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### A GENERAL SALES TAX WILL NEVER PASS

The proposed general sales tax is proving very unpopular. In closed on March 24. During the term he had the license number of their campment; Frank Shannon, Pittsfact so much so that it has ended the entente cordiale in Congress there was an average attendance of car and would turn it over to the burgh, Pa., past grand master; and and threatened such a split in that body as to give little hope of a 91% of the 82 scholars enrolled. police in the morning they quickly R. H. Sims, Wyoming, Pa., a past continuance of the smooth working organization it has been since David D. Ross, John W. Williams, released the dog and jumping in the district deputy grand master. In gratulations upon the birth of a

The government is terribly in debt. Its present revenues are in- Murray, Lulu Conley, Myrtle Walker adequate to meet the expenditures authorized during the days of the great inflation. It cannot go on forever issuing bonds, for eventually such financing would lead to repudiation. In order to maintain its credit and the integrity of its present bonded debt the time has come where it must start the practice of paying as it goes.

Unfortunately, however, it finds itself with insufficient income to do that. Even with drastic retrenchments wherever such retrenchments can be made without seriously interrupting normal service. Because there are scarcely any imports revenue from tariff has fall- at the corner of High and Allegheny en off. Early returns from income taxes reveal a tremenduous streets that was torn down to make shrinkage from that source.

Necessarily new sources of revenue had to be sought and the general sales tax was proposed. Such a levy has always been a red from a severe attack of typhoid fever. alley with part of its head chewed flag in the face of the people of the United States. but it seems inevitable, since there is no other place for Congress to turn with now, the young man having gradu- put it out of its misery. hope of raising enough revenue to balance the budget.

The only hope of the passage of such a tax bill lies in a compromise that would exempt actual necessities. In fact the proponents is reported as being so ill with ty- withstanding the hard times, and of the proposal before Congress have already been forced to yield phoid-pneumonia that he is not exthat's Unionville. on that point. All sides realize that there is an emergency and right of way has been given to discussion of the measure. What the final outcome will be nobody knows.

Exemption of actual necessities, the sop that has temporarily up for Graham's shoe store. mollified the antagonists of a general sales tax, might germinate jokers that will hold up final action many months.

Who is there, for instance, who can say what an actual necessity is? Many of the commodities that a person with an income Mining Co. Dr. G. F. Hoop, also of of ten thousand dollars a year might regard as necessities are luxuries in the estimate of the one who is happy if he is receiving half

Actual necessities is a relative term. So relative that the Connew brick house built by Dr. Hayes, For the latter sum a property owner cepts of the Order in all phases of Mrs. Charles Hines, of Potter gressman who has been accustomed to having caviar when he wants it is going to have trouble reconciling his ideas of what necessities Grove and his family—Editor's Note. should be exempt with the colleague who smiles when a chuck roast graces his Sunday dinner table.

A! sales tax will be passed by Congress, but it will be far from being a general sales tax.

## VOTING MACHINES NOT YET ADEQUATE

The utility of voting machines in Pennsylvania elections is coming in for much discussion in consequence of a condition that has it and will use such material as he also have been appropriate the paid \$55 for drawn pretty heavily on their surarisen out of preparation for the coming primary election.

As at present constructed none of the machines already in use in the State have facilities for handling as many candidates as filed for positions on the Democratic ticket. Leo A. Werner, of Harrisburg, was desirous of being a candidate for alternate-delegate-atlarge to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. When ington, who works at Kohlblecker's the case. That practically all his the petitions for places on the ticket were counted it was found hotel in Milesburg, was struck by a that just one more had filed than the machines have capacity for locomotive on Tuesday and escaped recording. Mr. Werner had a right to be a candidate. His papers were in proper form and there was no reason why his name should and Linn's dam and the engine hit not have gone before the electorate of the State. To do that, how- him with such a force as to knock ever, would have involved the districts that have already installed him well out into the water. He was thorized the board of trustees of the voting machines in an outlay of half a million dollars to provide hurt badly, of course, but he'll get Centre County hospital to float a paper ballots. When this fact was discovered Mr. Werner withdrew his name. It was a very magnanimous act on his part. There was no more reason for him to withdraw than there was for any of the other candidates for the same office.

A discussion of the ethics of his action is not pertinent to the condition that brought it about. The quandary is as to the probable cially organized and officers installed utility of voting machines.

Under the open primary any qualified elector who can secure the required number of signatures to his petition for a place on the theket has a right to be a candidate for the office he seeks. There is no law that prevents that right and there ought to be no con- tenderfoot badges and membership than one woman in Bellefonte is ceivable condition that would deny full enjoyment of it. However, cards during a very impressive cansince there is no limit to the number who may enter a primary con- dle service which was given by mem- er that day because she will have no president; Roy Wilkinson Jr., vice next Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, test for a given office it is apparent that no one can forsee just bers of Troop No. 1, under the di- new outfit to go out in. what capacity a voting machine should have to meet all the possible rection of Donald Cochrane. The demands on it.

The Werner case is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania, but it offers food for thought for Secretary Beamish. That gentleman ing members of the troop committee aggregate of the sale, which is about for the ensuing year were elected at has been most persistent in forcing the purchase of voting machines were present: Musser Gettig, chair- the average for several years past, a meeting last evening. on reluctant County Commissioners. Of course he has been justified man; Charles Keller, Earl Campbell evidence that there is still some by law, but why force their purchase when it has become apparent and Rev. A. Ward Campbell. Donald money in the county, and that the POPULAR COMMANDANT that they might often become inadequate to render the service re- Keller was elected as assistant scout- farmers have a fair share of it. quired of them.

Until the primary laws are amended to limit the number of candidates who may file for any given office or voting machines are so constructed as to accommodate all who may enter there is going to be grave doubt as to the wisdom of investing in them.

-The significant feature of the recent primary in North Dakota was not the fact that Franklin D. Roosevelt handily defeated David Arnold, Gerald Hassinger, favorably impress Fish Commission-"Alfalfa Bill" Murray right in the country where he was supposed Donald Billett, Earl Bloom, Charles er Deibler to make good his promise to be strongest. The real encouragement Democrats get out of that contest lies in the return of five times as many votes as their party has ever before polled in a primary in that State. And reports have it that there were so many Republicans anxious to change their party alignment that there were not enough ballots provided with which they could record their intention.

-Mrs. Pinchot opened her campaign for Congress at May- Gray and Hoy Houck. mart, Pa., by charging that our international bankers, the power trusts and utilities, generally, have taken the place of "the Pharoahs and Caesars, as the kings, emperors and slave owners of an ex- there will be on display at The Pea- sult of a heart attack. The remains ploited people." The dear lady was skating on thin ice when she cock Art and Gift Studio a complete were shipped to Latrobe for burial. Young Peoples Missionary Circle of made that statement. The nearest would-be king, emperor and exploiter of the people that Pennsylvania has ever known is the every evening. gentleman for whom she pours the Java at breakfast.

Reports of earnings of the railroad companies of the country Culver Military Academy scholarfor February are being made. Almost without exception, they are for February are being made. Almost without exception, they are showing decided increases. This is not, however, indicative of a ship were Harry L. Bland, Ira LeRoy for lay delegate to the coming annual conference of the Methodist J. Teaman and Roy Keeler, awarded St. John's Reformed church will be pick-up in freight and passenger business. It merely reflects im- Shoe, and William J. Krone, of church the Bellefonte church chose the silver medal to Miss Thomas and held at the Voriety shop on Saturproved earnings in consequence of the general wage cut that be- Clarence. The scholarship has a ten- C. C. Shuey by a vote that was high- it was formally presented by the day, March 26th. Home-made pies, came effective February 1.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue

of March 31, 1882,

Square Garden Company. Reifsnyder or Pierce Musser is to be and it was only a question of a few

landa Lewis, Susie Whippo, Molly and Sara Williams were among the attendance.

Dr. Curtin was raised in the house room for the present Heverly building-Editor's Note.

-It is "Dr." Joseph Brockerhoff off and a policeman had to kill it to ated in medicine now has a right to the title.

pected to live.

house lately occupied by the Centre County Banking Co., are being fitted

-L. A. Shearer, late of Philips. burg and now living in Idaho Springs, Col., has been elected vice president treasurer of the company.

Dr. Stewart, of Burnside township, is credited with having had the two best rafts that went down the Susquehanna on the spring floods. He sold them in the Lock Haven market at 24 1/2 per foot.

can salvage in building himself a new house.

passed over Bellefonte on Monday evening

death miraculously. He was sitting over it.

### NEW TROOP BOY SCOUTS OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED.

church, on Sunday night. Chief scout executive Kenyon Woodey, of Lewistown, had charge.

charter was presented to the troop committee by A. C. Hewitt, chairman of the local council. The follow- in cash out of a total of \$950, the attendance of twenty eight. Officers master. Mr. Woodey was presented by F. T. Augustine with a certificate of Scoutmastership.

The following patrol leaders were patrol; Kenneth Ridge, raven patrol; Witmer Symmonds, flying eagle pa-

Coble, Victor Dann, Samuel Eckel, of a supply of big trout for Spring Penn State in 1896, the Colonel en-John Galaida, Samuel Holderman, creek. Francis Jodon, Robert Jones, Joseph Kofman, Robert Miller, Donald Richards, Kenneth Ridge, Earl Shawley, Joseph Shuey, Franklyn Stevens, Witmer Symmonds, Billy Waite, Wil- High St. liam Witmer, Robert Barraclaugh, LeRoy Bilger, Carl Gingery, Richard

showing of Easter flowers. Open 12-2t

tative value of \$6000.

#### A HODGE PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS

Betwen twelve and one o'clock, one night recently, a car stoppd in The fight over whether J. H. were cavorting in that neighborhood in the Bellefonte hall.

While it is not certain who the young the State the latter hree combine men were the gentleman who frustra- and are known as the "Three Musket-27 scholars who didn't miss a day in ted their attempt to steal a dog has eers." a suspicion they were new fraternity On March 21st, at the residence men at State College, and that stealof the bride's father, Dr. Roland G. ing a dog was one of the parts of Curtin, of Philadelphia, formerly of their initiation. Burgess Harris was Bellefonte, was married to Miss Ju- informed of the actions of the quarlia Taylor Robinson, of Hartford, tette but as no report of a stolen dog was made to him it is quite evident they went somewhere else for their dog. A peculiar coincidence, however, is the fact that the morning following the attempted theft -Walter Bayard has recovered another dog was found in the same

There is one town in Centre county -Squire Shannon, of Centre Hall, that's got it's head above water, not-It has no out-The rooms in the Brockerhoff paid and about \$2500 in it's treasury. standing bonds, has all obligations Some years ago the borough council pave wash, a spigot in the garden ship. wants it.

-William Armstrong has bought he remarked that his section was visit. the old Presbyterian "Wigwam" that just now beginning to feel the hard is so unsightly at the corner of Lamb times. Farmers, he averred, have of the roads the attendance was exch material as he plus bank accounts owing to the low prices for everything and are cutting down their purchases to absolute -Another heavy thunderstorm necessities. When we ventured the supposition that he was carrying pretty heavy book accounts he unhesitatingly stated that such was not customers are good pay and when they didn't have the money to buy they went without.

Judge M. Ward Fleming has aubond issue of \$70,000 to pay off the \$30,000 loan negotiated when the and the other \$40,000 for use in building a new nurse's home. The Boy Scout troop No. 2 was offi- purpose is a worthy one, but with money as hard to get as it is these

Sunday will be Easter, the day of consisted of Albert Osman, Edmund new hats and new dresses, but we McCafferty, Paul Emerick and Rob-Twenty-one Scouts received their venture the assertion that more ert Thal.

last week, the owner received \$299 ings that there has been an average free-will offering will be lifted.

Every Centre countian interested

The largest showing of Easter cock Art and Gift Studio, 19 W. 12-2t

-William Brant, of Latrobe, an inmate at Rockview penitentiary, THELMA THOMAS WINS died at 4 o'clock on Wednesday -Beginning Tuesday, March 22, afternoon of last week, as the re-

see the display at The Peacock Art ning, March 21. Among the eleven candidates and Gift Studio. Potted plants, cut

> -At the congregational election son. ly complimentary to the gentleman. pastor, Rev. A. Ward Campbell.

#### THIRTEEN LO.O.F. LODGES REPRESENTED AT BIG GATHERING HERE

On the evening of Saint Patricks' -We are to have "Hazel Kirk," an alley leading off north Spring day Centre lodge No. 153, I. O. O. F., next Tuesday evening, and it will be street, Bellefonte, and four young of Bellefonte, Pa., was the host of patient played by the original Madison men scrambled out and scattered in the members of the lodges of Censeveral directions. A number of dogs tre county who held a joint meeting fonte, was discharged on Monday of

After the routine business of the justice of the peace of Milheim has minutes until one of the men had a evening was completed noble grand and infant daughter, were discharged been decided in favor of the former. dog at the end of a rope and whistled R. H. Steltz, of the local lodge turn-The case has been hanging fire since a signal to his companions. The four ed over the meeting to district dethe election of last February a year. On the face of the returns Mr. Musser had a majority of one, but Mr. Reifsnyder contested it. The argu
Reifsnyder contested it. The argu
a signal to his companions. The four of them were quick to gather at the puty grand master "Jerry" Altenderfer who explained that the purpose was discharged Monday of last week.

Spurgeon E. Laird, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Friday after here. ment was made before Judge Elwell, side when a resident raised a window deputy grand master A. A. Grant, of Columbia county, specially presid- and asked what the idea was in of Scranton, and the three live wires ing here, and resulted as stated stealing the dog. The young men of Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania were somewhat nonplussed at being A. E. S. Montgomery, Scranton, Pa. -The schools of Port Matilda caught and when the man told them and grand high priest of the Encar drove away as fast as possible. their visits to the various lodges of

Past district deputy grand master Lester Koons, of Jersey Shore, was appointed by D. D. G. M. Altenderfer to introduce the viiting officers.

P. D. D. G. M. Sims was the first speaker. Mr. Sims is known as the dynamo of Odd Fellowhip in the anthracite regions and after listening been a medical patient. to his forceful talk on the principles he is not misnamed.

Mr. Koons then introduced P. G. M. Miss Eleanor Schenck, of Howard, Shannon. Mr. Shannon, who is now was admitted Wednesday for media candidate for the office of grand cal treatment. secretary of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, gave a very enlightening nurse at the hospital, was discharged talk concerning the Odd Fellow or- Wednesday after undergoing surgiphans home at Sunbury and their cal treatment. present requirements. He also out- Miss Genevieve Rider, a student lined the duties of the various lodges nurse at the hospital, a surgical pain supporting the home.

Mr. Montgomery was next pres day. floated a bond issue for the purpose ented and talked on the principles of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller, of of installing a water system. The the Encampment and explained why Hair Moon Hill, are the proud parwater was piped from a spring on all subordinate members should try ents of a son, born at the hospital Muncy mountain and is entirely a and attain these higher degrees. He last Thursday been paid, the town has an ample the gospel of friendship and fellow- surgical patient, was discharged last

-William R. Jenkins has just pur- rate is one of the lowest in the State, grand master Grant who appealed to township, became a surgical patient chased and taken possession of the running from \$3.00 to \$7.80 a year. all Odd Fellows to practice the pre- on Friday. can have as much water as he wants, their every day life and in that way township, is a surgical patient, havwater in his garage, at the barn, spread the principles of Odd Fellow- ing been admitted on Friday.

> and a bath tub in every room if he D. D. G. M. Altenderfer then ap- UNDINES CELEBRATE pointed past grand John H. Frizzell, of State College, to express the Talking to a merchant in the east- thanks and appreciation of Centre

> > In spite of the conditions of some ceptionally good were represented and visitors representing four other counties and

> > two other States were present. The speeches were out of the ordinary and all present expressed their approval of the evening's entertainment.

### HI-Y CLUB CELEBRATED ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Hi-Y Club of Bellefonte, under the leadership of George Reuben Meek Jr., celebrated St. Patrick's day with a party at Hecla park, last Thursday evening. Fifty-five young new wing was built to the institution people were present with secretary L. C. Heineman, of the Y. M. C. A., and coach Miller, of the Bellefonte High school, as honor guests. The evening entertainment consisted of at a meeting in the Evangelical days where will they sell the bonds? various games and skating. The CANTATA TO BE GIVEN committee in charge of the program

> president; Melvin Fore, secretary, by the choir of St. John's Lutheran and Albert Osman, treasurer, and so church, of State College. The choir At a public sale in Pennsvalley, interesting have they made the meet- is composed largely of students. A

Colonel Walter B. McCaskey will in the conservation of fish and game end his duties as head of the R. O. ought to attend the meeting to be T. C. department at the Pennsylvaselected: Samuel Holderman, beaver held at the Nittany Lion Inn, State nia State College, in June, according College, on April 4th, for the purpose to War Department orders received of forming a county organization. on Monday of last week. Colonel Bellefonte, especially, ought to be McCaskey has been head of the de-The troop roster is as follows: well represented in order to more partment at Penn State for the last four years. Receiving his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at tered the employ of a railroad company. Soon after, he launched out on him to many parts of the world and flowers at the lowest prices. The Peanumerous posts in the United States. Before coming to Penn State, in 1928, he was commandant at Fort Douglas, Utah.

# ORATORICAL CONTEST

the Bellefonte Evangelical church is the subject of a talk which Miss Before buying Easter flowers was held in the church Monday eve- Mary H. Linn will give to the Wo-

who took the preliminary examina- flowers, corsages made to order. 12-2t es Thelma Thomas and Mae Miller evening, at 8 o'clock March 28. All and Harry Beck and William John- interested are invited.

### PATIENTS TREATED AT COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Belle Harshberger, of Pennsylvania Furnace, was admitted Monday of last week as a medical

Mrs. Catherine Brown, of Bellelast week.

Mrs. R. A. Selby, of State College, on Monday of last week.

was discharged on Friday after having undergone three day's surgical treatment.

James C. Showers, of Pleasant Gap, became a surgical patient last Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wetmore, of daughter, at the hospital last Thurs-

Mrs. Edith B. Peters, of Milesburg, was admitted Tuesday for surgical treatment

George W. Jeffries, 11 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jeffries, of State College, was discharged Wednesday after undergoing surgical treatment for a day.

Charles Miller, of Bellefonte, R. D., was discharged last Tuesday. He had

Miss Betty Ann Miller, of Belleof the order his audience agreed that fonte, a surgical patient for a day, was discharged last Thursday.

Miss Sarah Brungard, a student

tient, was discharged last Wednes-

of Idaho Springs Gold and Silver gravity system. The bonds have all also stressed the need of spreading Craig Grafmyer, of Milesburg, a

Friday. sure at its fire plugs, and the water Mr. Koons then introduced deputy Herbert Hockenberry, of Spring

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Undine Fire Co., held their ern end of the county, the other day, county to grand officers for their annual banquet last Thursday evening in celebration of St. Patrick's day and it was bigger, and better, laid for 125 guests in the pu room, which under the artistic direction of chairman John Kane, of the banquet committee, was transformed into the most beautiful setting we have ever seen for one of these Undine affairs.

Sheckler's orchestra furnished the music and a long list of distinguished visitors responded to toasts proposed by the Undine's popular chief, Geo. Carpeneto, who presided. Among the speakers were Father W. E. Downes, Sen. Harry B. Scott, James R. Hughes, John J. Bower, Charles E. Dorworth, Robert F. Hunter, Roy Wilkinson and John G. Love, of Bellefonte; E. J. Thompson, of Philipsburg; P. A. Zindel, of Lock Haven; Abe Yearick, of Lewistown; Randall Graham, of Philipsburg.

# IN HOWARD CHURCH

A cantata, "Our Living Lord," by Ira Wilson, will be presented in the The officers of the club during the Evangelical church, at Howard, of

Barbers in Pennsylvania who fail to obtain a license or certificate of registration before April 1 will be guilty of breaking a new State TO LEAVE PENN STATE. law. After that date there will be a fine of \$100 or ninety days in jail for every barber who practices his trade without his certificate prominently displayed near his chair.

> -The annual Easter sale of potted plants and cut flowers, will be held at the Geo. Miller hardware store beginning Wednesday, March 23. Beautiful flowers will be on sale at reasonable prices.

-William H. Smith has purmilitary career which has taken chased his late mother's house on north Spring street. Having bought the interest of the other heirs in the property he expects to occupy it

> -Buy your Easter flowers at The Peacock Art and Gift Studio.

-The "History of Bellefonte" man's Club of Bellefonte, at her There were four contestants: Miss- home on Allegheny St., on Monday

cakes, bread, Etc, will be on sale.