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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. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor.

Mr. Given Thinks the Country Needs Less Foolishness.

New York City, Nov. 21, 1931. To the Democratic Watchman:

It has been a long time, indeed, since my last visit to Bellefonte. Going there, to tell the truth, is something like going to a college reunion; not so darned pleasant; too many changes; and changes which are not conducive to merriment when the visitor has gray hair.

Summer has come back to New York and everyone is sweltering. Not so comfortable; but God's goodness to the thousands who are out of work and out of home.

I have to laugh when I read of the activities of the snoopers around your section. Why, over here the people get tired of the farce long ago, and this goes for those who never take a drink, but who can see and read. Speakeasies are now only side door saloons and there are open bars everywhere.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of December 2, 1881

The regular session of November court opened on Monday last with Judge Orvis and Associates Frank and Divine on the bench. Benjamin Rich, of Unionville, was made foreman of the grand jury.

Fifty years ago two men not practiced in law were elected to sit as Associate Judges. They had no voice in questions of law, but in Bench appointments, granting licenses and questions of fact they had a voice.

The new store room of A. J. and F. E. Griest in Unionville is a model that many merchants in large towns might do well to pattern by.

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A HODGE—PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.

Prothonotary S. Claude Herr is now engaged in sending out certificates of election to the more than four hundred men and women elected to borough and township offices at the election on November 3rd, and it is no simple job.

The other situation Mr. Herr is up against is finding out the right address of the successful candidates so that the certificate of election will reach him. Inasmuch as all boards of road supervisors re-organize on December 1st certificates were sent to the successful candidates for this office on Saturday so that they will be sure to get them on time.

In recording the vote it was discovered that out in Snow Shoe a man was apparently elected overseer of the poor by one vote. At least the ballot bore the by-line "Vote for two," and while the regular candidate got a normal vote another man received but one vote, and he will receive a certificate of election.

While the election is now almost a month past and the average election story is passe, here is one too good to pass up. Along toward the close of the campaign two candidates made a trip up into West Ferguson township. They stopped at a certain farm house and were met at the gate by a very surly dog.

Among Major H. Laird Curtin's flock of fowls, on his home farm at Curtin, is a hen who has adopted one of the farm horses as her roosting place at night, and the horse is just as much attached to the hen.

How would you like to prepare 450 chickens, peel, boil and mash 35 bushels of potatoes, use 75 loaves of bread for "fillin'" for the fowls, make 75 gallons of giblet gravy and bake 575 mince pies, all for one meal? That is what was required for the Thanksgiving dinner served yesterday to the 1800 patients and 350 employees at the Danville State hospital.

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Millholland-Fryberger. A perfectly appointed wedding took place in St. Paul's Episcopal church, Phillipsburg, at six o'clock last Saturday evening, when Miss Alice Nuttall Fryberger, daughter of Mrs. John E. Fryberger, became the bride of Paul Douglas Millholland, of New York city.

The football togs will now be hung up for another year. Locally the season has been a frost. The Bellefonte High school, the Bellefonte Academy and State College have all been below par and neither of the institutions have anything to brag about.

The cost of furnishing text books to the children in the public schools of Pennsylvania averaged \$1.56 per pupil in 1930.

Guy Lucas, of Moshannon, was caught under a fall of rock in a small coal mine he was operating near his home, last Thursday afternoon, and lay unconscious several hours before being found by members of his family.

A two inch post steel bed, four band Rome link spring and fifty pound cotton mattress, all for \$13.75. W. R. Brachbill's furniture store.

MOUNTAIN HI CAGERS WILL OPEN SEASON JAN. 8.

The Mountain High school basketball league schedule for the winter season has been announced as follows:

- January 8: Lewistown at Bellefonte, Mount Union at Hollidaysburg, Huntingdon at Phillipsburg, State College at Tyrone.
January 15: Bellefonte at Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg at Lewistown, Tyrone at Mount Union, Phillipsburg at State College.
January 19: Tyrone at Hollidaysburg, State College at Lewistown, Huntingdon at Mount Union.
January 22: Hollidaysburg at Huntingdon, Mount Union at Phillipsburg, Bellefonte at State College, Lewistown at Tyrone.
January 26: Tyrone at Bellefonte, State College at Phillipsburg.
January 29: Phillipsburg at Hollidaysburg, Huntingdon at Lewistown, Bellefonte at Mount Union, Tyrone at State College.
February 2: Phillipsburg at Bellefonte, State College at Huntingdon, Lewistown at Mount Union, Hollidaysburg at Tyrone.
February 5: Bellefonte at Lewistown, Mount Union at State College, Tyrone at Phillipsburg.
February 6: Lewistown at Huntingdon.
February 9: State College at Bellefonte, Huntingdon at Hollidaysburg, Mount Union at Tyrone.
February 12: Tyrone at Hollidaysburg, Phillipsburg at Mount Union.
February 13: Phillipsburg at Lewistown.
February 19: Mount Union at Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg at State College, Bellefonte at Tyrone.
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February 23: Huntingdon at Bellefonte, Hollidaysburg at Phillipsburg.
February 26: Mount Union at Lewistown, Huntingdon at State College, Phillipsburg at Tyrone, Bellefonte at Hollidaysburg.
March 1: Phillipsburg at Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg at Mount Union, Lewistown at State College.
March 4: Mount Union at Bellefonte, State College at Hollidaysburg, Tyrone at Lewistown.
March 8: Lewistown at Phillipsburg, Huntingdon at Tyrone.

YOU CAN SEND LETTERS BY TELEPHONE NOW

A new communication service has been made available today by the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, the American Telephone and Telegraph company and its associated companies in the Bell system.

This new service consists in the establishment and operation of central switching exchanges for teletypewriter machines that typewrite electrically over wires to a distant teletypewriter.

Any subscriber to this service can obtain connection with the teletypewriter of any other subscriber to the service within the same city or in a distant city and this will permit the immediate transmission of letter, typewritten statements or other information between the two subscribers.

The present teletypewriter service of the Bell System is furnished only in connection with private wires which are not connected to central switching points. This private wire service, now widely used for interoffice communication, will be continued as heretofore. The new switching service through teletypewriter exchanges is now possible because of developments in apparatus and operation.

The new teletypewriter service will thus have the flexibility that characterizes the regular telephone service of the Bell companies. The establishment of switching offices similar to telephone exchanges enables subscribers to the new service to call and secure connections just as they do for local and long distance telephone conversations. While their teletypewriter lines are connected they may send or receive typed messages as desired.

TWO SIGNIFICANT MEALS.

Two incidents of last week that might have seemed of little significance to some were probably freighted with great political potentialities.

Al Smith, as a lone dinner guest of Governor Roosevelt of New York would not have been a matter to start tongues wagging before Mr. Smith attacked the plan of the Governor on his reforestation project. But that attack gave color to rumors that the two devoted friends had come to the parting of their political ways and the fact that the former Governor has since gone to break bread with his successor has intrigued political imagination.

Friends may differ in their evaluation of the wisdom of certain courses of action and still be friends. On such a premise Mr. Smith's attack on Governor Roosevelt might very properly be regarded as not the opening of a campaign to stop Roosevelt for President, as it was so generally supposed, but merely his characteristic habit of speaking his own mind on matters of public interest, regardless of whose political fortunes are at stake.

The Roosevelt-Smith dinner was followed quickly by the meeting at breakfast in Washington, of John W. Curry, boss of Tammany, and Representative Garner, of Texas, who will, in all probability, be the Speaker of the next House of Congress. Possibly it was only a coincidence.

While Mr. Smith is a Tammany man there has been much in his connection with the Society to indicate that he has not been in accord with all of its projects, so that the dinner for two in New York and the breakfast for two in Washington might have been more than mere coincidences.

"LET GEORGE DO IT"

Several days ago Governor Pinchot made a statement to the effect that there are forty individuals in Pennsylvania who could underwrite his proposed forty million dollar bond issue and never feel it.

Doubtless he was right in his estimate of the wealth of a number of persons in Pennsylvania, but it is not quite clear as to what he intended to convey when he said, in effect, that they would never feel it.

Since the proposed bonds would bear interest and be a mortgage on the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania they would, if legal, be gilt edged securities. As such no investor in them would have his income affected in any other way than the possibility of a difference in the interest rate they might now be receiving on their money and the rate the bonds will carry.

From this view point it is difficult to understand the Governor's intimation that the persons he had in mind might make some sacrifice for the common weal.

If he looks on it that way why doesn't he offer himself on the sacrificial altar? Why doesn't he say to the other thirty-nine: I will take my share of the bonds if you do?

The Pinchots are reputed to be among the very wealthiest of those claiming residence in Pennsylvania, yet their names are most rarely seen among those making really large contributions to any public welfare movements. Unless they keep their lights well concealed under the bushel the public is justified in the belief that they are of the class that want to "let George do it."

President Hoover has just announced that he will give his salary for three days a month to the relief of the poor in Washington. All the world knows of our Governor's spirit of generosity, except with other people's money, through the record that he resigned his office as Forester of Pennsylvania so that he could beat the law and accept re-appointment to it the next day at a higher salary.

Laying a mortgage on Pennsylvania for future generations to pay, especially if it should be foreclosed at a time when they might be in just such distress as our State finds itself to be today, is a matter of doubtful wisdom. Notwithstanding that, the Governor might have his special session of the Legislature more perfectly hypnotized had he shown willingness to do as much as he is calling on "George" to do.

ON THE STOOL OF REPENTANCE.

The Keystone Gazette is evidently in sackcloth and ashes for having called the hundreds of unbossed Republicans of Centre county who voted the Democratic ticket at the last election "traitors", "renegades" and "rubbish."

In an editorial in its last week's issue it attempted to qualify the lambasting it gave members of its party who jumped the fence by stating that it meant that only "those candidates who refuse to abide by the results of the primary election have no place in any party and are especially unwelcome in the Republican party in Centre county."

The Gazette is being more explicit in the objects of its vituperation, but not quite explicit enough to give the public an idea as to just who it did call "traitors," "renegades" and "rubbish."

Since it has attempted to narrow it down to the gentlemen who were defeated in its own party primaries will it pick the goats from the sheep among them? In order to make the task easy we here list the men who ran in the Republican primaries, a number of whom were not given a square deal by their party's organization:

- For Sheriff—L. Frank Mayes, Willis B. Bathgate, N. R. Lamoreaux, James J. Leitzell.
For Treasurer—C. C. Shuey, Ernest E. Demi, Hon. Philip E. Womelsdorf, R. J. Barnett.
For Prothonotary—E. R. Hancock.
For Recorder—Lloyd A. Stover, James S. Reish.
For Register—Harold D. Cowher, N. R. Stiver, Thomas Morgan, Clark N. Aikie, Frank Sasserman, S. S. Osman.
For Commissioner—Newton I. Wilson, James M. Deitrick, G. W. Mothersbaugh, Harry W. Frantz, E. S. Bennett, Mahlon R. Haggerty.
For Auditor—Geo. C. King.
For Coroner—Dr. Evan L. Jones, Dr. Oscar E. Hewitzky, Dr. Walter J. Kurtz.

Here are twenty-seven gentlemen whom the Gazette says are "especially unwelcome in the Republican party in Centre county." Possibly it was saying: "Here's your hat, what's your hurry" to all of them, but since it is trying to get its foot out of its mouth it would be very nice to see it do the job right by naming just who of the twenty-seven it regards as the "traitors," "renegades" and "rubbish." It would be nice, also, if the Gazette were to explain just how and when it was delegated to say who is welcome and who is not in the Republican party in Centre county.

Former Centre Courtian Has Become Noted Religious Educator.

The following, taken from the last issue of "The Christian Advocate" refers to a man who was born in Centre county and is the husband of the former Miss Nora Gray, daughter of the late Samuel T. Gray, of Half Moon valley.

Professor James Voorhees Thompson has been appointed director of the new College of Religious Education and Missions of Drew University, Madison, N. J. Last September he joined the faculty of the Graduate School, coming from a professorship of Northwestern University. His long and intimate connection with the practical educational affairs both of local churches and of the general Sunday School Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes him especially valuable as a teacher and administrator.

Yes, They Were the Good Old Days.

From W. G. Hoffer's, Wellshire, Ohio, Herald.

Really just cause for Thanksgiving: Our old home county in Pennsylvania went Democratic Nov. 3, for the first time in a decade. Prior to the time we left the old Keystone State almost fifty years ago, the Republicans had difficulty in securing persons to fill their tickets, frequently permitting the election to go by default.

The afternoon group of children in the Bishop street first grade school made thirty Thanksgiving greeting books which were presented to patients in the Centre County hospital. They are now ready to begin their annual Christmas greetings for the same institution.