



PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES.

A dispatch from Harrisburg announced that Mayor-elect Guthrie, of Pittsburg, will not accept the candidacy for the governorship on the Democratic ticket. He prefers to be the Mayor of Pittsburg.

Representative W. T. Creasy is mentioned in connection with the lieutenant governorship.

"Farmer" Creasy, as a candidate, would have practically the solid support of the Grangers of the State, of whom he has been the official legislative representative for many years. His candidacy would be especially strong this time, because, during the recent extra session of the Legislature, he led all the movements on which the coming campaign is likely to be based. He was particularly prominent in the demands for anti-railroad legislation and State tax reform.

To attract the younger element of the party, and at the same time win the support of a large and very influential Republican element, it is seriously proposed by prominent Democrats to give ex-Mayor Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg, the nomination for Auditor General. McCormick is generally understood to be a candidate for Governor, but it is believed that he would be satisfied with the Auditor Generalship.

McCormick made an exceptional record as a reform Mayor of Harrisburg, and is very popular personally. He is related to the Camerons and undoubtedly would be largely supported by that element of the Republican party as a matter of personal friendship and family pride.

FIRE WORSHIP.

Reminiscences of It Are Still to Be Found in Scotland.

Reminiscences of the pre-Christian days of fire worship and fire worship are still to be found occasionally in Scotland. A few years ago a traveler wrote: "On the last day of the year, old style, which falls on Jan. 12, the festival of the 'clavie' takes place in Burghhead, a fishing village near Forres. On a headland in that village still stands an old Roman altar, locally called the 'douro.' On the evening of Jan. 12 a large tar barrel is set on fire and carried by one of the fishermen round the town, while the assembled folk shout and halloo. If the man who carries the barrel falls it is an evil omen. The man with the lighted barrel, having gone with it round the town, carries it up to the top of the hill and places it on the 'douro.'"

"More fuel is immediately added. The sparks as they fly upward are supposed to be witches and evil spirits leaving the town. The people, therefore, shout at and curse them as they disappear in vacancy. When the burning barrel falls in pieces the fishermen rush in and endeavor to get a lighted bit of wood from its remains. With this light the fire on the cottage hearth is at once kindled, and it is considered lucky to keep this flame all the rest of the year. The charcoal of the 'clavie' is collected and put in bits up the chimney to prevent the witches and evil spirits from entering the house."

"The 'douro' (the Roman altar) is covered with a thick layer of tar from the fires that are lighted upon it annually. Close to the 'douro' is a very ancient Roman well and close to the well several rude but curious Roman sculptures can be seen let into a garden wall."

French Art.

There must be more vitality in French art as a whole than you would guess from a visit to the salons. Nay, there is. I do not say that it is healthy anywhere. The great days are gone, but still, out of doors—in posters, in illustrations for the journals, in bijouterie, in the ornamentation of shops, even in the pictures in railway terminals—there are still signs that the plastic arts have a vitality in France, more vitality than with us. It is often vulgar enough, but at least it is bold.—London Outlook.

Sea Birds.

Sea birds frequently spend weeks at sea and are believed to quench their thirst partly from the fat and oil which they devour ravenously when opportunity puts them in their way. The keen eyesight of birds is well known, and sea birds have been observed flocking toward the storm cloud about to burst from all points of the compass, and apparently drinking the water as it descends from the skies.

A Duty.

Jimson—It's very unpleasant to speak of this, but I feel that it is only a duty to myself to remind you that you owe me \$5. Stimson (turning on his heel)—Don't mention it, old fellow. I'm glad you've discharged your duty so well.

Explained.

"Why does a woman always get off a car backward?" "Because she's never quite sure she may not change her mind and want to get on again."—Life.

Work is a good thing. A great deal of the meanness of human nature must come out through the pores.—Dallas (Tex.) News.

DEMANDS MONEY REFUNDED.

Attorney General Carson Holds that \$250,000 Collected as Insurance Graft Belongs to State.

Responding to the request of the Legislative Commission which investigated the vast system of fee graft pertaining to the office of Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, Attorney General Carson sent to Governor Pennypacker a decision as to the right of Durham and his predecessors to retain these moneys. Mr. Carson decides that sums aggregating nearly a quarter of a million dollars were withheld from the State illegally by Durham and his predecessors, Messrs. Lambert and Luper, and by J. Clayton Erb, political factotum of "the peerless leader."

It is recommended by the Attorney General that suits in equity be brought against these men for the recovery of the State's money. He is of the opinion that criminal prosecutions are not justifiable.

Included in the graft pointed out by Mr. Carson are the \$141,223 actuary fees that Erb pocketed and the salaries charged up to the State by Durham for political hangers-on, who did little or no work in the department except to draw their pay regularly. In this list is Reed, the Salter jurymen, and Stone, brother of the ex-Governor.

Mr. Carson's opinion covers the legal phases of the question exhaustively, reviewing the successive laws by which the possibilities of fee grafting were multiplied.

By violation of these laws, he declares, the State was deprived of its rightful income from the Insurance Department.

Rebersburg.

Wm. Hackman has gone into the bakery business.

George Wate sold his fine driving horse to Dr. John Hardenbergh, of Millheim.

Mr. Boob and Henry Gilbert, both of Aaronsburg, were in town Friday on business.

Henry Meyer, Esq., is confined to his bed, suffering from a carbuncle on the back of his neck.

George Walkley, of near Bellefonte, is in this vicinity visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Schultz.

John Zeigler and C. H. Smull have taken the contract to dig the cellar for Mr. Doty's new house.

Wm. Bair was not successful in disposing of the twenty acres of farm land which he offered at public sale.

The members of the young men's literary club will give a mock court trial in their hall, Friday evening. All are invited to attend.

Jared Kreamer and wife, who spent the greater part of the winter in Harrisburg and Philadelphia, returned home last Wednesday.

The I. O. O. F. lodge gave a sham initiation in their hall, Saturday evening. The hall was crowded, and much laughter was indulged in.

George Krummel, an energetic young man of this place, died last Wednesday evening, after only a week's illness. Interment was made in the union cemetery Saturday.

Letter to Bradford & Heiblin
Centre Hall, Pa.

Dear Sirs: "It costs as much to put on poor paint as good"—a common saying and true—it costs much more to put on poor paint; more gallons.

Poor paint is paint and barytes or paint and sand or paint and lime or paint and chalk or paint and benzine or paint and water; these are the usual cheats; there are others.

It takes more gallons of paint and a cheat than of honest paint; and the cost of the labor of painting is so much a gallon—one gallon costs as much as another, for labor.

This is the way to reckon your costs for this year; but how about next year?

Paint De-voe, and next year costs nothing; year after next the same; the same for several years.

Paint anything else, and your costs recur according to what you paint with. Some of the mixtures wear one year; some two; some three.

It costs twice, three times, four times, five times, as much to paint with a cheat as to paint with Devoe.

Yours truly
F. W. DEVOE & CO.,
New York.

Kreamer & Son sell our paint.

Adams' Bill Passes House.

The so-called Adams' Bill, increasing the national appropriation to Agricultural Experiment Stations from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year at once with a subsequent increase of \$2,000 per year until the total reaches \$30,000, was passed by the United States House of Representatives.

Prospective Wedding.

The wedding of John Mitchell, of Lemont, and Miss Janet McFarlane, of Boalsburg, will take place some time during the month of March.

[As previously announced, "Write-Ups" of men and women, natives of Penns, Georges or Brush Valleys, who are making life a success in other sections, will appear in The Centre Reporter from week to week. These contributions are made by a number of writers who have kindly consented to aid in conducting this department.—EDITOR.]

"Mankind is more indebted to industry than to ingenuity. The gods set up their favors and industry is the purchaser. Let us pay the price." "Though old the thought, and oft expressed, 'Tis his at last who says it best." Memory gems and moral precepts such as these the superintendent of schools of Stephenson county, Illinois, Prof. Cyrus Grove, a native of Gregg township, reared along the still waters of Sinking Creek, instills into the minds and hearts of teachers and pupils under his supervision. All examination papers which he prepares are filled with gems drawn from our rich English tongue, pure and sparkling.

Prof. Grove no doubt inherits many of the sterling qualities from his father, Mr. John Grove, and his power of discriminating so keenly in the field of knowledge, selecting for others food that will instill ideals without withholding the essentials of modern educational instruction, is the fruit of that early training in the family circle, where the why and wherefore of things was sifted out. And from such a home all the children, three sons and one daughter, began life as teachers in the public schools, and all of them were an honor to the profession.

At the age of seventeen he began teaching in the schools of his native state, and after following the work for six years went to Illinois and taught in various parts of Stephenson county, further equipping himself by attending the Northern Indiana Normal school and Wisconsin University at Madison, when he was elected to the principalship of the Orangeville schools, which position he held for ten years, being elected to the county superintendency in 1902, by a large majority. Prof. Grove made many friends by his straight-forward way of doing things, at once typifying himself an honest man from Pennsylvania, and the office came to the man because of his qualifications. He had a large constituency who recognized him as one of the foremost educators of that section of the state and believed him to be a man who would exalt the office to the true dignity of laboring for others and not use it to advance selfish interests. He has shown himself to be a progressive and public spirited citizen, and on many a public occasion has made a "hit" by driving home some vital issue so that the people took his measure for preceptor of their children.

The large attendance and high standard attained by the first county institute conducted by Prof. Grove was commented upon as follows by the Freeport Evening Standard: "The day when institute is a bugbear to teachers has vanished in this county, thanks to the painstaking efforts of an excellent, progressive, enthusiastic superintendent."

All examination papers and programs for local institutes are prepared by the county superintendent, and the wide range of subjects covered, from nature study in the primary grade to the higher mathematics, rhetoric, botany and zoology in the high schools, shows the breadth of his knowledge. These papers are an example of modern educational needs, and besides the regular examination questions are filled with facts of school law, school management and gems of literature to enrich the teachers' vocabulary.

Prof. Grove is prepared to speak on all lines of school work, and is very popular outside of his own territory. Since being in Illinois he has made fifteen visits to his aged parents, in Gregg twp.

Rev. Bergtresser Elected.

An election for pastor was held in the Pine Grove Mills Lutheran charge, Sunday, the same being conducted by the former pastor, Rev. C. T. Aikens. The result was the unanimous election of Rev. Ralph Bergtresser, of Sellersburg.

Rev. Bergtresser is at present a student at the Surghewan University, and will graduate in June, and shortly thereafter he will assume charge of the pastorate to which he was elected. The young man stands high in his class, and is well qualified. He is single now, but before taking up the work in his new field he will marry.

The Pine Grove Mills charge is comprised of the congregations at Pine Grove Mills, Gatesburg and Pine Hall.

Why not advertise in the Reporter?

Subscription List Corrections.

The subscription list of The Centre Reporter was corrected this week. All who paid subscription after December 12, will find a change on their label. Please examine the figures carefully, and compare them with the figures on a previous label. If any errors have occurred, notify this office at once. Do not delay notification if you discover an error.



DECEMBER 9, 1930.
CYRUS GROVE, ORANGEVILLE, ILL.

LOCALS

The Lent season is here.

Robins have put in their appearance. The robin red breast is the most welcome bird.

John Olewine, the Bellefonte hardware man, recently purchased a Franklin auto.

Mrs. P. P. Letzell, of Millheim, was taken violently ill last week, but later improved.

Miss Anna Sweeney, of Boalsburg, was in Centre Hall, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs.

Dr. J. E. Ward has determined to change his location from Bellefonte to Carlisle, where he will open a dental office.

Mrs. John Messmer, of West Brush Valley, accidentally fell down a stairway and fractured her arm at three places.

Sunshine, rain and wind was the condition last week. Sunday night it grew colder, and Monday morning the ground was frozen.

Ralph C. Booser, an electrician in the employment of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Altoona, was home over Sunday.

Charles Sheekler and Miss Elsie Zittle, both of Millersburg, nephew and niece, respectively, of Mrs. John Breon, west of Centre Hall, were guests of the Breon family over Sunday.

Although "The Arena" is largely devoted to strong and thought-compelling discussions and to papers dealing with political, social and economic problems, each issue contains one or more extremely fine contributions of a purely literary character.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, Merchant and Mrs. H. W. Kreamer and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Emerick attended the funeral of George Krummel, in Rebersburg, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer tarried at that place for several days, returning home Monday.

Mrs. Rhone, wife of Hon. Leonard Rhone, who has been suffering from hemorrhages of the bladder, has been quite ill at intervals during the past ten days. In the absence of Dr. C. S. Musser, who is pursuing a special course in Philadelphia, the patient is in the hands of Dr. H. S. Braucht.

By an order of the Post Office Department, the Penn Hall post office will be closed after the 15th of this month. That office has had a splendid mail service, receiving and sending out mail both east and west, in the forenoon and afternoon. After the time mentioned above, the patrons of the Penn Hall office will be served by rural carrier from Spring Mills.

Today (Thursday) John Williams moves from the Gregg farm, west of Centre Hall, to the farm of ex-Judge A. O. Furst, west of Zion. A large number of neighbors are assisting Mr. Williams in this moving operation. He will not be out of reach, however, as he will be connected with the farmers about Centre Hall by telephone, the Furst farm being located on Branch Company No. 5, The Patrons Rural Telephone Company.

Stricken Blind.

A slight stroke of paralysis left Cyrus Luse, of Tyrone, entirely blind for several weeks. The sight of one eye is slowly being restored, and Saturday Mr. Luse was able to distinguish an object, but yet unable to identify a person without the aid of senses other than vision.

Mrs. Charles Grimm, of Madisonburg, a daughter of Mr. Luse, and Perry Luse and son Ralph, of Centre Hall, were in Tyrone recently to visit the afflicted man.

BRANCH COMPANY NO. 7

Of The Patrons Rural Telephone Company Organized Friday Night—Line from Centre Hall to Linden Hall.

In four days time Branch Company No. 7 of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company was organized. Stock was subscribed sufficient to extend the line from Centre Hall to Linden Hall, and fourteen persons have contracted for telephones.

A meeting was held at the home of Charles B. Neff, west of Old Fort, Friday night, for the purpose of organizing the company. The chairman of the committee, S. W. Smith, appointed Edward Durst temporary secretary, and then received nominations for officers. The result was as follows, the election in each instance being by acclamation:

President—Charles B. Neff
Vice President—F. E. Wieland
Secretary—Edward Durst
Treasurer—Richard Brooks
Agent—D. W. Bradford.

Various committees were appointed who were instructed to purchase wire sufficient to double-wire eight miles, and three hundred poles.

The telephone line will begin at the borough of Centre Hall and extend to Linden Hall, with loops to the residences of D. W. Bradford on the farm of Dr. J. W. Boal, and to the residences of Richard Brooks and John H. Breon, on the farms of Capt. Geo. M. Boal and Hon. L. Rhone, respectively. The line will reach the homes of the following persons, all of whom are telephone subscribers:

- J. Cloyd Brooks
 - Richard Brooks
 - Neff Brothers
 - Samuel Durst
 - D. W. Bradford
 - John H. Breon
 - John Frazier
 - L. R. Lingle
 - D. L. Bartges
 - Alvin Stump
 - George W. Bradford
 - Harry Cummings
 - Frank E. Wieland, Merchant
 - Mrs. J. W. Keller, Merchant
- The names of those who subscribed stock and the amounts are appended:
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| Progress Orange | \$10 |
| Pomona Orange | 10 |
| L. Rhone | 20 |
| G. M. Boal | 20 |
| Samuel Durst | 10 |
| Edward Durst | 10 |
| John Frazier | 10 |
| D. W. Bradford | 10 |
| Neff Brothers | 20 |
| F. E. Wieland | 20 |
| L. R. Lingle | 20 |
| D. L. Bartges | 20 |
| James L. Lytle | 10 |
| Alvin Stump | 10 |
| Richard Brooks | 10 |
| Mrs. J. W. Keller | 20 |
| Rev. J. W. Boal | 20 |
| George W. Bradford | 10 |
| Harry Cummings | 20 |
| S. W. Smith | 20 |
| Dr. H. F. Bitner | 40 |

Hall a Candidate Again.

Hon. J. K. P. Hall will be a candidate for re-election. His district has been changed to the extent of adding Clinton county, and now comprises the counties of Elk, Cameron, Clarion, Forest and Clinton.

The Hall family represented the old district in the Senate almost continuously ever since it was created by the Legislature of 1874. The late John G. Hall, a brother of the present Senator, served from 1879 to 1886. Harry Alvin Hall, another brother, served from 1894 to 1898, and the late William H. Hyde, a brother-in-law, from 1902 to 1906. J. K. P. Hall has served since 1903.

The Entertainment.

The entertainment given by the members of the Junior Base Ball Team, Saturday night, in Grange Arcade, was all that could be desired. Each of the boys played his part well, and there was no hesitancy at any time for words. The make-ups were quite elaborate and suitable. Each one of the amateurs is entitled to special praise. The house was well filled, and the audience was attentive and appreciative. The gross receipts were fifty dollars.

Miss Sarah Breon rendered several solos in her usual good style. Miss Clara Krape presided at the piano.

Sale of Fancy Goods.

A sale of fancy goods will be held at the home of Mrs. G. W. Hosterman, Saturday afternoon and evening, March 3, the benefits to be applied toward the payment of the debt on the Reformed church. Mrs. Hosterman's Sunday school class will hold the sale, and at the same time lunch, ice cream and cake will be served. Of course, all are invited.

Prof. P. H. Meyer will organize a class in music in Boal Hall, Boalsburg, Saturday evening, March 3rd. Everybody interested in music is invited to join this class.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Shaffer-Hazel reunion will be held at Hecla Park, June 21.

Victor Grange, at Oak Hall Station, elected ten new members at a recent meeting.

This is the month of public sales. One or more are booked for each day of the month.

The rumor that J. B. White would remove his family from Centre Hall is incorrect. They will remain where they now live.

Ex-Prothonotary M. I. Gardner has moved his office from the room in the Masonic building to rooms on the third floor of Temple Court, Bellefonte.

Miss Grace Smith is back from Philadelphia where she spent about ten days. She was also the guest of Miss May Rhone, at Harrisburg, for several days.

Rev. Charles L. Bender, of New Chester, Adams county, has been elected pastor of the Lutheran church, Phillipsburg. He will assume charge within a short time.

J. S. Showers, of McElhattan, was in Penns Valley, as was also Benjamin Rickard, of Nitany, who will move on the Showers' farm, south of Centre Hall, in the spring.

The remains of James Wilson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, will be removed from Edenton, North Carolina, to the Christ Church cemetery, Philadelphia.

C. W. Sweetwood returned to Ellwood, Illinois, to resume tilling operations in which he is engaged. He has been east at the home of his parents at Posters Mills, since December.

Lew C. Irvin, of Bellefonte, has leased a cottage at Atlantic City and will open a boarding house during the summer season. He and his family will move to Atlantic City about the first of April.

A surprise party was given Mrs. Lee, wife of Dr. George Lee, Thursday evening. Quite a number of persons, from both town and country, were in attendance. The occasion was Mrs. Lee's birthday.

An effort is being made in Howard to prevent the issuing of a liquor license to Edwin G. Henderson, landlord of the Howard Hotel. A petition is also being circulated against issuing a license in Eagleville.

W. W. Krape, editor of the Freeport (Illinois) Standard, is a Republican candidate for the nomination for legislative honors. Mr. Krape is a native of Clinton county, and is a relative of the Krapes in this county.

Prof. and Mrs. John S. Hosterman, of Bellefonte, accompanied by the latter's mother, Mrs. W. Park Cummings, of Lancaster, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hosterman, in Centre Hall, Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. A. L. Reeser died at his residence in Lewisburg, Friday morning, after a lingering illness of several months. He was aged seventy-four years. Interment took place from the Evangelical church Monday.

Spurred by the offer of the Baldwin Locomotive Company to subscribe two dollars for every one the men could raise, \$20,000 being the limit, 650 employees of the Standard Steel Company at Burnham, have organized a branch Y. M. C. A.

J. Witmer McCormick, of Columbia, South Carolina, just completed two dwelling houses, and has begun the erection of the third. Mr. McCormick purchased a number of lots in a new section of the city, and his investment is proving very profitable.

George Rishel, who lives on the Jacob Kerstetter farm in Penn township, made sale of his farm stock and implements preparatory to moving to Aurora, Illinois. Charles E. Stover, of Haines township, will occupy the farm vacated by Mr. Rishel.

Christian Bitner, who for a number years lived at Manhattan, Illinois, purchased a splendid farm south of that town. The farm contains one hundred and sixty acres, and the price paid was \$16,200. Mr. Bitner is a native of Potter township, and is a son of John Bitner, deceased.

In a note from Benjamin Musser, president of the Citizens State Bank, Jewell City, Kansas, of recent date, the gentleman remarked "our winter has been a record-breaker. Had very few cold snaps and at no time below zero. The Reporter, of course, is just as newswy and as welcome as ever."

The citizens of Armagh township, Mifflin county, laid aside politics and, although the township is Republican, elected a number of Democrats to office. W. O. Rearick, Republican, and Mr. Houser, one of Mifflin's leading merchants, a Democrat, were elected school directors. The township voted in favor of cash road tax by a large majority.