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THAT EXTRA EXTRA SESSION

A question of more than ordinary moment is being heard before the lower courts in Pittsburgh. The subject involves the question as to whether or not the amended call for the extra session of the legislature was legal. In other words, whether the subjects for legislation added by the governor in his supplemental call could be legislated upon.

Shortly after the Governor issued his original call his right to supplement it and add new subjects for legislation was pretty freely discussed. The Constitution restricts the action at a special session to the subjects designated in the call for such session. There was opinion on both sides, the weight of it, however, taking the view that the restriction was solely upon the Legislature and did not prevent the Executive from designating new subjects not included in the original call.

That opinion is not shared by ex-Governor Stone. In his argument before Judge McClung, of the Allegheny Common Pleas, he claimed that the Governor's supplementary call was merely a paper, and could not shelter anything; that it had no bearing on the case, for it did not convene the Legislature, but merely cited additional subjects for consideration, and as it was not a call no legislation could be enacted under it. Broadly, the ex-Governor took the ground that the second paper was not a proclamation convening the Legislature, but merely a suggestion from the Governor of the State as to what he would like to have the session do.

This is not a new argument, but the question involved is one that has never had judicial determination. If it is determined that the Governor could not constitutionally enlarge his original call it will destroy the uniform primary law, the corrupt practices act and the Greater Pittsburgh act.

LOCALS.

Constable W. H. Runkle went to Williamsport Saturday to remain for several days.

Mervin Arney took sick the latter part of last week. His complaint is severe pains in the head.

Mrs. Maggie Harper, who for the past few months has been in DuBois, will return to Centre Hall this week.

The annual banquet of the Centre County Medical Society will be held in Bellefonte, Brockerhoff House, Tuesday, April 10th.

A committee from Mifflin county will wait upon the President, and try to induce him to attend the dedication of the soldiers and sailors monument in Lewistown.

No man need be very wise to indulge in destructive criticism. Any fool can tear down a structure which it may take years to erect. Constructive work requires ability and time.

Mrs. R. E. Hockman, of Philadelphia, attended the funeral of her brother, H. M. Jamison, at Spring Mills, last week. She has since returned to her home in the City of Brotherly Love.

A farmers rural telephone saved the destruction of a family near Bedford, Indiana. The farm house took fire, which was observed by a neighbor. By violently ringing the telephone bell the family was aroused, and escaped from the burning building.

Tramps Saturday night set fire to William Smith's barn in Frankstown township, Blair county, and burned seven horses, eight cows and fourteen sheep, entailing a loss of \$5000. William Slippy's stable, adjoining Smith's, was also burned, but the stock saved. His loss is \$2000.

The Johnstown Tribune states that Warren S. Krise moved into his handsome new home in that city. The affair was also intended as a celebration of the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Krise, he being thirty-seven years old on Friday and Mrs. Krise thirty-six on Saturday. The paper also contains the advertisement of Messrs. Krise & Ott, dealers in real estate and insurance. An advertisement of Rowe College, of which S. H. Isenberg, Ph. D., is president, also appears in the same issue.

Among the former residents of Potter township, who now live in Missouri, and one of the two new subscribers to the Reporter from that state received the other morning, is Perry Oliver Rearick, now a resident of Seymour. Mr. Rearick is a uncle of the Rearick Brothers, furniture dealers, in this place, and on March 28th, 1877, left this county for the west, and since then has lived in Webster county, Missouri. The other Missourian who honored the Reporter by becoming a regular reader is Charles P. Swint, of St. Louis. Mr. Swint, when a boy, had his home with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Slabig. The first issue of the Reporter to reach the young man will bear the death notice of Mrs. Slabig, who was his grandmother.

NEW REBEKAH LODGE

Instituted Friday by Miss Roxanna Brisbin, at Allport.

The Phillipsburg Journal of Saturday contains the following:

Friday afternoon and evening Miss Roxanna Brisbin, District Deputy President of Centre county, instituted Pink Rebekah Lodge, No. 115, at Allport, installed the officers and gave all necessary instruction for the organization of the same.

The degree was conferred in full form by the degree team of Hawk Run Rebekah Lodge. The new lodge starts with a charter membership of almost forty, and has a large list of prospective members.

One of the principal duties of a Rebekah Lodge is to cultivate not only the fraternal, but the social side of life, and if the bountiful supper spread before its guests and members is a sample of what they intend to do along this line, then it can be truthfully said that they have already learned one of the chief lessons of the order.

The general history of the order shows that wherever a Rebekah Lodge is organized it has always resulted in a revival of interest, largely increasing the membership, not only of the Rebekah Lodge itself, but also of the subordinate lodges as well. Therefore we are fully warranted in predicting for Allport and its surrounding neighborhood a general revival, and a large increase in membership. May the new lodge live long and prosper.

Compliments the Reporter.

LANCASTER, PA.,
March 17, 1906.

MR. S. W. SMITH,
Centre Hall, Pa.

Dear Sir:—I write you for the purpose of commending your paper in throwing its columns open to "Write-Ups" of men and women, natives of the three splendid valleys on "this side of the Nittany Mountain," who are making life a success in other parts. Your enterprise in this matter will surely be appreciated by all your readers, and furthermore it will reflect permanent credit upon you and your paper. We all delight to hear of those of our native birth who are successful. I notice further that your criterion for success is not money. You are eminently right in that view. One thing more and then enough. I venture to say that you will find that three-fourths, at least, of those who appear in "Write-Ups," did at one time or another sit at the feet of that peerless teacher, Dr. D. M. Wolf. His teachings have indeed been a powerful influence in the lives of many of the good and strong sons and daughters of our valleys. I don't if there is one man living in Centre county today who has done more enduring and universal good in the molding of the youth of the county than Dr. Wolf. I challenge you to find one of his boys or girls who will not heartily endorse this statement. Centre county owes a great debt to him, the sage of Penn's Creek. Yours very truly,
SUMNER V. HOSTERMAN.

Birthday Party.

Wednesday evening of last week a number of invited guests assembled at the home of J. A. Reesman, in this place, during the absence of Mrs. Reesman. The event which they assembled to celebrate was the sixty-first birthday of the lady, who was completely surprised upon her return home. The evening was very pleasantly spent, and those present were served with ice cream and cake. The following were the guests: J. J. Arney, Isaac Smith, Mrs. McClenahan, Mrs. Phoebe Yearick, Mrs. James Alexander, Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. John Conley, Mr. and Mrs. John Puff, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shutt, Miss Annie Shutt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Luz, Miss Annie Lohr, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kreamer, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Arney, Elva McClenahan, Clymer McClenahan.

The surprise was planned by Mrs. Reesman's granddaughter, Miss Bertha McCormick, and sister, Mrs. B. H. Arney.

Fire at Linden Hall.

Thursday the washhouse, near the dwelling of George Miller, north of Linden Hall, took fire and was burned. Together with other contents of the building was a lot of harness which was being put into repair for the sale the following Monday. It required considerable effort to save the dwelling, a brick cased building, from taking fire.

About five years ago, the large brick dwelling on the Miller farm, then owned and occupied by Samuel Ripka, was burned. At that time this washhouse was saved from destruction.

Odd Fellows to Build.

The Order of Odd Fellows purchased two lots, south of the Reformed church, with a view of building a hall on it. The order is flourishing, and had sufficient funds on hand to cash off the deal.

[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.]



DR. D. M. WOLF, ELIZABETH, ILL.

The best tonic is a cheerful spirit. A physician who by his personality can infuse hopefulness into his patients has already won more than half the battle. Such a physician is Dr. D. M. Wolf. He is generous and lively by nature. It is the effervescence of his over-soul. He has risen to a leading position among the Medical Fraternity of the state of Illinois. He is a descendant of one of the oldest and most respected families of Penns Valley, being the youngest son of a well-known wagon-builder and undertaker, Mr. Joseph Smith, formerly of Penn Hill, now residing in Illinois.

Dr. Smith was born in Madisonburg, August 12, 1866, was educated in the Spring Mills and Penn Hall Academies, taught several terms of school in Gregg township, and Millheim borough, read medicine with Dr. Van Valzah and after three years in Jefferson Medical College, graduated in 1890. He at once began to exercise his healing arts in Freeburg, Snyder county. In February 1891 he was married to Miss Emma R., daughter of Mr. Wm. Heckman, deceased, of Centre Hall.

At Freeburg he built up a nice practice, and in 1894 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress of the 18th Penn's district. But Dr. Smith had a progressive spirit, he wished to grow, so he took the advice given to young men by Horace Greeley and in 1898 moved to Elizabeth, Illinois, a thriving town surrounded by an agricultural region, located in the north-western corner of that state. In his new home he has succeeded admirably well. He has gained the respect of the medical fraternity of his state by pushing constantly to the front, not only succeeding in building up a very large practice, but also by educating himself and keeping abreast of the times. In order to do this he has taken several post graduate courses in Chicago and New York, and during the month of June last his state recognized his fitness and elected him as a delegate to the American Medical Association, at Portland, Oregon, in 1905, and Boston, in 1906. He has also been secretary of his county society since its organization. Dr. Smith is a prominent member in numerous fraternal organizations. In the Masonic order he has advanced through several branches until he is one of the honored 32nd Degree Masons.

He has not only succeeded in his profession, but by his industry and frugality he has acquired one of the prettiest and most complete homes in the town, and he owns a half interest in the large brick building on the main street where his offices are located, in which all modern conveniences are introduced. He is public spirited and progressive and, in short, a self-made man, one whom Gregg township may well be proud of.

Rhy-Mayes.

The following item, clipped from an Allentown paper and forwarded by the Aaronsburg correspondent, will be of interest to the readers of this paper, as the bride was one of the popular young ladies of Aaronsburg:

Miss Margaret Mayes and Calvin Eby, of Woodward, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Robert Wetherhold, No. 214 Chestnut street, Allentown, by Rev. A. J. Amthor. The couple were unattended, and will reside at 214 Chestnut street.

Why not advertise in the Reporter?

INCIDENTS OF 1877.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1906 Readers. [Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]

JANUARY 4—A boy named James Ertlinger, of Aaronsburg, had his arm broken near the shoulder. He was pushed from a step by a companion.

The Gotwald property, at Aaronsburg, including one square of ground, was sold to Eljah Burd for \$1000. Among the young men from this valley attending medical colleges are Wm. W. Woods, Charles Leitzeil and James Thompson, at the Jefferson College; William Keller and Robert Hamill, at the University of Pennsylvania.

JANUARY 11—J. Wes Gephart, Esq., and General James A. Beaver have formed a new law firm.

While a load of grain belonging to the Messrs. Bower, of Haines township, was standing over night at Hartleton, some scamp ripped seventeen of the sacks from top to bottom.

The house and lot of Jonathan Kurtz, at Aaronsburg, was sold to Emanuel Cronmiller for \$675.

John Lambert, late landlord at Aaronsburg, rented the Roudenbaugh tavern stand at Beaver Springs.

JANUARY 18—Major Isaac Stover, of Aaronsburg, fell from the porch of the Aaronsburg hotel and broke his arm.

Ira T. Cottle purchased J. O. Deininger's new brick house, on Main street, Centre Hall, for \$2000.

Lock Haven markets—Butter 25c, eggs 30c, lard 15c, apples 40c, potatoes \$1.25, chickens 50c per pair.

Philadelphia markets—White wheat \$1.50 to \$1.50, rye 78c, cloverseed \$1.00, oats 43c, butter 39c to 42c.

Bellefonte markets—White wheat \$1.35, rye 55c, oats 30c, corn 45c.

Track on the branch railroad was laid to within two miles of Paddy Mountain tunnel.

John Meyers, of Hublersburg, over seventy-two years old, is the father of thirty (30) children, the youngest of whom was born a short time ago. He was twice married, having 14 children with his first wife, and 16 with the second wife. Eighteen children are living at present.

George Breen, of Milroy, has rented the Spring Mills hotel.

Gregg township talks of erecting a new school house near the toll gate, on the pike.

Marriages—January 2, Prof. Philip M. Bickle, of Gettysburg, and Miss Emma J., daughter of Henry G. Wolf, of Millburg. . . . January 3, Samuel W. Shaffer, and Miss Emma S. Hecker, both of Sugar Valley.

Step from Snow Bank to Wild Flowers.

S. M. Leitzeil, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Potter township, who is now connected with the national weather bureau, writes that perhaps it might be of interest to know that Pike's Peak Signal Station (weather observatory) is 14147 feet above sea level; that snow falls there every month of the year, and that the water used for culinary purposes is obtained from convenient snow banks. Although the station is located on top of a mountain, the only obtainable wood is three miles away.

In the summer it frequently happens that one can step from a snow-drift (with one step) into blooming wild flowers. The mountain itself might be considered a freak of nature, and the above are only a few of the peculiar things which are learned there.

LOCALS.

Ed. L. Bartholomew has been transferred from Millburg to Montgomery, where he is clerk in the railroad station.

Mrs. C. C. Guttig, of Piteairn, came to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleisher, at Colyer, the latter part of last week.

From McConnell, Illinois, comes a note written by A. F. Stamm, that during the middle of March there was zero weather, but generally speaking the winter was mild. There were four thaws in January, three in February and so far one in March.

Mrs. Gertrude Bowersox and daughter Anna, of Centre Hill, will leave within a short time for Emporium, Kansas, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Bowersox has a sister, Mrs. Annie Smith, living at that place. Mr. Smith is engaged on the railroad.

In order to avoid a disturbance in the family, C. David Runkle, of Pittsburg, ordered a second Reporter forwarded to his home. As long as the Reporter is able to create such "family quarrels," the editor feels his efforts appreciated. Thanks, Mr. Runkle, for your candid expressions.

COMMISSIONERS SETTLE.

Snyder County Taxpayers Reimbursed by Extravagant and Absent-Minded Officials.

Jonathan Reichenbach, Harrison Moyer and H. M. Derk, the recently retired County Commissioners of Snyder county, surprised the taxpayers by paying back \$1553 into the County Treasury. Of this sum \$1250 was for the surcharge on the soldiers' monument, \$212 on bridge lumber, and \$91 for sundry items. It was believed that the ex-Commissioners would contest the surcharge in the courts.

The payments were largely due to Commissioner J. G. Lesher, who exposed their absent-minded business methods. By paying the money for lumber from a county bridge, graft is virtually admitted. A few weeks ago former County Solicitor A. Francis Gilbert, in an open letter, denied that any money was due for lumber from this bridge, and challenged Lesher, the accusing Commissioner, to bring forth the proofs. Lesher had the proofs, and the ex-Commissioners took the easiest way out of the dilemma by paying.

Veterans Go to Vicksburg.

Among the old veterans of the 45th Regiment who will go from Centre county to attend the dedication of the soldier's monument at Vicksburg, on the evening of the 24th, are the following: W. H. Musser, Gen. I. Curtin, Thomas McCafferty, William Flack and W. H. Poorman, of Bellefonte; Col. Austin Curtin, of Roland; Col. John A. Daley, of Curtin township; A. T. Boggs, of Milesburg; Andrew Hall, of Unionville; W. H. Fry and J. G. Heberling, of Pine Grove Mills; J. Foster Lucas, of Moshannon; C. T. Fryberger, of Phillipsburg; Joseph Funk, of Roland; Michael Johnson, of Mill Hall; and John Shaffer, of Lock Haven. H. Laird Curtin and Hugh Crider will accompany the veterans and take in the sights of the trip.

Methodist Conference.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will convene at Tyrone on Wednesday, March 28th. Bishop Joseph F. Berry, D. D., LL. D., of Buffalo, N. Y., will preside, and with the presiding elders will fix the appointments of the ministers for another year. There are four important vacancies to be filled, a condition which has not existed in this Conference for years. This fact makes this session of the body one of great interest to all Methodists, both ministers and laymen. These vacancies are the Danville district, Bloomsburg, Bellefonte and Mulberry street church, Williamsport. The filling of these vacant places may necessitate the moving of some ministers who otherwise would not be disturbed.

Another Fee Test Case.

One of the most interesting legal questions that Somerset county court has ever been called upon to solve was filed in the Prothonotary's office by Attorney H. F. Yost, of Somerset, attorney for Constable E. Reese, of Somerset township.

Several days ago Reese presented a claim of \$35 against the county for advertising the last February election in which he included his services at \$2 a day. The County Commissioners refused to pay more than the usual six-cent mileage.

The Court is asked to render a special verdict, both parties having agreed to the fact in the case. All the Somerset county constables have similar claims and it is likely that the case will be appealed to the Superior Court.

Williams-Kerr.

Mrs. Elmira J. Kerr, of Omaha, Nebraska, formally announces that her daughter, Miss Kathryn, was married to Rev. Elmer Lynn Williams, at Omaha, Wednesday, 14th inst.

The bride is well and favorably known to many of the Reporter readers, having lived in Centre Hall with her mother prior to going to Nebraska. She is a graduate of Dickinson College, Carlisle, and is exceptionally bright and very studious. Rev. Williams is a native of Bald Eagle Valley, where he became acquainted with his bride. At present he is serving a Methodist charge at Richmond, Illinois, where he and Mrs. Williams will be at home after Tuesday, April 3rd.

Very Complimentary.

The Millheim Journal has this to say: "The entertainment given by the junior base ball club, of Centre Hall, in the town hall Saturday evening was well attended and the boys performed well. Several of their acts were loudly applauded. On the whole the performance was up to the average and reflects credit on the Centre Hall boys."

To command respect look wise.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

This Monday, like the Monday of last week, was a snowy day.

The man who vowed he wouldn't, after all, hunted up his sled.

Miss Virgie Durst is back from her trip to eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland.

J. W. Gobble and son, of near Spring Mills, delivered some cattle in Centre Hall Monday.

Within a short time six new kilns, at the Armor Gap quarries, will be ready for operation.

L. R. Lingle is making hog raising a special feature of farming, and at present has that kind of stock in all shades and sizes.

Perry Krise furnished fifty telephone poles for Branch Company No. 7. J. C. Dale is furnishing one hundred or more poles for the same company.

John S. Auman is scheduled to move from Beaver Springs, Snyder county, to the Red Mill, which property he has purchased, on 22d.

Charles C. Homan, son of Mrs. Sarah Homan, of this place, who for the past few months was located at Conneaut, Ohio, is now in Cleveland, Ohio.

J. R. Bible will make sale of his personal property at his home, near Pottery Mills, Wednesday, April 4th. After the sale he and Mrs. Bible will make their home in Milroy.

The barn on the farm of George Gates, near Port Matilda, was entirely destroyed by fire Tuesday of last week. All the grain, feed and farm implements were burned but the stock was saved.

James Gramley was in Centre Hall the latter part of last week. He intends moving from near Madisonburg to Rebersburg, where his aged mother lives, and take care of her the remaining days of her life.

The twenty-seventh annual convention Fireman's Association of Pennsylvania, October 1-6, will be held at Gettysburg. Calvin F. Solt, formerly of this place, is chairman of the committee on entertainment.

James Zeigler, of near Wolfs Store, recently sold his home at that place to McClellan Wert. Mr. Zeigler has rented W. J. Carlin's tenant house at Rebersburg and will occupy the same the beginning of April.

Invitations of all kinds printed at this office. A complete stock of blanks kept on hand at all times. Preparations have recently been made to execute this kind of work in the best style, and at very reasonable prices.

Mrs. Edward Wolf, nee Shoop, of Altoona, is in Centre Hall, having come here to assist her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Shoop, to move from the south portion of town to the south half of the home of Merchant Meyer.

Definite plans were made at a meeting held at State College, to erect a new Lutheran church. A site had previously been secured. The State College congregation will be independent, and not connected with any other charge.

The following stock was slaughtered at the Huntingdon Reformatory, during the month of February, to support the inmates of that institution: Thirteen head of cattle, 9185 lbs.; four calves, 328 lbs.; seven hogs, 3149 lbs., and one lamb, 73 lbs.

Recently Victor Grange, at Oak Hall, gave the first and second degrees to eight new members, seven young ladies and one young man. It being a special meeting, Worthy Master George Dale was present. Miss Laura B. Lytle presided at the organ.

William Bradford, of Jersey Shore, has moved his household goods to the Alexander-Murray farm, west of Old Fort, for many years tenanted by George Stover, deceased, which farm he rented. While in Jersey Shore, Mr. Bradford was in a flouring mill.

The Millheim Journal urges that the borough authorities test the water pressure of the Millheim Water Company to ascertain whether or not the town is afforded the fire protection specified in the franchise granted the water company. The matter of securing sufficient hose by the town authorities is also strongly advocated. There is no questioning the seasonableness of the argument.

Most people do not know that the most powerful trust in the world is the Coal Trust, dominated at present by that remarkable personality, George Franklin Baer. The whole story of this alarming monopoly, its origin, history, and present power, is told for the first time in two notable articles by Hartley Davis on "The Coal Trust, the Labor Trust, and the People who Pay." Read the first of these articles in the April Everybody's and see what you think about the probable future of this omnipotent commercial monster.