Mrs. Jennie Trexler, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Samuel Smith, Mrs. Mitchell and Charles Gardner, of Berwick. Burial was made in Schenck's cemetery on Friday afternoon.

DUGAN.—Mrs. Susanna Beck Dugan, widow of John Dugan, died on Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. Frank Deitrick, Bellefonte, following a brief illness. For some time past she had been making her home with her son Charles, at Lakemont, Altoona, but came to Bellefonte on a visit, became ill and died on Sunday.

Her maiden name was Susanna Beck and she was born in Pennsylvania seventy-five years ago. Her husband has been dead a number of years but surviving her are the following children: Mrs. B. Frank Deitrick, Bellefonte; Edward and Simon Dugan, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Mary Venrick, of Centre Hall; John H., William and Charles D. Dugan, all of Altoona. She also leaves one brother, James Beck, of Penn's Cave.

Funeral services were held at the Deitrick home on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Bellefonte Union cemetery.

SMOYER.—Miss Lucy Catherine Smoyer passed away last Saturday, at the home of her brother, James Smoyer, on east Beaver street. She had been a sufferer with hardening of the arteries for several years but had been critically ill only ten days prior to her death.

She was a daughter of William and Susanna Smoyer and was born at Runville on March 22nd, 1857, hence had attained the age of 70 years, 6 months and 24 days. The greater part of her life was spent in Boggs township but of late years she had made her home with her brother in Bellefonte. In addition to her brother James she is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Dora Rine, Mrs. Allen Baney and Mrs. Tillie Woods, of Bellefonte;

Mrs. Mary Shank, of Mount Eagle, and Mrs. Alice Yeager, of Jersey Shore.

Rev. A. C. Thompson, pastor of the Methodist church at Unionville, had charge of the funeral services which were held at the James Smoyer home at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Advent cemetery, in Boggs township.

HARSHBERGER.—Frank M. Harshberger, a native of Centre county, died at an Altoona hospital last Thursday morning, following an illness of ten days. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Harshberger and was born in Pennsylvania on October 27, 1894, hence was not quite 33 years old. He had been a resident of Altoona for ten years. Surviving him are his wife, his father, now living in Altoona, and the following brothers and sisters: William, Henry, Maxwell and J. Edward Harshberger, Mrs. D. R. McCool and Mrs. Garis, all of Altoona, and Mrs. Grover Weaver, of Centre Hall. The remains were taken to State College on Sunday afternoon where funeral services were held and burial made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

Many Deer Killed by Farmers for Property Protection.

The State Game Commission, on Monday, announced that during the month of September farmers of the State killed 141 deer as a matter of protection to their farm crops.

Several weeks ago the Watchman published an item of one farmer on Spruce Creek who has killed during the past few years thirty-nine deer to keep them from destroying his crops. In one day recently he killed three, two bucks and a doe.

As an idea of how destructive deer may become is a story told by Walter Gherry about the deer over in the Seven mountains. He avers that they almost ruined his potato patch. Not content with eating the tops the deer would paw the tubers out of the ground and eat them, too. In order to protect his crop Mr. Gherry was compelled to construct a wire fence around the patch to keep the deer away.

Under the law farmers have the right to kill deer caught in the act of destroying their crops and are entitled to keep the meat as remuneration for their loss, but they are required to notify the game warden of every deer killed. Up in Spruce Creek valley, it is said, so many deer have been killed that the farmers could not use all the venison and some of it was fed to the hogs.

Notwithstanding the depredations of the deer, however, hunters generally protest against the ruling of the State Game Commission to employ expert marksmen to kill the surplus does. They aver that the hunter who pays his license fee for the privilege of hunting should be given preference. And their argument seems well founded.

Daniel LeRoy Snavely, the convict of the Huntingdon reformatory and the young man who is blamed with assaulting a little girl in Penn township, Centre county, was arrested in Erie county, last Thursday, and taken back to Huntingdon for identification as the man who had committed the assault in Centre county as well as other crimes in Huntingdon and Blair counties. After being identified by one of the boys assaulted Snavely made a complete confession and will be tried in Huntingdon county.

A Hallowe'en social will be held at the United Brethren church on Friday evening, October 28th. The public is invited to attend in costume. Admission 10 cents. Refreshments free.

Don't borrow your neighbor's paper to see what is going on. Subscribe for the Watchman.

Penn State More Than Paying Back What the State Gives It.

Penn State's service to the farmers of the State was pictured vividly recently by Dean R. L. Watts. He explained the threefold service of the School of Agriculture in terms of men, grain, and money.

In 1906, after the usual period of instruction, the college graduated Charles F. Noll, who promptly entered research work. Three years of testing proved that a new wheat yielded five bushels to the acre more than any other variety. Had the work stopped there, Pennsylvania 44 would not have been very beneficial to the farmers.

However, the extension workers carried the good news of this new variety out into the State. In 1921 the experiment station distributed 2500 bushels which were sown on 1,500 acres. In 1919 and in 1924, government surveys of wheat varieties and acreages showed a remarkable increase in the use of Pennsylvania 44. The 1924 survey revealed 22.8 per cent. of the acreage growing the Penn State wheat. Since then the good qualities of the wheat have brought still wider use so that fully one-third of the total area now is growing "44."

This amounts to 350,000 acres, the dean declares. If the increase of five bushels still obtains this means a total of 1,750,000 more bushels than would be possible with the old types. Conservatively, this number of bushels is worth \$2,000,000 without any additional expenditure by the farmers. During the next two years, the dean says, the net additional earnings of the farmers due to this variety will be at least \$4,000,000, a sum equal to the last legislative appropriation to the college for the two years 1927 to 1929, and which included \$1,000,000 for buildings. Penn State is more than paying its way, for this is but one of many examples of service in teaching, research and extension.

Pfoust-Barto.—William Raymond Pfoust, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pfoust, and Miss Thelma F. Barto, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barto, both of Pennsylvania Furnace, were married at State College, at four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of last week, by Rev. C. W. Rishel, pastor of the Methodist church. They were attended by Prof. C. M. Barto and sister, Miss Helen Barto.

Immediately following the ceremony the bridal party motored to the home of the bride where a delicious wedding dinner was served at 6.30 o'clock, a number of invited guests being present. Later in the evening the calithumpians made their appearance and gave the young couple a rousing serenade. Mr. and Mrs. Pfoust will take up their residence at State College where the bridegroom is employed.

Under a decree handed down by Judge Furst, in the local court, the widow of William J. Mallory who died in Rebersburg, April 29, 1921, will be entitled to share in the estate amounting to \$50,000, left by her late husband. He made his money mining in Arizona. In his will he did not mention his wife, so his relatives contested her right to a share on the ground that she had deserted him.

Will Rogers, mayor of Hollywood, cowboy and comedian, was in Bellefonte Wednesday for ten minutes. He was a passenger on an east bound plane that stopped at the local field to refuel.

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