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THE MONEY SHOULD BE KEPT AT HOME

The board of directors of the Centre County hospital are planning to build a new home for the nurses serving at the institution.

According to the published plans the banks of Centre county are to be called upon to cooperate in the work of selling the bonds.

Whatever the process practically the entire subscription must inevitably come from the people of Centre county and, in the last analysis, from those whose good will the hospital holds.

Forty thousand dollars of it is to be spent on building the nurses' home. Practically all of the money will go for architects' fees, building material and labor.

Inasmuch as the hospital is purely a local institution and inasmuch as the expenditure to be made there will have to be provided by Centre county people it seems only fair that Centre county business and labor should get every cent of the outlay that is possible for it to have.

We have three, possibly more, good architects in the county, we have many responsible contractors and hundreds of skilled mechanics who should have the preference in this work.

At first glance such a proposal might not appear to be good business. On second thought, however, two very sound reasons will appear to justify the suggestion.

In the first place, scattering forty thousand dollars among Centre county builders and labor might tide them over a time of great stress. It might be just the ship that will come in to save them from financial ruin and enable them to continue paying taxes and store bills.

The second reason is the potential value of good will. That, more than anything else, means life or death to such an institution as our hospital. It is impossible to calculate its value.

Outside architects, outside contractors and skilled labor might show a saving of some thousands of dollars in the initial cost of the proposed project, but its effect on those who are to supply the money for it and those who are desperate for work will be so dissatisfying that for years to come the saving will be lost, over and over again, in drives for the benefit of the institution.

It has happened before. It will happen again. For that reason we are of the opinion that the gentlemen of the hospital board might well weigh the value of the good will engendered by spending money provided by the people of Centre county among the people of Centre county.

A CUT FOR PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDERS

Naturally there has been much protest and a powerful lobby in Washington against the suggestion that the salaries of governmental employees be cut. But why shouldn't they?

Men in every private business pursuit are taking cuts and they are the ones who are taxed to pay the salaries of those who have governmental jobs.

Always the fellow who is on the public payroll is sure of his monthly salary or wage. He is never laid off, his work is not seasonal and if he happens to be in the Civil Service class he has nothing to worry about until he reaches the age limit of his usefulness and then there is a pension to support him.

Senator Couzens, of Michigan, was not fair when he said, in opposing the proposal for a cut in the salaries of public officials, that the average is only \$1441.00 per year and for that reason a reduction would be inhuman.

Nobody would have a thought of reducing the salary of a government employee who is receiving that sum. But when the public knows that the Federal and State governments are loaded with men who are drawing five to ten or more thousand dollars a year—men who couldn't earn half such salaries on their own initiative—it is not unreasonable to suggest that they be made to lift part of the burden from the backs of those who are supporting them.

Probably ninety per cent of Federal and State employees are on the public payroll today through their political pull. If their salaries were cut twenty-five per cent and they staged a walkout in consequence is there anyone silly enough to think Uncle Sam couldn't fill their places, within twenty-four hours, with others just as capable?

Since the public attention has been called to the prodigious saving that could be effected by only a small cut in the emoluments of our army of public servants it seems to us that it should be smart enough to break up the snow ball that might become an avalanche, by volunteering to take a cut.

In every home of five people in this country there is an invisible mouth to be fed, back to be clothed. The unseen, unthought-of guest is a government employee. Hard times makes no difference to him. He must live as he always has lived, regardless of the denials, the sacrifices his host has to make to entertain him.

—On October 14, 1931, Ella B. Black, president of the Pennsylvania W. C. T. U., wrote to Maj. Lederer, Burgess of State College and candidate for Congress, as follows: "Dear Mr. Lederer: We need men of your type in our nation today."

—The President made a sorry figure of himself in his special message to Congress on Monday. Having failed to work out any of the many plans he has suggested to lift the country out of the slough of despond into which he has let it fall he has thrown up his hands completely and asked Congress to draw up a Federal economy program. It is unconceivable that the President's acknowledgment of impotence is sincere. He must be playing politics.

FOUR BIG BALLOTS WILL HAVE TO BE PRINTED FOR THE SPRING PRIMARIES

Four big ballots will have to be printed to accommodate the 22,000 voters of Centre county at the spring primaries to be held on April 26th. The ballots will represent four party tickets, Republican, Democratic, Socialist and Prohibition.

DEMOCRATIC

State Supreme Court: Edward C. Higbee, of Conneville.

United States Senator: Lawrence H. Rupp, of Allentown.

Auditor General: Wilson G. Sarig, of Temple.

Superior Court: Robert A. Henderson, of Altoona.

State Treasurer: L. G. Shannon, of Brockville.

Congress, 23rd District: Col. Fred B. Kerr, of Clearfield.

State Assembly: Robert J. Miller, of State College.

County Chairman: John J. Bower, Bellefonte.

National Convention District Delegates: E. Jackson Thompson, of Phillipsburg.

State Committee: Dr. F. K. White, of Phillipsburg.

State Supreme Court: William B. Linn, of Philadelphia.

United States Senator: James J. Davis, of Pittsburgh.

Auditor General: Frank E. Baldwin, of Austin.

Superior Court: Robert S. Gawthrop, of West Chester.

Congress, 23rd District: J. Mitchell Chase, Clearfield.

State Assembly: J. Banks Kurtz, Altoona.

County Chairman: Harry A. Rossmann, Bellefonte.

National Convention District Delegates: Harry Boulton, Clearfield.

State Committee: Miss Bessie A. Miles, Milesburg.

State Supreme Court: Charles Palmer, of Ridley Park.

United States Senator: William J. Van Essen, of Pittsburgh.

Auditor General: Nellie Lithgow Chew, of Philadelphia.

Superior Court: Morris Scheirow, of Pittsburgh.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of April 14, 1882.

The decorations in the Episcopal church on Sunday (Easter) were very fine and produced a most beautiful effect. They were arranged by Miss Kate Jackson, Miss Mary Gehart and Miss Sallie Burnside.

—It is said that a house near Pine Grove Mills, occupied by James Krape, which was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning last, contained \$700.00 in bank bills, which were all burned. The family must certainly have been absent from home or the money would surely have been saved.

—Michael Meese Gunsallus died at his home in Snow Shoe on April 6, after a short illness. He was sixty-seven years old and a much respected citizen. A large family survives him.

—Tonight the grand military ball of Co. B, of the Bellefonte Fencibles, will be held in the armory on the third floor of Bush's Arcade.

—The Northern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Pennsylvania convened in the Lutheran church of Bellefonte on Tuesday evening, March 28. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Koser, of Pine Grove Mills.

—Anderson Harvey, elder brother of Henry L. Harvey, of Boggs township, Centre county, died in Norfolk, Va., in his 70th year. He was raised in the vicinity of Salona, Clinton county, and in compliance with his request, his remains were brought back and buried in the cemetery there last Wednesday.

—Miss Ohnmacht's concert in Humes hall, last Saturday night, was an artistic but not a very great financial success. The receipts were \$81.00 and the expenses were \$20.00, so there is a net balance of \$61.00, not really enough to properly express the community's obligation to those who labor so hard and sacrifice so much time to entertain it.

—The McGibbeny Family, musicians extraordinary, will appear in Reynolds' hall this evening.

—Our early gardeners have been obliged to put pants and petticoats on their young onions because of the frigid weather we are having.

—Sunday last was Easter. It was a dull, cloudy day, with rain that turned to sleet during the evening and snow when night fell.

—Maj. R. H. Foster has retired as editor of the Centre Democrat and J. Reese Van Orner has succeeded him on the editorial tripod.

—City papers are making a big to-do about Christ "Jack" Heverly, his carryings on and his financial condition. "Jack" has had his ups and downs, like any other young fellow. We know him because we played together in boyhood and what stories that are afloat are just what might be expected from the envious. He is in Europe now, his theatrical enterprises here are still the popular places of amusement so we shall wait until he has returned before we believe that his many enterprises are headed toward bankruptcy.

POULTRY MEETINGS TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Poultrymen of Centre county are invited to poultry meetings arranged on eight poultry demonstration farms in various sections of the county by county agent R. C. Blaney, for next week, April 13, 14, 15. The poultry extension specialist from State College, John Vandervort, will be the speaker at these demonstration farm meetings. He will discuss the many problems relative to the successful raising of chicks among the 650 poultrymen in the county.

—Thursday, April 14th,—at the farm of J. E. Ertle, Rebersburg, at 9 A. M.; Daniel P. Ream, Aaronsburg, at 1:30 P. M., and Mrs. G. W. Long, Penns Cave, at 3:30 P. M.

—Friday, April 15th,—at the farm of J. E. Carper, Unionville, at 9 A. M., and Harry Smith, Bellefonte, (near Aviation field) at 1:30 P. M.

—The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Centre county Motor Club will be held at the Markland hotel, Bellefonte, this evening, at 6 o'clock.

A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS

We have just been scanning the list of things on which a tax has been imposed by Congress in the make-up of the new revenue bill to drain another billion dollars out of the pockets of the people to enable the government to continue its role of unlimited expenditures, and we have been impressed with the fact that very few of the necessities have escaped but no effort was made to lift the exemption on the salaries of officials.

And while the framers of the bill were at it why didn't they put a tax on the auto road hog and speeder, one heavy enough to break up both practices and it might have resulted in lowering the death rate by auto accidents.

Then trout fishing season is coming on and why not a tax on the trout caught. The tax might be graduated, say from a twentieth of one per cent for the little fellows up to one per cent for the big kind that always get away. That might have had a tendency to reduce the number of big fish stories that invariably float around every year.

Then why not a tax on kissing. That is a luxury and not a necessity. Babies, of course, should be exempt. Real pretty girls ought to be worth one-fifth of one per cent. The real ardent kind might be put down at two per cent and counted cheap at that. Widows might be graded at two per cent; grass widows, if not too grassy, five cents a kiss, and kissing another man's wife two and a half per cent if not caught in the act with a rebate of one per cent if nabbed by the husband.

Oh there's a lot of things Congress overlooked. They might have taxed a man so much a head for the children he has and doubled the tax on the man who doesn't have any. They might have taxed the ruffles on silk undies and the trimmings on milady's hat. They might have taxed the leather in your shoes and the silk in your stockings, but thank Heaven they can't tax the air we breathe, that is God-given and free to all of us, and it is about the only thing left that is.

During the past fifteen years we've heard a lot about General Smedley Darlington Butler, the "Fighting Marine," and we'll all have a chance to see him tomorrow when he comes to Bellefonte on his whirlwind campaign through the State seeking the nomination for United States Senator against Senator "Puddler" Jim Davis. Smed is, of course, a Pinchot picked candidate because he is dry, and as this will be the first opportunity to make a comparison it will be interesting to see if the "Fighting Marine" is as much of a drawing attraction as Gifford was two years ago when he pledged the dawn of a perfect millennium if the people would only elect him Governor—and they did.

And speaking of wet and dry, Centre county's candidate for Congress in the 23rd district, Eugene H. Lederer, the puritanical and widely celebrated Burgess of State College, has come out flat-footed on a wet platform, notwithstanding the fact that he has talked temperance all his life. That doesn't mean that the Burgess has taken to drinking or is any more temperate now than ever before. But it does mean that he has had his eyes opened to the hypocrisy of the entire enforcement movement and has come to the belief that the only way to scotch the snake is to repeal the obnoxious Volstead Act and start out on a new and less expensive track of temperance education. It will save millions of expense to the government, seal the doom of the bootlegger and gangster and cannot result in any worse condition than we have today.

And that's just where the Watchman has stood since prohibition became an unenforced fact, thirteen years ago.

LOGAN GRANGE TO GIVE GOOD MINSTREL SHOW

Logan Grange, No. 109, will sponsor a home talent minstrel show entitled, "The Rehearsal," in their Grange hall at Pleasant Gap, Tuesday evening, April 12th, Hambone, Pretzel Face, Koogles, Sassafras, Moose Neck and Flash Light, comedians on the evening programme, will be sure to please the most fastidious.

The Farcial drama, "Sauce for the Goolings," will also be staged. This play was one of the many rendered at Harrisburg last year in the dramatic contest in the State. Two hours of entertainment is in store for all who attend, and the price of admission will be 15 and 25 cents. Children under twelve years, 15 cents.

KILL THE CORN BORER AND SAVE YOUR CROP

"Save the corn crop," is the slogan of all Centre county corn growers this year, declares county agent R. C. Blaney.

The European corn borer is present in all sections of the county. According to the records obtained by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture from the scouting of the corn borer inspectors in 1931, Centre county ranks second, or next to Erie county, in the amount of infestation in corn.

This severe infestation threatens the corn crop of Centre county this year, part of which you produce. Careful consideration of the situation followed by the control practices listed below will prevent the expected damage.

Killing the borers requires no additional investment, but will insure against loss. Just kill the borer, which winters over in corn stalks and stubbles, before it changes into a moth to start a new brood. That means taking care of all corn stalks and corn refuse about the farm buildings and fields by shredding, plowing them down or burning, and plowing stubbles under deep, not later than May 1st. Clean plowing, no stalks or weed stems on top of the ground.

Before May 1st complete these good farm management practices and you will have done your job to kill the hibernating borers on your farm this year. These suggestions apply to all corn growers. Your neighbors should cooperate with you to protect your corn crop and the corn crop of the community, so that no damage is done by the insect.

ACADEMY TO ABOLISH ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

James R. Hughes, headmaster of the Bellefonte Academy, has decided to abolish athletic scholarships, according to a statement issued this week. In the future the Academy will discourage the development of "high powered" athletic teams and will be content to bring out the strongest possible aggregation from the student body enrolled for the peculiar advantages offered by the institution. The Academy will thus be taking the lead among the prep schools in the country in doing away with scholarships, following the plan adopted by many colleges in recent years.

—As a testimonial to the services of many kinds rendered the annual conference, and, in particular, the entire denomination through his conspicuous work in eight general conferences, the members of the Altoona Methodist ministers meeting, have invited for their honor guest Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs to their annual dinner, Monday, April 11, at Osceola Mills, Pa. The preachers will have their wives share this special outing. Rev. Jacobs has been asked to speak on "Major Matters of Legislation planned for the Atlantic City General Conference" this coming May.

—Announcement of the death of Miss Laura Wiley, a former resident of Bellefonte, was made in one of the Sunday papers of Philadelphia, where she had lived. Miss Wiley was born in Milton seventy-five years ago, the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Wiley, pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church in the early seventies.

—Group number 7 of the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church, will hold a bake sale in the Variety Shop, on Saturday April 9. All kinds of breads, pastries and sweets will be on sale. The public is asked for a liberal patronage.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEMOCRATIC TICKET FOR CONGRESS We are authorized to announce that Frederick B. Kerr, of Second St., Clearfield, Pa., is a candidate for nomination on the Twenty-third Congressional District of Pennsylvania, composing Blair, Centre and Clearfield Counties, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primaries to be held on April 26, 1932.

DISTRICT NATIONAL DELEGATE To the Democratic voters of the 23rd Congressional District Counties of Clearfield, Centre and Blair, Bernard J. Clark, of Altoona, Pa., solicits your votes and your influence on Primary Day, April 26, 1932, to enable him to assist in nominating the next president of the United States.

REPUBLICAN TICKET FOR CONGRESS We are authorized to announce the name of Floya G. Hoernstine, of Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Pa., as a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for Congressman from the Twenty-third District composed of Blair, Centre and Clearfield counties, subject to the rules governing the Republican party at the primary April 26, 1932.

We are authorized to announce that Eugene H. Lederer, of State College, Centre County is a candidate for Representative of the 23rd Pennsylvania Congressional District subject to the decision of the Republican voters as expressed at the Primaries April 26, 1932.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN We are authorized to announce that Bond C. White, of Spring township, is a candidate for Chairman of the Republican County Committee of Centre County, subject to the decision of the voters of the party as expressed at the Primaries to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 1932.

DISTRICT DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION We are authorized to announce that Charles P. Long, of Spring Mills, is a candidate for delegate from the 23rd Congressional District to the Republican National Convention, subject to the rules governing the primary to be held April 26, 1932.