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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

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Secure a Library for Centre County.

The Pennsylvania law empowers County Commissioners everywhere to levy a tax not exceeding two mills for a circulating county library without vote of the people.

Our neighboring States are voting three or four mills. On the November ballot will be found opportunity to vote requesting our County Commissioners to levy a tax of a single mill for the purpose of establishing a library for Centre county.

This will mean a tax of one dollar on each thousand of assessed valuation of property and occupation. It will provide a fund of about \$17,360.00. If this amount is divided by the population of the county, it means that each man, woman and child will have thirty-seven cents worth of books. But instead of possessing one thirty-seven cent book he will have access and may read everybody else's book. In other words, a share in five or six thousand books in return for his tax of one mill.

Centre county has a population of 46,000, has 10,800 school children, 243 schools and no public library. A city of like population could not be found without a library.

The sum of \$17,000.00 yearly will provide a trained librarian, will buy and maintain a truck with which to exchange the books in every neighborhood and will purchase \$10,000.00 worth of books and periodicals.

If you want these books and this service which is coming to you so cheaply vote "Yes" on the November ballot.

ONE WHO FAVORS LIBRARY.

More Prized Relics Added to the State Museum.

Several weeks ago the Watchman told of an old tub mill, found while dredging out John McCoy's dam, having been taken to Harrisburg as one of the prize relics in the State museum.

Another recent addition to the museum is a fine type fluid lamp, donated by former Judge James C. Furst, Bellefonte, who also previously donated several valuable Indian artifacts.

Several specimens of early glass and pottery have been added to this museum as well as several other very old lamps. There was recently placed on exhibition five Betty lamps which used bear fat and lard. These are made of brass and iron and are unusually handsome in design and very unusual in appearance. These lamps may be found in the case, which is devoted to the development of light in the early days of Pennsylvania history.

The sword of William P. Dale, native of Centre county, captain of Company 1, 136th Pennsylvania Volunteers, was presented by Ralph Emerick. This sword was carried by Captain Dale in the battles of second Bull Run, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. Captain Dale died at his home in Camp Hill, April 21, 1910.

Kiwanians Did More Than Eat on Tuesday.

The Kiwanis club met at the Brockert Tuesday noon to hear the report of the delegates to the recent Pennsylvania district convention at Uniontown. Kiwanian Ed. Owens was the spokesman and gave an interesting and full report of that gathering.

The report of the directors was presented and the sum of one hundred dollars was granted the local Y. M. C. A. L. C. Heineman announced a community Halloween party in the gym of the "Y" on the evening of the 31st, and the club voted a sum of money to be used for prizes.

The speaker of the meeting of the 23rd will be former Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, and committee arrangements were made for the birthday party the evening of the 30th. The presence of the following guests was acknowledged: Past district governor Herbert Moore, Kiwanians Washburn and Edgar Swartz, of Punxsutawney; W. H. Vaux, of Baltimore; Don Gingery, of Clearfield; Emil Kant, of State College; W. P. Gettman and P. F. Neiderman, of Altoona, and Edward L. Kohnle, of Dayton, Ohio.

WARD.—Ferguson township lost another of its old-time citizens in the death, at 9:30 o'clock last Thursday morning, of William B. Ward, at his home in Pine Grove Mills. He had been in feeble health for some time and his death was the result of a general breakdown.

A son of Joseph and Mary Gill Ward he was born in Pine Grove Mills on December 24th, 1859, hence was in his seventieth year. He was educated in the public schools of his home town and at the old Pine Grove Academy, and when he grew to manhood he followed in the footsteps of his father by learning the carpenter trade, an occupation he followed all his life. Many buildings in Pine Grove Mills and surrounding country bear the imprint of his trade as an efficient and thorough workman. He was a member of the Pine Grove band and for many years its leader. A life-long member of the Methodist church he was upright and honest in all his dealings, and his word was at all times as good as a bond.

When twenty-two years old he married Amanda Saucerman, who died in 1915. Of their seven children the following survive: James C. Ward, of Beaver; Mrs. W. G. Grove, of Juniata; Mrs. Fred Doerfler, of Pittsburgh; Simon E., of State College; H. B., Edna and Rhetta, at home. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: George Ward, of Pittsburgh; Herbert, of Philadelphia; Misses Clara, Lucetta and Mary, of Pine Grove Mills. He also leaves eleven grand-children.

Funeral services were held at his late home, at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, by Rev. Norris, of Mount Union, burial being made in the new cemetery at Pine Grove Mills.

McMURTRIE.—David McMurtie, for the past twenty-six years a traveling salesman for Robert Shoemaker & Co., wholesale druggists, of Philadelphia, died at his home in Altoona, on Sunday afternoon, following an illness of more than three years as the result of a stroke of apoplexy.

He was a son of Robert A. and Maria W. McMurtie and was born in Hollidaysburg on February 5th, 1869, hence was in his sixtieth year. As a young man he took up the study of pharmacy and after his graduation worked on several occasions in the P. P. Green drug store in Bellefonte. Later he became associated with a Mr. Akers and conducted a drug store in Altoona under the firm name of McMurtie & Akers. Twenty-six years ago he sold his store and became a traveling salesman.

On October 13th, 1894, he married Miss Grace Furst, formerly of Bellefonte, who survives with one son, Robert McMurtie, of Altoona. He also leaves one sister, Miss Sarah McMurtie, of Hollidaysburg. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made at Hollidaysburg.

HOMAN.—Park R. Homan, well known business man, of State College, died on Sunday as the result of heart trouble. He was a son of William and Margaret Homan and was born at Aaronsburg 43 years ago. As a young man he learned the carpenter trade and for a number of years worked as a carpenter contractor at State College. During the past eight years he had been a member of the building supply firm of Homan & Mohnkern.

In 1910 he married Miss Annie Stone, who survives with one daughter, Gretta. He also leaves his parents, living at State College, and these brothers and sisters: Mrs. George Glass, Oconto, Wis.; Mrs. Wade Shrum, of Cleveland, Ohio; Harry L., of State College; Bruce M., of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ray Weagley, of Hilldale, Mich.; and James M., of Pottstown. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

GILBERT.—Oscar J. Gilbert, who the past eleven years had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Emerick, in Bellefonte, died at the Centre County hospital, at 10 o'clock last Friday evening, following an illness of several weeks with a complication of diseases.

He was 76 years old and was a son of George W. and Hannah Gilbert, deceased, at one time residents near Boalsburg, in Harris township. He is survived by three children, Mrs. W. J. Emerick, of Bellefonte; Donald B. Gilbert, of Phillipsburg, and Charles S. Gilbert, of Olean, N. Y.

Funeral services were held at the Emerick home, on Linn street, at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

PETERS.—Wesley Peters a resident of Osceola Mills, was taken violently ill, with acute bronchitis and heart affection, while visiting his daughter-in-law, at Unionville, last week, and died on Wednesday. He was 65 years old and is survived by two sons, Isaac Peters, of Phillipsburg, and J. R. Peters, of Madera. The remains were taken to Osceola Mills where burial was made in the Fairview cemetery, on Friday afternoon.

FISHER.—William E. Fisher, a well known farmer of Boggs township, died at his home at Snow Shoe Intersection, at noon on Wednesday, as the result of a heart attack. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Fisher he was born in Union township 75 years ago. He followed farming most of his life. Surviving him are his wife and nine children, Lloyd and Roy Fisher, at home; Toner and Mrs. Ralph McLaughlin, of Snow Shoe In-

tersection; Edward and Joseph, of Milesburg; John, of Bald Eagle; Mrs. William Tice, of Unionville, and Mrs. Laura Lucas, of Jacksonville. He also leaves one brother, James Fisher, of Warriorsmark. Burial will be made at Unionville tomorrow.

MARKLE.—Joseph Calvin Markle, well known farmer of Potter township, was stricken with apoplexy while working in his corn field, on Monday afternoon, and died before help could be given him. He was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Markle and was born near Linden Hall, being 70 years, 10 months and 27 days old. He married Mary Garner, who died seven years ago but surviving him are three children, Mrs. Bruce Struble and Miss Helen, of Houserville, and William V. Markle, of Potter's Mills. He also leaves one brother and two sisters, Charles Markle, of Elburn, Ill.; Mrs. John Krumrine, of State College, and Mrs. John Houtz, of Elburn, Ill. Burial was made in the Shiloh cemetery yesterday afternoon.

KING.—Boyd A. King, of Salona, died at the Lock Haven hospital, last Saturday evening, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident a week previous. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham King and was born at Millheim 47 years ago. He is survived by his wife and nine children, Boyd Jr., Russell, Simon, Elmer, Laurabelle, Dorothy, Beatrice, Irene and Diana, all at home. He also leaves his father and three brothers, Simon and Archie, of Aaronsburg, and Wallace, whose whereabouts are unknown. Burial was made at Millheim on Wednesday.

SPICER.—Mrs. Lydia Spicer, widow of the late George Spicer, of Bellefonte, died at the Centre County hospital, on Sunday morning, following an illness of some weeks with complications. She was a native of Pennsylvania and was seventy-six years old. Her husband has been dead for some years and her only survivor is one son, Harry Spicer, of Scottsdale. Burial was made in the Union cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

Prisoners in Centre County Jail Have Beer Party.

A number of the prisoners in the Centre county jail had a little beer party all among themselves, last Saturday afternoon, and as a result have been subsisting on bread and water for several days.

It will be recalled that on Wednesday of last week State highway patrolmen captured a big truck in Bellefonte which was loaded with forty or more kegs of beer. The truck was driven into the jail yard and the beer unloaded and stacked in the corner of the yard near the office. A chemical test of the beer was made and it was found to be a little above three per cent alcohol, which being within the bounds of legal confiscation.

On Saturday afternoon a number of the prisoners were given the freedom of the jail yard for outdoor exercise, as has always been the custom. At such times they are not under constant guard and the beer evidently appealed to the appetites of some of them with the result that two kegs were snatched and carried around in the rear of the jail where most of it was consumed before the party was discovered.

It was then too late to recover the beer but as a punishment the prisoners implicated, eight of them, were put on a bread and water diet for a number of days.

Prof. Nixon in the 400 Bushel Class.

The first 400 bushel potato club member to be reported from Centre county for 1928 is Dr. E. L. Nixon, of State College. According to R. C. Blaney, county agent, Nixon's big acre yielded 440.9 bushels.

The potato wizard, as Dr. Nixon is popularly known, decided to try some practical potato growing. He leased what is known as the old Bailey farm near Pine Grove Mills. This farm is not above the average in fertility in this section and the results were not expected to be so good the first year. There were twelve acres in potatoes on the farm. In checking the acre it was carefully measured and four average rows across the field were dug and weighed. The variety is Russets—3rds grown in Michigan last year.

A crop of mixed hay was taken off of the field in 1927, and application of five tons of manure per acre was applied in the spring. It was plowed in the spring approximately seven inches deep and 1100 pounds per acre of 4-12-5 fertilizer was applied in the row. The potatoes were planted at the rate of 20 bushels per acre. The rows were approximately 29 inches apart and eight inches in the row. The field was cultivated two times and the weeder used nine times. One ton of bluestone was used in spraying the twelve acres. There were thirteen applications made with 400 pounds pressure at the rate of 150 gallons per acre for each application. This method of spraying was sufficient to control blight and kept the vines alive until October first.

The condition of Jacob Marks, a patient in the Lock Haven hospital, suffering with gangrene, failing to respond satisfactorily to treatment, his left leg was amputated just above the knee, on Monday morning. The attending physicians now believe he has a good chance of recovery.

Centre County Conference of Women's Clubs October 20th.

In her message to Pennsylvania women Mrs. John D. Sherman (then president of the General Federation) stressed five outstanding needs of the day, such needs as will bear repetition. They are:

- 1. A deeper sense of obligation and responsibility towards the work undertaken.
2. A keener insight as to our opportunities as club women.
3. A more thorough and accurate understanding of present day conditions.
4. An intensified individual courage.

5. Deeper spiritual convictions. The Centre county conference of Women's clubs, to be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on October 20th, in Bellefonte, will afford an opportunity to show evidence of a realization of the above facts in its attendance, reports and discussions.

Mrs. Margaret L. Krall, vice president of the Central district, who will come with a message to the conference, says she wants to meet all of the women of Centre county and become acquainted with their various activities. The women of the county can hardly do less than meet her in a like spirit of cordiality and co-operation.

Every organization of which women are a part is earnestly invited to be present officially or otherwise at this conference—a meeting for consultation, discussion and interchange of ideas.

Miss Evelyn Matthews, with the "book truck," will be in Bellefonte on October 20th to further the anticipations regarding a county library.

The public in general will be welcome at either or both sessions of the conference, which will be held in the High school building. Election of officers will take place and box luncheon served.

HELEN E. C. OVERTON, President County Conference.

POSTPONED SALE.

The three shares of stock of the First National Bank of Bellefonte, belonging to the estate of the late Ida B. Cole, advertised to be sold October 1, will be offered at public sale at the Court House on Tuesday, October 16, at one thirty o'clock.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Bellefonte, Pa. Executors.

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Clyde G. Swartz, who has been incapacitated by a bad case of nerves, is coming around and expects to be back at his machine shop on Race street ere long. Both he and Mrs. Swartz have been in ill health for some time, but we are pleased to learn that there are encouraging prospects of better health for them.

Concluding Cases in Common Pleas Court Last Week.

Judge A. R. Chase, of Clearfield, came to Bellefonte, last Thursday morning, and occupied the bench for the following cases:

W. L. Chilcote vs. John Laback, Hallie Laback, Mrs. M. A. Laback, Annie Laback and George Laback, being an action in Assumpsit. This was the first case tried before Judge Chase. The defendant, John Laback, had not filed any affidavit of defense and judgment was entered against him and the action was abandoned against the other defendants excepting George Laback. This was an action for potatoes alleged to have been bought by John Laback and George Laback from the plaintiff. Verdict by the jury of \$470.01 in favor of the plaintiff.

George Seanson vs. Boalsburg estate and P. C. Shoemaker, continued by the Court.

Susannah Brenner vs. Alice Mills, James Garland, David Beightol, Elizabeth Edmiston and Edward Cartwright, being an action in ejectment. Parties, plaintiff and defendant, through their counsel agreed on a verdict in favor of the plaintiff as against Alice Mills and Elizabeth Edmiston, but reserving out of the tract of land described in the writ, lots owned by James Garland, now Annie Garland, David Beightol and Edward Cartwright. The verdict in this case was written out and rendered by the jury.

Daniel Paul vs. O. P. McCord, being an action in assumpsit. From the testimony it appeared that in 1918 an arrangement was made whereby the defendant was to furnish a home for the plaintiff and pay the plaintiff such wages as he could afford for labor done. The plaintiff remained at the home of the defendant in Rush township till some time in 1926, and in 1927 brought an action against the defendant alleging that he had not received his pay. The case went to trial on Thursday afternoon and a verdict was rendered on Saturday afternoon in favor of the defendant.

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