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AGGRESSIVE DEMOCRACY.

Ex-Governor Dockery, of Missouri, made a capital suggestion when he declared that the national democracy must enter the next campaign early, with energy and aggressiveness, prepared to base its fight largely upon the mismanagement, abuses, and corruption in the various bureaus which have so glaringly come to light in the last two republican administrations and still continue to scandalize the nation.

Mr. Dockery said: "The national democracy should make a ringing challenge for reform in the various departments of the general government." He cited the recent postoffice scandals, the present cotton leak investigation, the resignations and dismissals from the agricultural department on account of grafting and other instances that can be multiplied almost indefinitely.

Harmony also is the slogan of Missouri's ex-governor, and now is the time to begin the cultivation of that spirit, or, rather, to continue its cultivation for the next presidential campaign. Lack of harmony, says Mr. Dockery, lost the democrats federal, state and county control in 1904, and the blunder must not be repeated. Success is certain for the democrats if they make their party stand for the reforms which have not been allowed to grow under republican administrations, however loud republican professions of reform. Mr. Dockery said truly:

"The issues involved in the coming campaign are too great to warrant any good democrat in staying away from the polls or in any way promoting strife within the party."

The Prohibitionist State convention at Williamsport endorsed William H. Berry for State treasurer by a vote of 120 to 70 for a distinctively Prohibitionist candidate. Subsequently this action was made unanimous. The convention did wisely in sinking partisanship and agreeing to help the fight for honest government in this State, which this year is centered in the person of Mr. Berry. The Democrats and all the Republicans of the State who desire real reform in the State government are committed to Mr. Berry and the support now assured to him from the Prohibitionists will render more sure his election. In the state contest of 1901, when the Democrats and Union party Republicans united, the Prohibitionists had their own candidates, and polled 18,000 votes. The machine candidates for supreme court judge only had 42,000 plurality, or 24,000 majority over the fusionist and Prohibitionist candidates' combined vote. With the at least 50,000 fraudulent votes credited to the machine candidates eliminated they would have been in a considerable minority. This year with an honest election, and more independent Republicans than ever uniting with the Democrats and Prohibitionists, Mr. Berry ought to win by a large majority.

One of the speakers at the State convention of the county commissioners favored the holding of State elections biennially instead of annually, as at present. There may be some merit in this suggestion, but as much cannot be said of another to the effect that the so-called spring elections should be abolished. That would involve the election of local officials at the same time State ones were chosen, and this would increase partisanship in local affairs. Such a result would inevitably promote bad government. It is important that our local elections should be as free as possible from the influence of party, and that influence would frequently be paramount in case they were held at the same time as the State and National ones.

Unable to say anything against Dr. White, Democratic candidate for County Treasurer, the Republicans are spreading the falsehood that he will not assume the duties of the office himself, but will hire a substitute. This is the only stock in trade, which proves that Dr. White is all right. No one would be a candidate for county office if it was his intention not to fill the position himself, in the event of his success. Remember, the Democratic candidate for county treasurer is White. It is because he is White that no one need fear him acting the rascal—out of office or in office.

According to dispatches from Bellefonte, ex-Judge John G. Love will be a candidate for congress next year in the Centre-Clearfield-Cameron-McKean District, may be. Congressman Dresser is very popular with the rank and file of the Republicans throughout the district, and although it is Centre's turn to put up the candidate, Mr. Dresser may be able to secure almost a united following against the defeated political ex-judge.

Buy a six.

INCIDENTS OF 1873.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1905 Readers. (Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.)

JANUARY 8—J. P. Leitzell, teacher of the Grammar school, in his report for the month of December mentions the following as having attended every day: Cora Murray, Allen Erhard, Flora Bitner, Willie Kurtz and Cleveland Dinges.

The dedication of the Evangelical church took place December 28. Rev. Smith, the Presiding Elder, and Rev. Pine, both of Williamsport, and Rev. Young and Rev. Longsdorf were present. \$730 were raised on the indebtedness of the church. The total cost of the structure, up to that time, was \$3,534. The basement was unfinished, and the steeple was without a bell.

A new substantial boardwalk was laid from one end to the other of Centre Hall. The walk was built out of funds secured by public subscription.

The toll house on the pike east of Old Fort is ready for occupancy.

JANUARY 22—William, son of Robert McCormick, of Potlows Mills, while attending church at Spruce town, fell into a stupor from which it was impossible to arouse him. He was in that condition for some time.

M. J. K. Shirk, of Earlstown, contemplates moving to Milroy this spring, as does also Samuel Working, of Centre Hall. Daniel Weidensaul, landlord at Old Fort Hotel, will go back to Woodward to operate a grist mill.

John B. Heckman, of Gregg township, took 923 bushels of wheat from thirty-two acres of ground, last harvest.

FEBRUARY 5—The question whether farmers should join the order of "Patrons of Husbandry" was discussed at a meeting of the "Farmer's Club of Potter township" held in the Pine Grove school house. The question was opened by J. J. Arney, followed by Jacob Spangler, Leonard Rhone, J. H. McCormick, and J. A. Keller. The speakers all considered the order a benefit to the farmers.

At a meeting of the Farmers' Club held at Centre Hall, February 3, the members organized themselves into a Grange. There were about twenty charter members, among them several ladies. The meeting was held in the school house.

J. L. Spangler, Esq., was admitted to the Centre county bar at the last session of court.

Christ Hoffer and William Neff are preparing to go to Virginia. The former leased a farm, and the latter made a purchase of one.

The Rebersburg band purchased a fine new wagon, costing \$400.

Samuel Huston, of Centre Hall, has the first broad-tired wagon ever brought to Penns Valley. The Hustons got the wagon before the turnpikes were built, and consequently the wagon was delivered in sections, via the Seven Mountains.

Having purchased a part of the Neff farm, west of Centre Hall, John Sankey is hauling brick from the kilns of Samuel Farmer with which to build a dwelling house.

Samuel Farmer and William Curray are preparing to build houses near the Reformed church.

FEBRUARY 19—Progress Grange was organized February 3, at Centre Hall. The officers are as follows:

Master, J. J. Arney.
Overseer, Leonard Rhone.
Lecturer, Dr. Peter Smith.
Steward, John Sankey.
Asst. Steward, David Rhinesmith.
Chaplain, Daniel Fleisher.
Treasurer, George M. Boal.
Secretary, James A. Keller.
Gate Keeper, George Hoffer.
Ceres, Mrs. Maggie Rhone.
Pomona, Mrs. Mary A. Neff.
Flora, Maggie E. Keller.
Lady Asst. Steward, Maggie Hoffer.
Trustees, James H. McCormick.
Dr. Peter Smith.
James Lingle.

Messrs. Krumbine and Grossman have bought the furniture establishment of J. O. Deininger, and will do business at the old stand.

FEBRUARY 20—Granges were organized in Benner township and Spring township.

Gottlieb Haag has erected a building at Pleasant Gap to be used as a distillery.

Dr. Sahm delivered his farewell sermon at Aaronsburg, March 15.

Married—January 15, John C. Bible and Miss Belle M. Tonner, both of Potter township. . . . January 29, William C. Noll and Miss Maria E. Hoover, both of Madisonburg. . . . January 22, Wm. Smith and Miss Mary Emerick, both of Centre Hall. . . . January 25, Uriah Spangler, formerly of Brush Valley, and Miss Millie Raymond, of Centre Hall. . . . January 10, William S. H. Miller, of Mill Hall, and Miss Hettie Royer, of Penn Hall. . . . January 10, Elija S. Burd

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GRANGERS MEET AT MILESBURG.

Hear Reports of Committees—Discuss the Rural Telephone Subject—Enjoy the Social Features of the Order.

The Centre County Pomona Grange held its regular quarterly meeting at Milesburg, in the hall of Bald Eagle Grange, Thursday of last week. The sessions, both in the forenoon and afternoon were well attended, and much enthusiasm was displayed by each member who participated in the discussion of the subjects. The Subordinate Granges throughout the county are growing from year to year in membership, and what is more the members at no time in the past were so thoroughly a unit on all questions of vital interest to them. They have discovered that in unity there is strength—among farmers as well as among any other class of people.

After the formal opening of the morning session, Master George Dale called on Rev. A. C. Lathrop, of the Milesburg Baptist Church, to deliver the address of welcome. His talk was much appreciated by his listeners. Rev. Lathrop said he never knew a time in his life when he did not realize that the Grange was an important organization among farmers. He was taught so by his father, and later discovered for himself that teaching to be the truth. It was the library in the local Grange that gave him the first lessons of the worth of knowledge.

The various committees made their reports. The picnic committee reported the brightest prospects for a great Encampment and Exhibition. There is an interest manifested on every side by the members of the order, and the exhibits already engaged are much larger than last year.

The secretary of the fire insurance company, James A. Keller, stated that the company's affairs were in the best of condition, and that the losses during the past three months were unusually small.

The interest of the meeting seemed to centre in the report of J. S. Dale on the rural telephone. The subject was discussed in a general way, and by motion the committee appointed at a previous meeting of Pomona Grange was authorized to confer with the telephone companies doing business in this county and secure their terms for services such as is required for the establishment of "Farmer Telephone Lines." The rural telephone is the missing link to make farm life ideal, and that link is about to be supplied, provided agreeable arrangements can be entered into with the telephone companies.

Messrs. E. M. Gann and S. G. Smead represented the interests of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, and Hon. John T. McCormick argued for the United Telegraph and Telephone Company. A recess was taken to hear the gentlemen speak.

At noon there was the usual "big dinner," such as no other class of people can prepare from their own larders.

The next meeting will be held at Centre Hall, at which time officers will be elected.

Reduced Rates to Grangers' Picnic at Williams Grove, via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Thirty-second Annual Interstate Grange Picnic Exhibition, to be held at Williams Grove, Pa., August 25 to September 2, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from August 23 to September 2, inclusive, good to return until September 6, inclusive, at reduced rates, from all stations on its lines in the State of Pennsylvania, and from Baltimore, Frederick, and intermediate stations on the Northern Central Railway.

There will be an elaborate display of farm machinery in actual operation during the exhibition, and addresses will be delivered by well-known agricultural speakers.

For information in regard to train service and specific rates application should be made to ticket agents.

September 7th is a most important day to every Democrat. It is the last day upon which he can register.

A review of the departmental scandal record of the past eight years of republican administration will make an effective democratic campaign document. It has been a continuous performance.

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and Miss Mary E. Fowler, both of Haines township. . . . February 19, Daniel W. Meyers and Miss Emma Stover, both of Harris township. . . . February 12, at the residence of Michael Decker, Joseph M. Gilliland and Miss Annie E. Stahl, both of Centre county. . . . February 19, Jeremiah Shreffler, of Old Fort, and Miss Aggie Runkle, of Centre Hill. . . . February 25, John J. Osman and Miss Laura E. Leighty, all of Harris township. . . . February 24, A. F. Kline, of Lewisburg, and Miss Perie Kleckner, of Millburg.

GOOD ROADS.

The Real Estate Owners Should be Assisted in Building Them.

The good roads question continues to attract widespread public interest, judging from the extensive discussion of the subject in the public press. The proposition of federal support in this respect seems to be gaining strength in the country at large, and the good roads propositions as presented to recent congresses are being earnestly examined by many interested citizens, as the demand upon the capitol document rooms at Washington attests. These bills seek to enlist the financial support of the federal government in the improvement of the wagon roads of the country, the plan being for Uncle Sam to supply a sum equal to the sum any state will supply up to the maximum provided for.

Congressman Brownlow, in explaining the provisions of his bill, said that federal cooperation in the premises was but just in order to fairly distribute the burden of taxation necessary to improve the public highways. He makes this telling point:

"So long as we pursue the original method of taxation the entire burden of cost for highway improvement falls upon the owners of agricultural lands and the persons living in the rural districts. When the great mass of people lived in the rural districts this was a just and equitable distribution of taxes for such purposes, but with the changed conditions of the present day, when one-half of the people live in cities, and much more than one-half of the wealth is concentrated in these cities and in the corporations that are so powerful at the present time, it is absolutely necessary that some means should be devised whereby the revenues requisite for the great improvement that is called for should be derived from all of the people and resources of the country as nearly as possible, and not rest, as heretofore, upon the farming classes, who are the immediate losers by every failure of crops and suffer by every decline in price of agricultural products."

Another important consideration is that, in the last analysis, the cities and towns benefit from good roads just as much as do the people living along them. It is to the interest of the merchant as well as of the farmer to have an improved system of roads in every part of the country.

The development of the rural free delivery system has served to bring the people of the country into closer touch with not only the towns, but with the federal government, than ever before. The government, speaking and acting for the country at large, has, therefore, a direct interest in the welfare of the people living in the rural sections, and the benefits to be derived from good roads would be shared not merely by those living upon them, but by all the people.

Not After the Farmers.

The Republican County Commissioners evidently do not depend upon securing the vote of the horny handed farmer for re-election at the November counting of noses for and against extravagant management of the county affairs. This conclusion is drawn from the slighting manner in which the members of the Centre County Pomona Grange, which means Grangers in general in Centre county, were treated. An appeal was made to the board of County Commissioners for an appropriation of \$100, (a like sum of which is paid to the Centre County Fair Association) to be used as prizes for the products of the farm, garden, etc., on exhibition at the approaching Grange Encampment and Fair, to be held at Centre Hall, in September. The County Commissioners did not do the farmers of this great agricultural county so much as the honor of giving a reply. If any other citizen had written these officials about a cur—no matter what the breed, color or sex—there would have been an immediate reply (and the postage charged up to the county) with the usual request of whatever can be done for them politically would be appreciated.

Mr. Farmer, what do you think of such a contemptible way of treating an appeal from your order? Don't you think you ought to have been at least recognized to the extent of having an answer—yes or no.

It would be a mere formality for Russia to cede Sakhalin to Japan. The Japs have already captured the island and their ability to hold it is undoubted.

Although President Roosevelt is kept tolerably busy regulating the affairs of the world on week days, he still finds time to fill an Oyster Bay pulpit on Sunday.

Its overbold fellow who is often bowled over.

An ounce of to-morrow is worth a pound of yesterdays.

THE BELL IN PENNS VALLEY.

Partial List of Telephones in Penns Valley Connected with the Various Exchanges.

The Pennsylvania Telephone Company is placing a large number of 'phones in this locality. The various exchanges are connected with the following telephones:

MILLHEIM EXCHANGE.

MILLHEIM—
E. L. Auman
N. A. Auman
S. M. Campbell
Frank Colyer
A. A. Frank
Dr. S. G. Frank
S. R. King
A. G. Lutz
E. R. McMullen
George Mensch
T. F. Meyer
Millheim Bank
Millheim Journal
Millheim Knitting Mills
J. W. Musser
Penn. Telephone Co.
A. M. Resner
L. A. Shawver
Spiegelmyer
Wm. Stover
Wm. Stover
A. N. Finkle
C. J. Finkle
S. G. Kote

AARONSBURG—
A. M. Resner
R. B. Boob
H. E. Crouse
J. H. Detwiler
J. G. Fehl
J. W. Forster
Keller & Bower
Dr. C. S. Musser
Roush & Weaver
C. H. Stover
E. L. Stover
Wilmer Stover

MADISONBURG—
T. B. Everett
H. C. Gies
Ellis Shaffer
J. E. Miller
Dr. P. A. Smith

SMULLTON—
George B. Smull
W. E. Smull

REBERSBURG—
R. D. Burly
Rev. H. C. Bixler
J. W. Bright

STATE COLLEGE EXCHANGE
F. McFarlane

BOALSBURG—
W. H. Stuart
H. C. Gies
H. C. Gies
Thos. D. Roal
Dr. L. E. Kilder
J. W. Wicland
F. E. Hilde
S. E. Weber

CENTRE HALL EXCHANGE
A. E. Kerlin
J. H. Weber
F. R. Station
Dr. J. P. Alexander
Mrs. Rebecca Murray

Reduced Rates to Denver, Pueblo, Etc.

On account of the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, at Denver, Col., September 4 to 7, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Denver, Colorado Springs, or Pueblo, August 29, 30, 31, September 1, 2 and 3, inclusive, at reduced rates. Tickets will be good returning to reach original starting point not later than September 15 when properly validated by Joint Agent at either of the above-mentioned places. Deposit of ticket with Joint Agent and payment of fifty cents will secure extension of return limit to October 10.

For specific rates, stop-over privileges, and further information, consult nearest ticket agent.

LOCALS.

Miss Jennie Longacre, one of Bellefonte's efficient school teachers, was the guest of Misses Elsie and Virna Geiss beginning of the week.

Levi R. Amig, of Selingsgrove, was "flum-flammed" out of six hundred dollars by a couple of sharp travelers, with a circus that exhibited at that place.

Mrs. Rhoads, wife of Rev. W. W. Rhoads, of Mexico, Juniata county, pleasantly spent two weeks with the family of J. H. Krumbine, at Rexis, Indiana county.

D. H. Meyers, formerly a resident of Centre Hall, but now living in Millburg, stopped at the Reporter office on his way to Bellefonte. He was traveling on a bicycle.

The County Convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held at Milesburg Thursday and Friday of this week. It opens this (Thursday) evening with a lecture by Mrs. Cora E. Saberry. Addresses, discussions and reports make up the program of the convention.

The State Department of Agriculture is having all nursery stock in Pennsylvania inspected, thus insuring purchasers who buy stock in Pennsylvania, trees not affected with disease. There are five inspectors, among them are Prof. W. A. Buckout and Prof. George C. Butts, of State College.

Miss Jennie Reifsnnyder, of Millheim, and Miss Margaret C. Evans, of Williamsport, accompanied by Rev. Milton E. Bollinger, of Newark, Ohio, called at this office one evening last week and spent an hour very pleasantly. The former was here in the interest of the Ladies' Literary Society, of Millheim. The society embraces a membership of ten ladies, who twice each month hold their meetings at the homes of the members. Their program for the coming year, beginning September, is one of great interest to persons of a literary and of a mind.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Six.
Monday is labor day.
It is often the under dog that starts the fight.

It is often better to have a pay day than to be your own boss.

Farmers are hauling phosphate and making preparations for the seeding to begin next week.

S. Paul Dinges, of Williamsport, was home for a few days vacation from insurance business.

The Free Library, Grange Arcadia, will be open to the public Saturday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lee, of Milton, are in Illinois visiting friends, among whom are Mr. and Mrs. Christ Bitner, at Manhattan, Illinois.

Mrs. Edward McPherson, of Gettysburg, has just announced the engagement of her daughter, Anna, to Dr. David Dale, of Bellefonte.

After a residence at Dakota, Illinois, for a period of about ten years, Thomas Shaffer returned to his old haunts about Madisonburg for a short visit.

Mrs. Gardner Grove, accompanied by her son, of near Penns Cave, and her mother, Mrs. S. P. Hockman, of Mingoville, recently went to Freeport, Illinois.

County Superintendent Etters received judgment before a justice of the peace, against the Bellefonte school board for the full sum of back salary claimed by him.

Misses Flora W. Love and Anna Himmelreich, of Lewisburg, spent Sunday in town. The former visited at the Presbyterian Manse, while the latter was the guest of her friend Miss Tace Kramer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell Garbrick have moved from Fleetwood, Berks county, to Hummelstown, Dauphin county, where Mr. Garbrick has been elected supervising principal of the schools of the town.

From reports wheat is not yielding as largely as was anticipated. Fields that looked below par in the spring, and later picked up to seemingly good condition, yielded straw that did not grow out a head filled with grains.

Newark, Ohio, has been represented in Centre Hall by Rev. Milton E. Bollinger, brother-in-law of W. W. Spangler, of Centre Hall, whose guest he is. Rev. Bollinger is a native of Aaronsburg, and has many acquaintances in Penns Valley.

Good fortune has come to Simon Neyhart, of Snow Shoe Intersection, in the form of a \$15,000 legacy left him by a rich old aunt who died recently in Iowa. He is the usual carrier at Wingate and being a poor man it is a blessing indeed.

Harold G. Glenn, of Lock Haven, son of Dr. W. S. Glenn, of State College, and Miss Fauny Randecker, of Lock Haven, were recently married. Mr. Glenn is the chemist at the Lock Haven paper mill, and is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College.

In another column will be found the advertisement of J. S. Showers, advertising at private sale his farm in Potter township. Mr. Showers is located at McElhatten, but has been disabled since the first of January from the effects of an injury received on his hand.

A number of properties about Pine Grove Mills are changing owners: Frank Miller purchased the William J. Meyers house; W. H. Martz bought the J. B. Mitchell residence; J. W. Sunday is contemplating buying the Dr. Smith house, and Charles Snyder the Anna Musser residence.

Ex-Senator Ben Focht, about the first of October, will take possession of his new building for the Lewisburg Saturday News, when he will install a new press, linotype, and other modern equipment, and bring the News out almost completely transformed and improved as a political weekly.

Mrs. J. S. Dale, of Dale's Summit, near Lemont, last week attended a special meeting of Pennsylvania State Grange held at West Chester, to confer the sixth degree. Mrs. Dale is an officer—Flora—of the body named, and consequently her presence was necessary. September 7th and 8th, she will attend a similar meeting at Wellboro.

Mrs. Bernard E. Spangler, of Chicago, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Alice, last week visited at the home of W. W. Spangler, of Centre Hall, who is the little lady's grandfather. From here Mrs. Spangler went to Howard, where she will spend some time with her mother, Mrs. George H. Wister. Her father is in Washington, where, since the first Cleveland administration, he has held a position in the post-office department, and a trusted