

The Democratic candidates are laying a substantial foundation for a certain victory in November.

The decision of the Supreme Court declaring that the perforated ballots of Luzerne county should be counted gives Mr. Pinchot clear title to the Republican nomination for Governor.

Dr. Thomas, former president of Penn State and now president of Rutgers University, advises the two hundred thousand young men and women who will enter college this fall to "leave their conceit at home."

Mrs. Renshaw DeWitt, of Williamsport, spent Monday and Tuesday in Centre county doing a little preliminary work toward organizing the Democratic women for the pending political campaign.

When we first glanced at the proof of the advertisement of the First National bank of Bellefonte, that appears on page seven of this issue, we thought the philosopher of that very sound institution was going to give to the world another of the bits of condensed wisdom with which he occasionally emblazons that ten inches of space.

To say the least, Mr. Pinchot is not being as fair with the Prohibitionists as their blind devotion to him seems to warrant.

The American Bar Association, in session in Chicago, is making a noise like a body that might be going wet and Mr. Wickersham, chairman of President Hoover's law enforcement committee, publicly denounces the Jones five and ten law.

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Shouse Accepts the Fess Challenge.

Jouet Shouse, chairman of the Executive committee of the Democratic National committee, cordially welcomes the challenge of chairman Fess, of the Republican organization, with respect to the issues of the impending Congressional campaign.

But Mr. Shouse will insist that in the discussion of these questions all the salient features of them shall be fully considered.

It will be difficult for chairman Fess and his "spell-binders" to make an intelligent public believe that tariff legislation, which has aroused the protest of every commercial and industrial nation in the world and has cut the export trade of the United States at least fifty per cent, has earned popular approval.

The organized effort to deceive the people with respect to unemployment, for partisan purposes, has set in. The other day the Department of Labor in Washington issued what it calls a "survey."

Working the Old Bluff.

The United Press news association in summarizing the bulletin of the Department says: "Statistics were based on returns from 39,546 establishments which in July had 4,806,458 employees whose combined earnings in one week were \$121,582,968.

In view of this condition in the industrial life of the country there is little comfort in the promise of activity in the navy yards beneficial to the limited number of employees in those institutions.

In the light of past experience it may be hard to persuade Bill Vare that Mr. Pinchot will keep his promises.

Careless or Uninformed.

For a methodical man with an engineering mind President Hoover is surprisingly careless in the use of language.

Another instance of his careless use of language may be cited. In a recent statement he is said "to have found a way to save \$100,000,000 and thus avert a possible increase of federal taxes."

Sedgwick Kistler is entirely satisfied with the attitude of the Liberal party. Then why should those who are opposed to Kistler worry?

Public Service Commission Troubles.

The Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania is having a hard time justifying the robber rates of the Scranton Water Company.

The principal point of difference between the engineers, the other day, was the cost of the reproduction of the corporation's office building at Scranton.

At the meeting, last week, the chief counsel of the corporation declared that "efficiency and economies in operation have greatly increased the company's earnings and that as a result of this a reduction should be made in the rates."

Forest fires are driving Luzerne county rabbits out of the mountains into towns.

Are you reading your own paper or some other persons?

Pennsylvania Bankers Meet at State College.

That millions of dollars have been added to Pennsylvania farm incomes through county farm agents placed in 65 of the 67 counties by Pennsylvania State College and the federal government, was an outstanding fact brought out by bankers at the eighth annual conference of key bankers and members of the agricultural committee of the Pennsylvania State Bankers' Association, held last week-end at State College.

In addition to Mr. Robb Centre county was represented at the State College 3-day meeting by H. L. Ebbright, cashier of the First National bank, Centre Hall.

The biggest thrill for the bankers was an opportunity, on Friday afternoon, to meet with the 850 farm club boys and girls who were visiting State College at the same time for the annual young farmers' week.

At a 3-hour meeting Friday night chairman W. S. McKay, of Greenville, called for reports of activities by key bankers of each county.

On Monday evening a resident of one of Clyde Jodon's houses, on Pine street, was burning rubbish in the back yard.

Some otherwise discerning minds will never be able to see why Sunday base ball is a crime and Sunday golf an innocent diversion.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of August 27, 1880.

All parties agree that the grand Democratic mass meeting on Tuesday night last was the largest affair that ever came off in Bellefonte after dark.

The thunder storm on Thursday of last week was one of the most violent that has ever passed over this section.

Michael Kane, aged 45, was killed in one of Valentine's ore banks last Tuesday.

During the thunder storm of last Thursday a large oak tree standing in the meadow of George H. Zeigler, near Philipsburg, was struck by lightning and burned afterwards as if it had been saturated with oil.

Sunday last was such a beautiful day that complaints that the Sabbath schools were not well attended were heard on all sides on Monday.

Mr. James B. Lane was presented by his wife with a handsome baby on Thursday of last week.

All the machinery of the Bellefonte paper mill was shipped to Lock Haven this week.

We are sorry to report that the venerable Mrs. Ruth Harrison, now 80 years of age, is suffering with dropsy.

John Anderson met with a very serious accident last Tuesday. He was helping to move an iron safe to Frank Galbraith's jewelry store when the wagon on which it was being transported tilted up and the safe rolled off pinning Mr. Anderson to the ground.

Last Saturday morning D. L. Confer, who occupies the Clyde Jodon farm, in Spring township, brought a ten gallon keg of cider to the Bellefonte curb market.

Warrants charging embezzlement were issued on Tuesday against Fern A. Oliver, former cashier, and Leonard Tartaglia, former teller of the Electric City Bank and Trust Company of West Scranton.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Fire wardens and deputies who extinguished nine incendiary fires in Mifflin county mountains have been instructed to shoot to kill anyone found setting fires in the woods if they try to escape.

A part of a meteor was found in the back yard at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Cook, of Renovo, last week, following a display of shooting stars.

Pleading guilty to a charge of chicken stealing, Mrs. Evelyn Aumiller, mother of eight children, on Tuesday was sentenced to from 9 to 18 months in the Columbia county jail.

Joseph Schaeffer, a merchant of near New Freedom, York county, had to be treated by a physician for severe injuries to his head, inflicted by an infuriated steer which kicked him as he was leading a calf out of the barn.

Ralph Potter, 32, a Dunmore merchant, died on Tuesday as a result of diving into shallow water while swimming in Lake Arisen, near Scranton.

Pennsylvania will be unable to derive benefit from the advance of Secretary of Agriculture Hyde of the State share of federal road aid, amounting to \$5,500,000, from next January to September 1.

Prospects of the greatest potato yield on the farms of State institutions under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Welfare have been greatly reduced because of the drought according to R. Bruce Dunlap, agriculturalist of the department.

Exactly 313 silk workers were informed that their services were no longer required after last Saturday by officials of the Susquehanna silk mills.

Three bandits are being sought by police after they held up and robbed Samuel Heninger, owner of Point Breeze hotel, near Shamokin, of \$230.

In the will of Dr. F. S. Price, of Carbondale, instructions were given to the executors that no attempt be made to collect debts owed to him by hundreds of patients for medical services.

The two new industrial plants erected in Ridgway this summer are about ready for operation.

After three unsuccessful attempts to commit suicide John Miller, aged 61, of Canister, near Hollidaysburg, is a patient at Mercy hospital.

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