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A SPENDID TICKET FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

The ticket nominated by the Democrats of Centre county is one that will stand the acid test for every requirement that might be conceived as essential for faithful, efficient and economical conduct of the county's affairs.

From Sheriff to Auditor men of character, men of known ability, men who are not beholden to any political machine have won the honor of representing their party purely on their personal merits.

Centre county is paying the price now for having been caught in the meshes of machine politics. When the cost of its government jumps seventy-five thousand dollars in three years, with little to show for it, there can be no other explanation than that needless expenses have been piled up because there has been no one so free from machine domination as to attempt to call a halt.

The candidates our party has nominated for office are all men who will take their mandate from the people of Centre county and not orders from Governor Pinchot, Senator Scott or Judge Fleming.

As we have said in these columns, time and again, the principles of no party can be affected by the election of a member of its opposition to a county office.

The Commissioner's office is the county's accounting house. It is now doing an annual business of nearly a third of a million dollars—with your money.

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—We congratulate our departed contributing editor. Last spring a boy who had something that we haven't been able to diagnose yet attached himself to the Watchman's staff.

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THE ONE GREAT REASON.

Who deserves the office of Sheriff of Centre County more than a Legionnaire; especially since the Legionnaire happens to be an up-standing, intelligent, christian young man.

Harry Keeler claims he has eight reasons why he does. We have talked to John M. Boob frequently since he became the Democratic nominee for Sheriff and we have never heard him mention a single reason why he should have the office.

It's a strange thing about the Legionnaires. One rarely feels one who by even the most indirect insinuation makes him feel that he owes them anything.

In talking with John Boob, recently, about his chances of election we ran over all reasons why Keeler will be hard to defeat, except the eight, and never once did he mention the one great reason why he should not be.

Somehow those boys who went overseas to fight our battles are different from the Veterans of our Country's other wars. You can't drag a thing out of them.

He has something more than fecundity to point to with pride. He worked his way through a boyhood of drudgery on farms, ever ambitious and hopeful of something better and then the war came and he went across.

He has a right to ask you to vote for him on his record as a good citizen.

Knowing that he is that we take the liberty of asking you to vote for him for the supplemental—and to us the big reason—that he fought your fight and ours.



This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject.

Oh, for the Lazy Summers Frank Puts In.

Dear George: Well, the summer is about gone and we leave our camp here for the trip back to Los Angeles on September 6.

We have had a great summer, some very hot weather, but you know being in the woods we can dress to be comfortable, and the fishing has been so good that we have not had time to worry about the heat.

Harold and Frank have become quite expert with the fly. Harold landed the largest steel head we have taken. It measured 29 1/2 inches and weighed 8 1/2 lbs.

We have steel-head, rainbows and cut throat trout and all have lots of fight in them, especially so since the Rogue river has many rapids to add trouble for the fisherman.

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—The Belfonte car works will be sold at public auction on October 27. —People of Phillipsburg drew their first supply of water from their new water plant last Saturday.

Nuts for Mr. Owen K. Adams to Crack.

Karhausen, Pa., Sept. 21, 1931. Editor, Democratic Watchman, Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Sir: In your issue of September 18th I notice that, in his zeal for Jack Dempsey and his rights, Mr. Adams has hooked him up with a decayed remnant of European Royalty, and has given you a "panning" because you have exercised your right to criticize the parties mentioned.

—The new Boy's Branch of the Y. M. C. A. is organized in seven companies, each with its own captain. They are as follows:

- Co. A, R. F. Shaffer, captain, Edward Harris, John Harris, T. C. Moran, Percy Blackford, George Doll, John Bayard, James Harris, Harry Sternberg, Andrew Cruse, Sammy Irvin, Willie Hunter, Harry Wolf, John Derstine, Willie Burchfield, Willis Williams, F. E. Benner, Geo. Miller, Max Furey, Lewis Furey, William Seibert, Robert Taylor, James Mitchell, Willis Woodring, Harry Irvin, Bruce Garner, Kline Woodring.

—The Howard Lingle, of this place, was married to Miss May Brower, of Bloomsburg, Wednesday morning. The groom is the second son of ex-Sheriff J. G. Lingle and is now a partner in the foundry and machine shops of W. P. Duncan & Co. J. L. Spangler and Thomas Keogh were the ushers and Frank Montgomery was the best man.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of October 7, 1881.

—Rev. J. F. Tallheim has been assigned to serve the United Brethren church in this place.

—A "Boy's Branch" of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. has been organized. There were 113 present at the meeting in the Association rooms last Monday night.

—At Milesburg, Sept. 29th, Rev. W. O. Wright united Alfred W. Ammerman and Miss Minerva J. Hall in the holy bonds of matrimony.

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Adams to peruse his Bercovid, and you and I, Mr. Editor, we'll go fishing!

A HODGE—PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS

In a nearby county a man was sent to jail for nine months, last week, and given a \$200 fine for driving an automobile while intoxicated.

Several Bellefonte merchants, congregated on a street corner, were discussing business conditions in general and their own in particular.

Last week we spoke of the scarcity of glass jars in Centre county just at a time when the canning season was at its height.

From the low condition of Spring creek, below the falls, the past week, it would look as if that new pump is using a good bit of water and to curtail the flow the water superintendent might drive just one of those big eels down into the turbine wheel.

Out at Clarence there is a family in which the thirteenth child arrived only recently, and the father is not running for an office, either.

Now that the Lamb street bridge has been practically completed we voice the sentiment that it is an artistic structure and in looks, at least, surpasses the High street bridge.

Football as it is played in college, prep and high schools, and on every town lot, is regarded as a distinctly American game yet a survey of the various lineups will show that more than fifty per cent of the players are of foreign nationality.

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Some days ago enforcement officers had quite an exciting chase after a load of "White Mule" that was on the road, somewhere between Brush Valley and Milesburg.

Leander Green missed some good eats, on Saturday evening.

Down on the rifles, south of the silk mill foot bridge, a big trout lay dead on Tuesday.

—Mrs. Carl Gray has taken the position in the G. Oscar Gray insurance office, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Adaline Anderson, who has been with Mr. Gray for a number of years.

—There was a slight frost, last Friday morning, the first of the season, but there was not enough of it to do any damage.

HOWARD.

Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Wolfe were Clearfield visitors Tuesday.

Summer J. Wolfe attended the fair, at Lewisburg, last Thursday.

Miss Carrye Butler spent several days, last week, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Griffith, at Ebensburg.

The Parent-Teachers Association held a reception for the teachers at the High school building last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Girard Altenderfer and the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Weber, spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Jersey Shore.

The members of the Pilgrim Holiness church held baptismal services in the Bald Eagle creek, on Sunday afternoon. About 14 people were immersed.

TYRONE TERMINAL IS ENTIRELY ELIMINATED.

With the adoption of the new fall and winter schedule on the Pennsylvania railroad, on Tuesday, the Tyrone station passed out of existence as a terminal for passenger trains.

Another item of retrenchment will take place on November first when the railroad's real estate offices in Altoona will be closed and the business heretofore transacted there divided between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

Last Friday William Morrissey, a trainman on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, discovered a fawn caught in a wire fence near Bald Eagle.

So far we have been unable to learn of any wine bricks being offered for sale in Bellefonte and it might be a good idea for the street commissioner to lay in a supply for his next paving job—he then would be able to get plenty of men to handle them without going outside the borough limits.

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IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES

BELLEFONTE METHODIST CHURCH. Church Bible school, C. C. Shuey, Supt., 9:30, with extra events, world service offering and double reward. League, 6:30, Rally day—every member reporting and new members received. Baptism of children, 9:45 and 2:30 report to pastor. Worship—Holy Communion at 10:45 and with candle light, in charge of the young people and especially for the young people, at 7:30. Keyword for Communion thought. Members enrolled. Sacramental offering stressed.

Pastor responds to calls for his services. Strangers, commercial travelers and visitors frequent this church for worship. All welcome. Official board, Monday, Intermediate and Junior leagues, 6:30 and mid-week meeting congregation, 7:30, Wednesdays.

Horace Lincoln Jacobs, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. 9:30 A. M. Church school; Herman Hazel, superintendent. 10:45 A. M., Holy Communion with short address: "Christ's Absolute Requirement." 7:30 P. M., Holy Communion; Sermon: "The Victory of the Christian Life." The preparatory service to the Holy Communion will be held this Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Russell Harpster and Edna Breon, both of State College. Abram N. Frederick, of Lewisburg, and Virginia Blanche Horner, of Boalsburg. Walter F. Lichty, of Donerville, and Manda K. Foulke, of Strasburg.

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