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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET

For Judge of the Superior Court, HENRY C. NILES, York County

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET

For District Attorney, PHILIP H. JOHNSTON, Bellefonte For Jury Commissioner, J. C. CONDO, Gregg Township.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman, issue of October 24, 1879.

—A handsome new portico now adorns the house of J. Matlock Kephart, at Filmore. It was built by G. W. Rumberger and Thomas Bloom.

—The recent rains, though slight, have done much good.

—Miss Theresa Delaney, of Milesburg, died last week, a victim of dropsy.

—The Centennial Temperance club have removed their club room to the E. C. Humes block, above the Library rooms. The club will open a reading room and any one having books, papers or magazines to contribute will please advise Walter Bayard, the secretary.

—The Young Men's Christian Association had a very interesting meeting in their rooms on Friday evening last. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Charles F. Cook; vice president, W. H. Waggoner; recording secretary, Newton S. Bailey; corresponding secretary, J. Harris Orbinson; treasurer, H. Y. Stitzer; executive committee, John Mason Duncan, R. F. Shaffer, John Brooks, H. Robb, D. S. Keller.

—H. A. and Samuel Williams have entered into a partnership in the house and sign painting business and will hereafter give the public the benefit of their joint efforts. Mr. Samuel Williams has of late years been in Downingtown but has returned here to stay. He is an elegant workman as the lettering on the front of Sechler's store and on the creek end of Guggenheimer's establishment conclusively proves.

—Wheat is \$1.30, shelled corn 50, oats 30, ham 9c, bacon 8c, eggs 15c per doz. and butter 15c per pound.

—The Bellefonte council hasn't enough money, it says, to widen the bridge over the race on High street. The job wouldn't cost \$100.00, yet it has enough money to pay its president \$150 a year for a room to meet in when the Undine boys offer their comfortable hall free to council.

—On Sunday last the writer spent a portion of the day in Phillipsburg, stopping with that excellent landlord, Mr. James Passmore. Mr. Passmore feeds his guests on the very best in the market. Being an Englishman by birth he has the English idea of roasting beef and there is none better. It being Sunday we came not in contact with worldly people and had to find our companions among the professing Christians who seem to be the only ones who venture out on Sunday. It might have been because of a big fight they had had there the night before when the whole town was turned front of a battlefield. Saturday was pay day at Loch Lomond and Morrisdale mines and as there has long been a feud between the workers of the two every time they get paid off they go into Phillipsburg, fill up with "benzine" and start punching at the first head they see. Constable Abraham Jackson and his two assistants were utterly unable to cope with the situation so someone telegraphed to Capt. Clark at Osceola where the message created the impression that Phillipsburg's streets were red with blood and men were dying like flies. This, of course, wasn't true because the battling miners were too full to really hurt one another. As we said, our visit was on Sunday and we didn't see any signs of gore. Far be it from that. We saw only a peaceful town resting for the beginning of another week's work and we want to record here that the town gives every evidence of thrift and a great future. While there we met many of the town's prominent men, among them being Abraham Jackson, Esq., John R. Hprd, Squire Crissman, A. Jones, the Lehmanns and Sturdevandts, Dr. Hobart Allport, Harry Williams, Burgess Cassanova, L. G. Lingle, and former sheriff J. J. Lingle. Phillipsburg is showing its progress by having a couple of telephone lines that connect distant parts of the town with the railroad station. In fact it aspires to become a county seat. To that end it has lately taken "Slabtown" to its corporate limits and Mr. Hale is erecting an imposing white limestone building on the corner of Front and Presqueisle streets.

—Texas has a new oil boom but what the Lone Star State needs most is a political overhauling.

—The Watchman gives all the news worth reading, all the time.

MURTORFF.—Calvin Murtorff, well known resident of State College, passed away at 11:50 o'clock last Thursday night, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Pennington, following an illness of five months with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of George and Elizabeth Murtorff and was born at Pennsylvania Furnace in 1857 hence was in his 73rd year. His early life was spent in the community in which he was born and when the Scotia ore mines were opened up he moved there where he lived until about fifteen years ago when he moved to State College. He was employed by the college until overtaken by illness. As a young man he married Miss Mary Farber who died eleven years ago but surviving him are two sons and one daughter, W. G. Murtorff, of State College; Harry of Bellefonte, and Mrs. J. E. Pennington, of State College. He also leaves two sisters and a brother, Mrs. John Harpster, of Burnham; Howard Murtorff, of Altoona, and Mrs. Clara Rhoads, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Murtorff was a member of the Stormstown lodge of Odd Fellows, the Encampment and Canton, of State College, and the State College camp Modern Woodmen of America. Funeral services were held at his home at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning, by Rev. Bixler, burial being made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

AIKEY.—Mrs. Myra Aikey, wife of Bliss Aikey, passed away at her home in Bush's addition, last Thursday evening, following about a year's illness. Last fall she became quite ill and spent several months in the Centre County hospital. She recovered to that extent that she was able to go home last spring but in July she suffered a stroke of paralysis which, with other complications, resulted in her death.

A daughter of James and Margaret Armstrong Carson she was born in Potter township on January 29th, 1879, hence was 50 years, 8 months and 18 days old. As a young woman she married Bliss Aikey and most of their married life had been spent in Bellefonte. In addition to her husband she is survived by four children, Mrs. Lewis Haupt and Mrs. Mildred Gehret, of Bellefonte; Malcolm and Gwendolyn Aikey, both at home. She also leaves two brothers and five sisters, Clark and William Carson, Mrs. John Spearley, Mrs. Harry Lyons and Mrs. Walter Armstrong, all of Bellefonte; Mrs. Benjamin Aikey and Mrs. John Corman, of Curtin.

Mrs. Aikey was a faithful member of the Methodist church and her pastor, Rev. Homer C. Knox, had charge of the funeral services which were held at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

DOWNES.—Mrs. Catherine Cushen Downes, widow of the late John Downes, of Tyrone, and mother of Father William E. Downes, of Bellefonte, died at her home, in Tyrone, last Thursday, as the result of injuries sustained in a fall on the steps of St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte, as she was leaving the church one morning about a month ago while visiting her son, in Bellefonte.

She was a daughter of John and Anastasia Cushen and was born in County Clare, Ireland, on February 17th, 1847, hence was in her 83rd year. She came to America when a young girl and in 1865 married John Downes. She had been a resident of Tyrone since 1886. Her husband died in April, 1919, but surviving her are five sons and three daughters, namely: John L., Patrick and Miss Elizabeth Downes, at home; Mrs. Mary Butts, of Philadelphia; Daniel Downes, of Pittsburgh; Miss Catherine and Father W. E. Downes, of Bellefonte, and James R. Downes, of Philadelphia.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic church, of Tyrone, where funeral mass was held at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, interment being made in the Oak Grove cemetery, Tyrone.

SNARE.—Florence Louise Snare, aged 7 months and 2 days, daughter of David P. and Mildred (McClintic) Snare, died Saturday, October 5, in the Blair Memorial hospital, Huntingdon, where she had been seriously ill for two weeks. Everything in medical skill and good nursing was resorted to in order to save the precious young life but to no avail on account of her serious ailment from the beginning. "Little Louise" will be greatly missed in her home where she was looked upon as being a beam of sunshine. She was a grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McClintic and a great grand daughter of Mrs. James Kellerman, of this place.

CRAIN.—David B. Crain, a native of Centre county, died at the Altoona hospital, on Sunday, as the result of injuries sustained when he was hit by an automobile on September 13th. He was born at Baileyville July 26th, 1850, hence was 79 years, 2 months and 25 days old. He followed farming in the western end of Centre county up to five years ago when he sold out and went to Altoona to make his home. He never married and his only survivor is one brother, H. M. Crain, city building inspector of Altoona. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon the remains being taken to Graysville for burial.



A Friend's Estimate of Philip Johnston, Candidate for District Attorney

With election day so near at hand the voters of Centre county are awakening to the responsibility that will be their's on Tuesday, November 5th.

The most important of the offices to be filled then is that of District Attorney. It is one of vital interest to every resident of the county because it can so peculiarly affect the lives of everyone. Besides being the guardian of the individual's right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness the District Attorney is the instrument through whom the average person gets his idea of justice. An incapable partisan man in that office does much to break down public respect for law. While a conscientious, fearless incumbent inspires the feeling that justice is really impartial.

The Democrats of Centre county have nominated Philip H. Johnston as their candidate for this important office. Mr. Johnston is a young attorney for whose future in the law there is a very promising outlook. He was born and raised in Bellefonte, so that his life is an open book and it is generally conceded that its pages form a record singularly clean. He would make a splendid official and we believe he would fulfill, to the letter, his campaign promise of "unbiased and aggressive administration of office."

As we have said he is the candidate for the Democratic party, but what does it matter to what party a candidate for such an office belongs? The further politics can be kept from the law the less danger there is of the royal robes of Justice being trailed in the mire of political partisanship. Mr. Johnston was nominated not because he is a Democrat, but because he is a man whose character and ability qualify him for an office that the party has the privilege of naming a candidate for and in naming him it has presented a candidate who, if elected, would reflect the wisdom of its judgment.

Many Republicans are rallying to the Johnston banner, and why? Just because they know that he is a sterling young man. We need no further proof of that than to quote from a letter of Rev. Rowland R. Lehman, of Northumberland. Until recently Rev. Lehman was the pastor of the Milesburg charge of the Methodist church. He was in College with Mr. Johnston and knew him intimately all through their course at Dickinson.

Read what he thinks of this young man and you will be convinced that he is an ideal candidate for the office of District Attorney.

My dear Mr. Meek:

This communication is addressed to you with a request that it be printed in your paper. This is not a political gesture. Neither is any party relationship involved, for I am a Republican. I am prompted to write this letter only because of a personal desire to give public expression concerning a young man who for some years has commanded my greatest admiration and highest esteem.

During my sophomore year at Dickinson college two young brothers enrolled as freshmen in the college, claiming as their home town, Bellefonte. What an impression both of them made on us! "What fine boys they are," were the words voiced by many of us. The first impressions have been lasting ones.

Now, one of these brothers, Philip Johnston, seeks the high office of District Attorney in your county. If I were called upon to name some one person from my college associates for such high honor, it would be he. In the person of this fine young lawyer, Centre county has an opportunity to elect a District Attorney whose character and ability are beyond reproach. He is thoroughly dependable and reliable. He possesses that quality of cleanness and courteousness that is needed in the public officials of our day. His high moral and ethical standards demand our praise. What a privilege Centre county has in this next election!

I regret deeply that I am not now, as I was eight months ago, a resident of your county. I should be delighted to cast a ballot for "Phil." I trust that all your voters, who desire to vote for candidates who believe in law enforcement and procedure according to high ethical standards, will take this opportunity to vote for one who will serve them along such lines.

Most sincerely yours, ROWLAND R. LEHMAN

LAMBERT.—Mrs. Mary E. Lambert, wife of John S. Lambert, of Bellefonte, died at the Centre County hospital, on Tuesday morning, following an illness of several months as the result of heart trouble and other complications. She was a daughter of William and Amanda Grove Houser and was born at Houserville on July 31st, 1873, hence was in her 57th year. She married Mr. Lambert in 1892 and all their married life had been spent in Bellefonte. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: William, of Erie; John, of Bellefonte; Russell, Marguerite and Rachel, at home. She also leaves these brothers and sisters: Harry Houser, of Colona, Pa.; Mrs. Luther K. Dale, of Oak Hall; Mrs. Jacob Valentine, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Catherine Guisewhite and William Houser, of Meadville; Mrs. Blanche Ferguson and Edward Houser, of Bellefonte.

Mrs. Lambert was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Funeral services will be held at her late home at 2:30 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, by Rev. Homer C. Knox, burial to be made in the Union cemetery.

GHARRET.—John Gharrett, for years a well known resident of Smulton, died last Saturday, as the result of paralysis of the bowels. He was a son of Lewis and Mary Ann Gharrett and was born in Brush valley 62 years ago. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and sixteen children. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made at Smulton.

—The total retail mercantile business done in Centre county during 1928 amounted to \$11,950,960. Wholesale business for the same period amounted to \$3,564,820. The gross retail business divided by the approximated population of the county reveals that each man, woman and child purchased \$263.94 worth of goods at retail during the year.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rhine-smith, who since leaving the Bush home last spring have occupied an apartment in the Heverly building, left Bellefonte yesterday for good, moving to Uniontown.

A GOODYEAR BLIMP LANDS IN BELLEFONTE.

A Goodyear blimp, "The Mayflower," landed at the Bellefonte airport, Saturday morning, and was there over half an hour while its tanks were replenished with gas. The blimp was on its way from New Bedford, Mass., to the home base at Akron, Ohio, and carried a crew of three men, Walter Wassie, pilot; W. T. VanOrman and A. C. O'Neil. The blimp is 128 feet in length and 37 feet in diameter. The car has a capacity for four people. It is driven by two 80 horse power motors. The bag is of rubberized silk over a wooden frame with a lifting capacity of almost a ton in addition to its own machinery. The blimp had been at New Bedford, Mass., since last May, where the crew was engaged in the work of perfecting a radio apparatus for use on airplanes. The coming of the blimp to Bellefonte had been heralded in advance and several hundred people flocked to the field to see it. It was half an hour late in arriving as the pilot got off his course after he passed Woodward and got over as far as Howard, in Bald Eagle valley, then swung southwest and circled over Bellefonte before heading for the landing field.

The blimp had no trouble in landing, coming down to within twenty feet of the ground when four landing ropes were quickly manned by a Goodyear Co. landing crew which had come to Bellefonte by automobile. The blimp's tanks have a capacity of one hundred gallons of gas. Its cruising speed is from 48 to 60 miles an hour, and it uses about 10 gallons of gas an hour. It left here about eleven o'clock and half an hour later passed over Phillipsburg.

JEAN GROS' MARIONETTES NEXT WEDNESDAY.

The first American tour of Jean Gros' illuminated marionette ballet is under way, and is being acclaimed all over the country as one of the cleverest novelties of recent years. Mr. Gros has taken the ancient art of black magic, applied it to the marionette theatre, revolutionized the marionette by making the figures transparent and installing within the bodies complete lighting systems, thus causing the figures to glow in beautiful colors in a sea of black, so complicated that weeks of rehearsals were necessary to set the routine of the plots. A special sound and music device was necessary to produce the varying volume required to create the illusion for the voices. This instrument, even more sensitive than those used by the talking pictures, was put together only after the most careful research had been made for instruments that would meet the demands of the marionette equipment and the conditions encountered on the road.

Here are marionettes keyed to the most modern demands. The French marionettes for years have attempted all manner of presentations with the puppet, but this season's illuminated ballet is something that will unquestionably revolutionize the marionette theatre. The marionettes will appear at the Richelieu theatre on October 30th, sponsored by the Bellefonte public schools.

A special children's matinee at 15 cents and 35 cents, "Uncle Wiggily at the Circus," will be given at 3 o'clock.

TRIAL LIST FOR NOVEMBER COURT.

Eleven civil cases are listed for trial at the November term of court, the first two on the list for the week beginning November 12th and the other nine for the week following. The list is as follows:

- C. C. Williams vs. J. H. Fisher. An appeal. John Kelley vs. Phillipsburg Beef company, an appeal. Lucy A. Smith vs. Bellefonte Trust Co., executor of the last will and testament of Ellis E. Irwin, deceased. Assumpsit. Ralph A. Smith vs. The Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania. Trespass. Ralph A. Smith vs. J. Clyde Thomas, Raymond S. Howard and Martin Dunlap. Ejectment. Martha H. Hoover vs. Grant Hoover. Trespass. Unique Illustrating Co. vs. Eliza DuBree, trading and doing business as the Blossom Shoppe. Assumpsit. H. H. VanZant vs. Harry Behrer, William Bron, John S. Spencer, Henry Tressler and A. L. Peters. Trespass. C. N. Fisher vs. A. L. Peters. Assumpsit. George Miller vs. D. P. Brink. Trespass. Sadie W. Schaeffer vs. The Borough of Bellefonte. Trespass.

COUNTY CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The Centre county conference of Women's clubs will meet at Pleasant Gap on Saturday, November second, opening at ten o'clock a. m. Plans for an interesting program are in process and a profitable day is expected.

Every organization of women in the county should appreciate the presence of this gathering of women for woman's work, principally welfare activities, is the dominating feature. All are most earnestly urged to attend. Go with a message, a word of greeting, a problem, all in the spirit of "Myself and Others."

No creed, no politics forms the base of the organization. Box luncheon. HELEN E. C. OVERTON, Pres. County Conference.

TYRONE ORCHESTRA GIVES CONCERT HERE

The orchestra of the United Brethren church of Tyrone, which played in the Methodist Sunday school here, last Sabbath, made a fine impression and contributed much to the splendid service of the morning.

After a selection by the visiting musicians the congregation sang "The King's Business" and L. C. Thompson, a member of the men's Bible class, made the invocation. Then Mr. McFeaters, secretary of the Tyrone P. R. Y. M. C. A., made an address on "Better Living." It was a fine talk and had a splendid message for everyone. The service was concluded by the benediction which was pronounced by Rev. Fuller, of the Stormstown Methodist church.

In the afternoon at two o'clock a large audience again assembled in the church for the sacred concert that was given by the visiting musicians. Among their soloists were Miss Ziler, whose piano presentation of "Nearer My God to Thee," with variations, was much enjoyed. Miss Springer's violin solo was another very effective contribution to the program. And the piano-accompanied duet and the trombone solo were numbers that merited special mention here, but we regret not having caught the names of the performers so that they might be mentioned.

As a whole the concert was a great success, no small part of it having been due to the harmonica folks who played two very pleasing selections. Under Mr. Ziler's capable direction the orchestra is very much more than one might expect from a volunteer church musical organization. No doubt its excellence, both in musical ability and fine spirit, has been contributed to by the pleasing personality of its manager, Mr. Weikert.

SNOW SHOE TRAIN MADE LAST RUN ON SATURDAY.

Passenger service over the Snow Shoe branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, the famous switchback which was the first railroad built and operated in Centre county and which has been in continuous service for approximately seventy years, came to an end on Saturday, and hereafter the road will be used exclusively as a freight carrier, principally for hauling coal from the Snow Shoe mines. The automobile and the motor truck are responsible for the discontinuance of passenger traffic.

Coincident with the abolishment of passenger service on the railroad the Phillipsburg Motor Bus Co. began operation of a bus line between Phillipsburg and Bellefonte, on Monday morning, by way of Snow Shoe, which will afford a better service than that on the railroad. According to the schedule the bus will leave Phillipsburg at 8:15 a. m. and arrive in Bellefonte at 9:40. Returning it will leave Bellefonte at 10 o'clock and arrive in Phillipsburg at 11:30. The afternoon trip will leave Phillipsburg at 3 o'clock and arrive in Bellefonte at 4:25. Returning it will leave Bellefonte at 5:10 and reach Phillipsburg at 6:40. The Penn Belle hotel will be the starting point for the bus in Bellefonte. The bus will also carry the mail between Bellefonte and Snow Shoe and Clarence.

CHILD DROWNED IN PINE CREEK ON MONDAY

Hillard Ardell Dinges, eighteen months old son of Russell and Stella Weaver Dinges, who live near the Pine creek mill in Haines township, about a mile east of Coburn, fell into Pine creek shortly before noon, on Monday, and drowned before his absence from the home was discovered. The body was discovered by the child's grandfather, Cloyd Dinges while on his way to the house for dinner and this was the first information of the tragedy.

The body was in a small pool in the creek, just below the mill and could not have been in the water longer than ten minutes. Mr. Dinges lost no time in getting the body out of the water and efforts made to resuscitate the child proved of no avail. The little boy had been repeatedly cautioned against going to the creek and Mrs. Dinges, his mother, had seen him playing near the house not over a quarter of an hour before the body was found. It is believed that he wandered to the creek, slipped on the bank and fell into the water.

In addition to the parents one sister, Betty Catherine, survives. Funeral services were held in the Reformed church, at Coburn, at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, by Rev. G. A. Fred Griesing, burial being made in the Fairview cemetery, Millheim.

CONTRACTORS START WORK ON MILESBURG HIGHWAY

Among the four contracts or which the Department of Highway ordered work to start this week is the 1.6 mile section of concrete starting at Milesburg and ending down at the old Central Railroad of Pennsylvania shops. The contract for this work was awarded to George I. Thompson & Co., at Clearfield, for \$125,394.18.

A speedway from Camden to New York at an expense of \$19,000,000 is an ambitious project of the Jersey Highway Department and it going some.

No great harm would be done if the President vetoed the tariff bill, and there might be some actual value in the precedent.