



SEEKING FIFTH TERM.

Politics and Book Companies Mixed up in Centre County School Affairs.

"The corruption that reeks in the machine government of Pennsylvania appears to have a counterpart in the machine manipulation of the schools of Centre county. Attention has been directed, on several occasions, to the methods the large book concerns employ to influence directors in the selection of text books. The work that has been done in several districts in this county recently gives color to the rumors that there is corruption and a political clique pulling together in the interests of certain corporations. It was openly charged that friends of Supt. C. L. Grawley had offered money, not only for votes for him for county superintendent, but also to draw off certain opposition that was regarded as prejudicial to his interests. And now it appears that the same gang is taking more than a good citizen's interest in the purchase of books in districts outside of Bellefonte. If they are not inspired by the hope of a share of the profits, their conduct is not correct, but to the ordinary mind it looks very much as if the machine that tried to buy Supt. Grawley's way into office, is now trying to force the way to the treasuries of the school districts of Centre county. By axiom 1—things that equal the same thing equal each other, therefore it is but natural to conclude that our county superintendent of public instruction was expected to be used, else the machine would not have been so anxious to secure his election."

The above is from the Democratic Watchman of last week, and no doubt will startle, or at least should startle, those unacquainted with the methods employed to secure the re-elections of the head of the public schools. If there is one office above another which should be pointed to as being filled by a man not identified with cliques and political heifers; if there is one office above another which should be filled by a man who would not stoop to political trickery and a wholesale purchasing of votes to secure it, it is the office of county superintendent of schools.

The public school system in Centre county is not what it should be or could be with a head not hampered by politicians and book publishing companies. The public school system of Centre county is not what it should or could be if the head were a man whose election had not depended upon the promiscuous granting of professional and provisional certificates to his henchmen, their sons and daughters; if the election of the present head of the public schools of Centre county had been secured without the aid of representatives of a large book concern and his friends canvassing the county and offering patronage and money considerations for the withdrawal of opposition, the public school interests could be placed on a high plane.

And the end is not yet. Mr. Grawley is now writing letters of a positive political character asking support for re-election three years hence!

LOCALS.

The case of the Misses Bible vs. the borough was continued until next court.

John Smith, of Lamar, in another column advertises a splendid property for sale.

Elmer Hettinger and Homer Treasurer, of Centre Hill, were callers Tuesday evening.

Charles Stump had a very prolific cucumber vine in his garden. The production was eighteen cucumbers on a vine about two feet in length.

J. Emory Hoy returned to Philadelphia, after spending several weeks with his wife and little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mingle.

The Pittsburg Visible Typewriter is a dandy. The machine is manufactured by the Pittsburg Writing Machine company and has many points of merit. If you care to examine it, call at this office where one is in use.

The members of the Lutheran church will hold a festival next Saturday evening on the lawn surrounding the church, at which ice cream, cake, sandwiches and coffee will be served. The proceeds will be applied to a fund created to build a stone walk about the church. Any outside patronage will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. James H. Lohr and family and Mrs. Welsh, of Philadelphia, are in Centre Hall, the guests of Wm. Lohr. They are making their annual visit to father Lohr, which is looked forward to with pleasure by all parties concerned. Mrs. Welsh is a sister of Mrs. J. O. Deininger, with whom she will spend a part of the time.

E. B. Nale met with a very serious fall, at Siglerville, a short time ago, while threshing for A. B. McNitt's. He was working on the overhead when he stepped on a short board which tilted and threw him head foremost to the barn floor beneath. He had his collar bone broken besides receiving other painful injuries.

D. A. Booser, president of the Centre Hall Evaporating Company, Monday went to Rochester, New York, on business pertaining to the interest of the company. The Evaporating company will this week ship its second car load of hand-picked fall apples. This car will be packed in new barrels, double headed, and will be a choice lot. In connection with the evaporating plant at Centre Hall, a hydraulic cider press is to be installed in time for the approaching cider making season.

FROM ILLINOIS.

Former Resident of Penns Valley Tells of Crop Conditions, Etc., in Illinois.

J. M. Stiffler, a frugal resident of northern Illinois, who obtained his early training from John S. Dauberman, of this place, writes thus from Freeport, August 18:

About a year ago your correspondent was circulating in Penns Valley, and at odd spells making trips to the mountains, helping to harvest your huckleberry crop. We realize a wonderful change of conditions from what they were a year ago. Nature never was more lavish in her dispensations. It seems as though all her latent forces have been brought into play in order to correct and make up for past failures. "Too much rain," is the hue and cry among us grangers, but all this rain has helped better our conditions. True, taking care of the immense hay crop was rather a slow and tedious process when it rained five days out of every six. But it has, evidently, all been taken care of, although the quality is hardly up to the average, much of it being damaged by the rain, and much of it was over-ripe when cut.

The yield of timothy was two and one-half to three tons per acre in places. Low meadows were badly sanded, and in many places ruined, by the frequent heavy rains. Harvesting ended about the first week in August. The straw and grain were considerably colored by the rain. Oats was hard to cut, being a very heavy growth. It is yielding well, while rye, which was equally heavy in straw is running poorly and is of inferior quality. Very little grain is stacked thus far. Much grain will be wasted this year by having to stand out too long in bad weather, waiting for the thresher to come. Last week it rained four days, so one may infer that the thresher cannot get around at the appointed time.

Our summer has averaged rather cool, sometimes verging on frost. We did not have to keep ice in the hen's nest this summer to keep the hens from laying hard boiled eggs.

The corn crop never made a better showing at this season of the year. It is simply immense; some of it is getting ripe. Potatoes are an immense crop in this section, there is some complaint as to rot, on low lands, but it is by no means general. The crop promises to be the largest for many years. They are worth now twenty-five to fifty cents per bushel, and this may not be the bottom price. Your correspondent harvested sixty bushels of Early Ohio variety as the product of two bushels of seed.

The apple crop is large, while grapes, plums, etc., are scarce. The vegetable crop is large and prices are ruinously low. One can possess himself of more cabbage than he can lug for a nickel. Onions are worth about sixty cents per bushel.

Pasture is in fine condition and stock is looking fine for this time of year. There will be a heavy second growth of hay; many stubble fields can be mowed as the clover is heading out at present.

We all pray for a mild winter as the price of coal is going higher, while the pile is getting lower. Nine dollars is now asked per ton by our dealers. The supply is short, and if the strike in the east continues many of us may have to go back to wood fire.

Reunion Echo.

Rev. George W. Fortney, of Suffern, N. Y., in acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the Centre Reporter, speaks in the most appreciating terms of Dr. Wolf, and adds that he had no notice of his being placed on the program, owing no doubt to his change of location from Turbotville to Suffern; that he greatly regretted that he was not present on the happy occasion and adds:

"Besides this let me repeat what doubtless was said and recalled the day of the picnic. I am sorry that the Academy has well-nigh become a thing of the past. There are now only one or two in Centre county, whereas years ago there were at least half a dozen prosperous schools of that kind, and it is cause for regret that they have been displaced. The preparatory schools connected with colleges has had much to do in breaking up the academy. It would be far better that the young man or young woman should be prepared for college at home or in the home academy. The preparation is of a better grade, and the associations are better at home than at college. The college should not have attempted the work of preparation, but should have left that work for the local academy. I do not know that the local academy will have a mission in the future, but for one I am sincerely sorry that they have well-nigh outlived their day."

A. P. Luse & Son announce that they will operate their cider mill at the planing mill Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

MAD DOG LAW.

Constitutionality of the Act Affirmed by the Supreme Court.

A decision of general interest has recently been rendered by the State supreme court. It relates to a supplement to an act, entitled "An act for the taxation of dogs and protection of sheep," approved May 25, 1893, "provided that the fund raised for the taxation of dogs be applied, in addition to the loss of sheep, for the loss of other domestic animals bitten by mad dogs." The supplement was approved April 11, 1901.

The first resistance to the requirements of the new act was made by the commissioners of Jefferson county. On November 11, 1901, one W. M. Sowers, a farmer in said county, presented his petition to the court for a writ of mandamus against the county commissioners to compel them to draw their order on the treasurer of the county for damage which he had sustained in the loss of three cows bitten by a mad dog.

The dead animals were appraised at \$40.00 each, by the township auditors. Repeated demands were made, asking the commissioners to issue an order for the amount of assessed damages, and on being refused he presented a petition to the court praying that a writ of mandamus be issued to compel the commissioners to draw an order on the county treasurer for the payment of said damages assessed and awarded to him as stated. The case finally went to the supreme court on the question of the constitutionality of the new act and at a late sitting of the court, Judge Reed, in an opinion read, declared the act constitutional, and henceforth all live stock bitten by a mad dog and necessitating the killing of it will be paid out of the county's sheep fund, as follows: Horses \$100, cows \$40, sheep as before the passage of the new act and hogs \$0 each.

That Spring Mills Bridge.

Politics enters into about everything—the election of county superintendents, the selection of school books and the erection of bridges. The state for political reasons bound itself to rebuild the Spring Mills bridge; it made this rash promise and assumed the responsibility of rebuilding this bridge at a time when a favorite of the state administration was in hopes of filling the governor's chair. Since then the state administration and this favorite son have been disgraced by the supreme power in Pennsylvania, the Senator United States Senator Stanley Matthew Quay, and bridge building has been checked. Senator Quay hopes cousin Pennypacker to become governor, and in that event, bridge building will be renewed with vigor, and the credit is then to be given the new governor. In the mean time the people of Spring Mills are suffering a great inconvenience by not having a bridge across sinking creek.

But what do the Republican state and county politicians care for the inconvenience of the people of Spring Mills, if Republican political interests are advanced.

LOCALS.

Sugar Valley farmers are anticipating a big crop of corn.

Newspaper reports from all sections say potatoes are rotting.

W. A. Odenkirk has charge of the Sunbury railroad station this week.

Mrs. John Noll, of Bellefonte, is in a serious condition from a fall down a pair of cellar steps.

Mrs. F. W. Bradford, of this place, Wednesday went to Millburg to remain a few days with friends.

The Colyer's Mills band will hold a festival Saturday evening, Sept. 6th, on Zion Hill. Oysters, ice cream, bananas, etc., will be served.

Prof. W. T. Meyer, of Philadelphia, who has been in Penns Valley for the past few weeks, was a brief caller at this office Monday.

Hon. L. Rhone and Mrs. Rhone Saturday attended the funeral of Jacob Kamp, at Lock Haven. Mr. Kamp was married to Mrs. Rhone's niece.

The American Axe and Tool company is making preparations to be cut loose from the borough of Mill Hall, owing to the alleged unfair usage by the borough authorities.

The basket picnic of Emanuel's church, Tusseyville, next Saturday to be held on Zion Hill, is looked forward to with much interest. All neighboring Sunday schools are invited.

Smullon is coming into prominence, besides having a postoffice established there, Messrs. George Ulrich, W. A. Tobias and J. H. Reifsnider viewed and located a road leading to that point.

William Meyer & Son, of Loganton, after making many repairs, placed a Universal rotary flour boiler in their roller mill. The machine weighs 2800 and contains more than 1000 sieves for refining and purifying flour.

ENCAMPMENT AT CENTRE HALL.

Penrose, Pennypacker, Pattison and Creasy will spend a Day There.

The encampment and exhibition of the Patrons of Husbandry of Central Pennsylvania, held at Centre Hall, September 13 to 19 promises to be the grandest and greatest affair in Central Pennsylvania. United States Senator Boise Penrose and Samuel W. Pennypacker, Republican candidate for governor, and State campaigning party; Robert E. Pattison, Democratic candidate for governor, State Chairman Creasy, and the Democratic campaigning party, will spend a day at the encampment. The Republican politicians have selected Wednesday, Sept. 17th, and the Democrats the day following.

The encampment promises to be of special interest to all classes. The agricultural and horticultural displays will be superior to any heretofore had, and the stock and poultry exhibits and machinery display will be larger and more varied than at any previous encampment.

A one-third mile speed way is under construction, for the training of horses and amusement.

The railroad companies will make the usual two-third and one-half rates for passenger fare and exhibits. For any information address the chairman, L. Rhone, Centre Hall, Pa.

LOCALS.

The Bush House is being repaired.

Prothonotary M. I. Gardner chartered a carriage load of friends through Penns Valley one day last week.

George Bechdel, a workman in the tool works near Howard, was badly burned recently by the fire coming out of the door of the furnace at an unexpected moment.

Dr. C. F. Smith, of Indianapolis, Indiana, mention of whom was made in a recent issue of the Reporter, Tuesday afternoon arrived at the home of his father, Peter Smith, at Centre Hill.

One of the gypsies who passed through Penns Valley last week, was kicked by a horse while in camp at Milesburg and probably fatally injured. His skull was fractured.

J. Frank Meyer, of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, who is spending his vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Meyer, at Penn Hall, stopped with John D. Meyer over Sunday.

Mrs. W. S. Hettlinger, of Centre Hill, is paying a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Mame Slaughter, Harrisburg, and before returning will also go to York where her son, John Hettlinger, is engaged in farming.

Theodore Shilling, of Kane, is visiting among friends in and about Centre Hall. Mr. Shilling is a glass blower and is prospering, having built for himself a good home in that active center of glass factories, gas and oil wells.

M. L. Henry, wife and little daughter stopped at the Centre Hall hotel for a few days the beginning of this week. Mr. Henry is a member of the popular notion house of English and Henry, at Shamokin, and "a jolly good fellow is he."

Prof. Edward Brunsart, of Rebersburg, moved to Millburg recently where he has been elected principal of the public schools. Prof. C. R. Neff, the former principal at Millburg, moved to Millheim where he will take charge of the schools of that borough.

D. J. Meyer Wednesday of last week went to Millersburg to visit his son, Chas. H. Meyer. Mrs. Meyer had gone there a week previous. Before returning home they will go to Williamsport, where they will visit Mrs. Linnie Shook, a sister of Mrs. Meyer.

John W. Eby, of Zion, and E. H. Zimmerman, of Millheim, says the Journal, trading and doing business under the firm name of Eby & Zimmerman, lately purchased the Dornblager tract of timberland near Lamar and also the Krumrine tract near State College.

Wilbur A. Henney, wife and little child, arrived from Pittsburg Tuesday afternoon, and will make their home here in the future. It will be remembered that Mr. Henney just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever, and while he is not as strong as before taking sick he expects to open his blacksmith shop, on Church street, for general work.

Stuart M. Litzell, accompanied by his wife and son Frank, of Washington, D. C., Sunday were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bradford. Mr. Litzell has been in Washington for about twenty-five years, and at present is connected with the civil service department, which business twice during the past year called him to the Pacific coast. The family Monday drove to State College, of which institution Mr. Litzell is a graduate, and later expects to send his son to take a course there.

MANY SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY.

A Better Educational Sentiment Should be Cultivated in Every Community.

With the beginning of September many of the public schools will open. There is probably no tax more economically expended than that assessed for school purposes, yet that tax forms a large per cent. of the annual taxes paid by the average citizen. School tax is a tax that is paid ungrudgingly by every fair minded and progressive citizen, because education means everything to the coming generation.

It is the duty of every good citizen to assist in making the public school system what it should be, and it is the duty as well of every one who knows the worth of education to insist on every child of school age attending school regularly. Too many parents who ought to know better, permit their children to spend their school days in idleness; too many parents allow their sons and daughters to quit the school room just at a time when they would be most profited by study.

The success of public schools in a community depends much on the educational sentiment in that community. Let every one then do his or her part to develop such a sentiment.

By speaking kindly of the school teachers, and accord them the position in life they are entitled to.

By aiding in securing a regular daily attendance at school.

By discussing in the presence of children only such phases of the present school system as are commendable.

By not speaking derogatory of the school teacher in the presence of school children.

By visiting the public schools, and commending that which is commendable.

By impressing on the minds of the children at all times and everywhere the importance of education.

LOCALS.

Howard borough adopted Brumbaugh's readers.

D. C. Keller will serve a turkey dinner Sunday of the opening of the Grange Encampment.

Harry Bible, clerk for Meyer & Musser, was home at Centre Hill, over Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Saukey, of Potters Mills, attended the funeral of Jacob Kamp, at Lock Haven, which took place Saturday.

Reed Kyle, of Reedsville, who with his father went to Missouri some few weeks ago, is critically ill with consumption.

Messrs. P. F. Geary, Will Booser, Earl Fleming and Paul Murray were to Millheim Sunday, just to see the town and chat with the young people at that place.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bartholomew and daughter, Miss Anna, last week returned from Curwensville, where they visited Mrs. C. A. Spencer, the eldest daughter of Mrs. Bartholomew.

D. Paul Fortney, for three years teacher of the senior Grammar grade in Bellefonte, Saturday went to Halifax, Pa., to fill the position of principal of the high school at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Luse, of this place, Thursday of last week went to Altoona to spend a short time among their many friends. Mr. Luse is an employe of Luse & Son, and is a fine mechanic and a hustler.

The Milton Standard, one of the best central Pennsylvania dailies, has passed from the ownership of the Milton Printing Company to that of the Hastings Printing Company. W. P. Hastings will continue as editor and general manager.

The school house is being scrubbed and cleaned up. The school board has learned that when the school building and outbuildings are put in good condition before school opens, the school children are more likely to keep them clean during the term.

John S. Auman, of this place, Monday went to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where his father had gone a short time ago for a visit, and while there became ill. Having now partially recovered father Auman asked his son to bring him east, and it is for that purpose the Centre Hall miller went to Indiana.

William Allen White has got into the game again, and takes the leading place in the September McClure's with an article on "Cuban Reciprocity a Moral Issue," in which he speaks his mind about beet-roots and insurgents and the administration policy—which, incidentally, happens to be Mr. White's policy too.

James Knoeffinger, of Pleasant Gap, was taken to a Philadelphia hospital Tuesday morning to have an operation performed for a cancerous growth which has caused him great suffering for some time. He has already been to several interior state hospitals, but nothing could be done to relieve him. Mr. Knoeffinger was accompanied to Philadelphia by Leslie W. Jacobs.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Presbyterian services will be held at Pine Stump Sunday afternoon at 2.30.

Mrs. Agnes Reed and Miss Mary Cummins, of Reedsville, were guests at the home of Mrs. Mary Ross several days last week.

Mrs. Emma Stamm, of Boalsburg, sister of Dr. George Lee, of this place, was in town several days this week, the guest of Mrs. James Alexander.

Miss Bessie M. Craighead, of Craighead, Pa., a graduate of Dickinson college, has been elected teacher of French and Mathematics in the Bellefonte High school.

C. L. Shoemaker, the patentee of the attachment to straw carriers of threshing machines which avoids straw dropping to the barn floor while being carried to the overhead, was a brief caller Friday of last week.

Miss Kathryn Kerr, a member of this year's graduating class of Dickinson college, will leave Friday for Hanover, Pa., where she will teach History and German in the High school.

Daniel Beck, of Centre Line, and Miss Sarah Heberling were married at the home of the father of the bride, Joseph Heberling, of Pennsylvania Furnace, last week, in the presence of about fifty invited guests.

Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot on returning from Philadelphia Saturday was accompanied by Mrs. Weaver, wife of Dr. Luther Weaver, and daughter Helen and son Warren, and Gertrude, a little daughter of Dr. Warren Weaver.

Mary Felty, the 4-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Woods Bathgate, of Altoona, died at the home of its grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Bathgate at Lemont last Tuesday, of indigestion. The funeral took place last Thursday. Interment at Slab Cabin cemetery, Rev. Hepler officiating.

Potatoes are being lifted throughout the valley. The crop is very fair, and quality good. The rot is visible in some sections, but there is not likely to be a general attack of the rot like last season. The fine weather prevailing at present is much in favor of the potato crop.

Wm. Baumgardner, of Boalsburg, had the expert new a few days ago, of crossing a poorly constructed bridge near Houserville, with his steam threshing outfit. The bridge gave way underneath the heavy weight precipitating engine and machine into the creek, at the same time overturning the engine on its side.

A convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Centre county is in session at Howard, having begun on Wednesday. Mrs. W. H. Schuyler and Miss Grace Smith, Rev. G. W. Kershner and John D. Meyer represent the Centre Hall societies. Rev. W. H. Schuyler delivered the convention sermon. Indications point to Centre Hall as the place for holding the convention of 1903.

The Yellow River Pilot, published at Pittsboro, Wisconsin, contains a program of the Union Sunday school exercises in which the name of Mrs. Florence Orwig Johns and also that of her daughter Miss Josephine, play an important part in both music and speaking. Mrs. Johns, when known in Centre Hall eighteen years ago, was Miss Florence Orwig, an instrumental music teacher. Her name will be kindly remembered by those who learned to know her at that time.

The Williamport Gazette and Bulletin says Patrolman Keller Wednesday night of last week arrested J. I. Condo, Jr., of Spring Mills, on a warrant gotten out before Alderman Kellenbach by J. F. Wood Duffy, landlord of the Waldorf, charging that Condo obtained money under false pretense. He was locked up in the City Hall station. The police say that Condo, who at one time was employed at the Waldorf, has been in Lock Haven, but returned to the city a few days ago. Hearing that he was here, Patrolman Keller arrested him.

James Leitzell, Jr., on his return from one of his trips selling the Indian Herb remedies, stopped at the Reporter office, and related a few experiences of his most recent tour through Centre and Huntingdon counties. Among his observations noted was that Huntingdon county farmers were unable to plow on account of the soil being too dry. Another was that Amos Koch, of near Fairbrook, has acres and acres of oats that will not yield the seed. The oats has monstrous stalks loaded with empty chaff. Some of this oats will be cut down and burned. The deaf oats is ascribed to rust. While Mr. Koch's oats crop is a failure, he has a fine lot of winter apples on which he hopes to realize a snug sum.