



WILL TELL THE TRUTH.

The policy of the Reporter is to stick to the truth and present public matters as near as they really are as the laws governing newspapers will permit. Presenting local public matters in this way may cause ill feeling against the writer, but the duty a newspaper owes a community is above tickling and cooing over officials with the expectation of profiting in some direct or indirect way. When public matters are discussed it is quite unfair to determine to work injury to individuals who have the conviction and firmness to point out errors and misdeeds, intentional or otherwise. No one is infallible, but when errors have been pointed out it is a matter of simple duty to correct them. The man who is not open to conviction, the official who is not willing to do right now simply because he was unable to discern clearly in the past, is not a safe man in a public position. The stubborn man, the arbitrary official, sometimes accomplishes his end, but his headstrongness usually requires a money settlement on the part of someone else. Gentlemen, before carrying out your threats, bring into action a bit of your better self.

Mr. Murphy, of Missouri, has introduced a bill which it is safe to say will never emerge from the Committee on the Judiciary. It purports "to provide for the free expression of Representatives in Congress on bills, measures, resolutions or rules, and for punishment for interference therewith." It would punish as a felon any member who shall "promise or agree to, or arrange for in any manner whatever, the passage of any bill, etc., in return for his support for any other bill, etc., or who shall promise or agree, directly or indirectly, to use his influence with any committee or sub-committee to carry out such purpose." This strikes at the sacred prerogatives of the Speaker and at the time honored practice of log-rolling.

The Senate by a small majority voted in favor of the isthmian canal being of the lock type. This decision was arrived at in the face of the recommendations of a majority of the jury of international experts which was requested to give an opinion on the subject, and which favored a sea-level waterway. The President and the Secretary of War, however, favored a lock canal, and in this had the support of a number of eminent engineers. But for political considerations, however, the majority of the Senate would in all probability have decided for a sea-level canal. The House of Representatives is already committed to a lock canal, and it is now assured that such will be approved by Congress and the President at this session.

According to State Superintendent Schaeffer's interpretation of the school laws, any township that does not have a high school must pay the tuition of scholars who have passed the district school and wish to enter a high school even if the high school is in another county.

Must Check Baggage Through.

A bill of importance to the traveling public was passed by the National House of Representatives compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to check baggage to its destination on transportation offered, whether in the form of "split tickets" or a regular ticket on one line, and a mileage or other ticket on another line.

The bill overcomes the practice of roads which have refused to check baggage to destination on a ticket to the junction point or termination of one road and a mileage book or other transportation on the connecting road. The bill makes a refusal on the part of railroads to carry out its terms a misdemeanor and provides a penalty for its infraction.

Denounces the Cud.

Prof. C. H. Albert, of the Bloomsburg Normal School, caused somewhat of a sensation in his address to the graduates of the Plymouth High School when he said:

"I would not, knowingly, permit my sons and daughters to attend a school wherein the teacher gave his or her energy to the chewing of a cud, as I detest the tobacco habit of men and the chewing gum of women."

Prof. Albert said that the chewing-gum habit in a teacher is the first step in the calendar of vice which serves to shatter the high ideal toward the accomplishing of which a mother may have prompted her child in its infancy.

Centre Counts Picnic.

The Centre County Association will hold its third annual picnic at Belmont Mansion, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Saturday afternoon, June 27th. This association is composed of Centre county people living in near Philadelphia.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

News of a Semi-Local Character Gathered from the Exchange Table.

The twenty-second annual reunion of the Lutherans of Central Pennsylvania will be held at Lakemont park, Altoona, Thursday, July 26.

Wilson Yeager and wife got a verdict of \$3500 against the borough of Berwick, as Mrs. Yeager had fallen through a hole in the pavement.

A supposedly empty raft floating down the river at Selingsgrove was found to contain the body of Lot Burns, a veteran riverman and soldier.

John D. Blair, who died of typhoid fever in the University Hospital, Philadelphia, was a prominent member of the Blair county bar. His father was Samuel S. Blair, member of Congress during the Civil War.

William, the little son of W. C. Adleman, of Tyrone, was playing with a pet cat some time ago when he was bitten. The bite will prove fatal, although every effort is being made to save the child's life. He has bitten himself twice since the cat bit him.

Considerable excitement was caused recently in Williamsport by the news of the finding of the body of little Monroe Donaldson Irvin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Monroe Irvin, which had lain in the river for almost five months, since the lad was drowned at the dam on January 22. The body was discovered floating in the river by the crew of the Sylvan Dell steamer, Hiawatha.

The absence of Register and Recorder W. A. Snyder, of Salona, from his office Thursday morning of last week, was the subject of inquiries from many of his friends, and none of his office associates seemed able to account for his failure to be at his place. It has since been discovered that the stork left a bonnie boy baby at Mr. Snyder's home that morning, which attracts the father's attention. He is therefore excused.

While attempting to give a swarm of bees at his home Joseph S. Burket, of Adams township, Cambria county, was selected by the honey-makers as a good place to "light," and they lit. As a result Mr. Burket is lying in a critical condition at his home. The bees swarmed all about Mr. Burket, who is an aged man, and stung him painfully about the face, head, neck and hands. He staggered blindly into the house and fell unconscious on the floor.

Potter Township Teachers.

The Potter township school board at its meeting Saturday elected teachers for its district. A perusal of the following list will reveal quite a change in the personnel of the teachers. The teachers, their addresses, and the school, follow: Plum Grove, Miss Claudia Wieland, Harris township; Earlstown, H. B. Moyer, Rebersburg; Pine Stump, Miss Georgia Steel, Lemont; Manor, Thomas L. Moore, Centre Hall; Tusseyville, Earl M. Grove, Centre Hall; Tusseyville, Miss Ruth Swabb, Aaronsburg; Colyer, Herbert E. Stover, Rebersburg; Gap, Miss Viola Harter, Potter township; Pine Grove, Miss Lettie McCool, Potter township; Centre Hill, Miss Lida Musser, Millheim; Egg Hill, Miss Cora Brown, Potter township; Cross Lane, Miss Annie Stover, Centre Hall; Cold Spring, Miss Rhoda Royer, Potter township; Potters Mills grammar, Wm. C. Mingle, Aaronsburg; Potters Mills primary, Miss Nellie Mingle, Aaronsburg.

The Mileage Excess.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, it is said on high authority, has decided to accede to the demands of the merchant and traveling men of the state for the abolishment of the \$10 excess mileage book. In response to the persistent agitation of the drummers of Pennsylvania, which has gone so far as to include a suit in the name of the Commonwealth and a campaign for legislation fixing the maximum rate of fare on steam railroads throughout Pennsylvania at two cents a mile, the company, it has been learned, intends to sell books good for 1,000 miles at \$20 flat. Just when the new books will be issued has not yet been decided.

This action will not call off the campaign for two-cent railroad fare to all. Many candidates for the legislature, in all parties, committed themselves on this subject, and the shrewd move on the part of the railroad company will not be of sufficient importance to quiet the clamor for a two-cent all round fare.

From Millheim Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith left Wednesday morning for several days' visit with their daughter, Mrs. David Stoner, at Tusseyville.

Mrs. Maggie Horner, of Colyer, and Mrs. George Shook, of Penn Hall, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Conner on Wednesday.

FOURTH OF JULY.

BY REV. J. W. BOAL, D. D.

The event which the Fourth of July commemorates constitutes an epoch not only in American history, but in the history of the world. The principles incorporated in the Declaration of Independence and the purpose asserted there are the products of ages. These righteous principles of government were learned in part from the despotic empires of Greece and Rome, where power was invested chiefly in the rulers, and where there was an almost impassable gulf between the ruling classes and the toiling millions. Efforts had been made during these centuries—chiefly on the continent of Europe—to secure the recognition of the peoples' rights. But even in Rome the idea of the superiority of the ruling classes had so crystallized in Roman thought and character as to unfit that people to secure the equality of each before the law, or to fit them for self government. But under the guiding hand of God the fabric of Rome fell, and out of its ruins there arose a better structure.

Christian captives were carried by the conquerors of Rome to the northern forests of Germany, who taught those ruthless men the gospel, which gospel was eventually embraced by our Saxon fathers. These Saxons were brave to a fault; with them courage was a virtue, cowardice a crime. Their intense love of civil liberty led them to do much for the equality of man.

Transferred to Britain this tribe, imbued with the love of liberty, made its power felt, wresting from the hands of despotic rulers the power that belonged to the people. These Saxons were most efficiently aided by the Scotch, whose love of religious freedom was as deep as that of the Saxons for civil liberty. This union constituted a mighty force in the interest of humanity. Tyrants fell before it. But the fullest expression of liberty was not yet allowed beyond the seas; so the hopeful eye of some gifted with larger views of liberty turned to the new world, and out of these turbulent times the American nation was born.

But the fundamental principles of our government can be traced to the Hebrew nation. The equality of man before the law was the very core of the

Jewish faith, and this article of faith has been conserved and developed through the struggles of centuries.

On the Fourth of July, 1776, a band of the noblest patriots that ever lived asserted this truth in the hearing of listening nations. Like a volcanic action it startled the world. It had never been expressed with such clearness, with such self-asserting force as it was by the pen of Jefferson. This rock-truth, expressed in the Declaration of Independence, was the product of centuries. The equality of man before the law is now the maxim, and must be the corner-stone of the nation. Could it be placed and secured there?

Never had such a question been asked as that which was passed upon the framers of our constitution. It was the problem of human freedom—the wise administration of law—of government to be administered in the interest of the people; the protection of life; the promotion of happiness. Tremendous problem this! Could it be solved and the golden dream become a reality? To realize all this meant the wisest council; it meant the gift of the silver and the gold; it meant the blood of the bravest and the best of the nation's sons. It meant baptisms of blood before the corner-stone could be so laid as to perpetuate the temple of liberty to the remotest generations. The task was tremendous in its prospect, nor did the prospect disappoint those who faced it. Fearful was the struggle from 1776 to 1865, when the dream of the patriot was realized in the unfurling of our noble flag over every part of our land.

This day commemorates not one, but a series of events which through struggling centuries have culminated in our splendid heritage. A correct knowledge and a just appreciation of the cost of our liberties should suggest the proper way to keep intelligent patriotism alive. Not in dangerous sports, not in boisterous tumult, not in carousal, nor drunkenness—let such not be once named to the true sons of liberty. But rather in thankful recognition of the kind hand of our God, who has raised up those who proved equal to each crisis as it came, and established a government which contains all those elements which insure the greatest civil and political benefits.

About Wheat No. 10.

Last week there appeared in these columns a brief extract of a contract under which a New York firm was offering for sale No. 10 wheat, and a further statement that the New York Experiment Station knew nothing of the existence of such a wheat.

Since the last issue of the Reporter the editor has made an effort to prove or disprove the existence of such a kind of wheat, and also secure a statement of the business methods of the firm—G. W. Hickox & Son, of Batavia, N. Y. With this view in mind a letter of inquiry was mailed the Daily News, of Batavia, New York, and the following is the reply:

I find that this wheat is being raised by some prominent farmers in this section, who are very enthusiastic in regard to it. All of the grain, however, is controlled by G. W. Hickox & Son, who are disposing of it for seed. Hickox & Son are extensively engaged in the produce and seed business and enjoy the reputation of being a thoroughly reliable concern.

Very truly yours,
G. R. SAFFORD,
City Editor.

Danger of Short Cotton Crop.

The length of a shirt is to be an issue in the Kansas campaign this year.

A farm paper is leading a movement to organize farmers into unions. The argument advanced is that if every shirt were made one inch longer the added cloth would consume the entire surplus of cotton. Farmers are urged to organize and stand for this demand. Ryan and Crummer, chairmen, respectively, of the Democratic and Republican State Committees, declared that if this remedy was reversed to equalize matters in case of an extreme shortage in the cotton crop it might become embarrassing.

"I think the farmers should go slow on this proposition," said Chairman Ryan.

Love Me, Love My Dog.

Alas, that our neglect of proper accommodation for canine visitors should have brought upon Philadelphia the displeasure of the divine Sarah in her article on "Comparative Impressions of America," written for the June number of Appleton's Magazine. She qualifies her praise of the town with a personal note of annoyance: "Philadelphia has beautified its avenues and its favorite streets, has enlarged its stores, has built new hotels. But they do not love dogs in Philadelphia. And that cost me no end of trouble. It is a backward progress that the American hotel proprietor has made."

INCIDENTS OF 1876.

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.]

JUNE 6—Petty thieving is being carried on just now. A lap robe, blanket, rubber apron and curtains were stolen from Rev. W. E. Fischer. Amos Overdorf is minus a gun, and the same night the top of his buggy was cut to pieces.

Spring Mills market: Wheat, \$1.20; rye, 50c; corn, 40c; oats, 25c; buckwheat, 75c; cloverseed, \$3 to \$4; butter, 10c; eggs, 10c; wool, 35c.

A postoffice has been established at Fowler.

JUNE 20—The old and well-known Stone Mill in Potter township, has been leased by Aaron Luckenbach and Andrew Moyer.

At a meeting of the Centre & Spruce Creek Railroad Company a committee was appointed to confer with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company with a view of extending the road from Spring Mills to Centre Hall.

JUNE 27—Rev. N. J. Mitchell has been appointed jury commissioner in place of Col. Rishel, deceased.

The bank barn on the farm of Wm. McFarlane, in Harris township, was burned on the afternoon of the 18th. The tenant, Mr. Bathgate, sent a child to the house for matches, which were brought, and a part handed over to the father. With the remainder the child kindled a fire in the threshing floor. No insurance.

Rev. S. Roeder, who has accepted a call from the Centre Hall Reformed church, is expected here the second week in July. He brings with him his bride.

The annual exhibition of the students of the Penns Valley Institute, Prof. G. W. Fortney, principal, was held in the Lutheran church Saturday evening. Among the scholars who participated were Annie Gregg, James Gregg, Andrew Dubbs, Wm. Bower, Leonard Dale, Lizzie Shoop, Sallie Boal, Katie Reesman, Harry Haag, Willie Hoffer, Daniel Dunkle, A. N. Runkle, S. C. Runkle, Ward Rishel, Wm. Neff, Mamie Gregg, Bessie Boal, Howard Rishel, John Harrison, Christ Hoffer, C. E. Emerick, Alma Hoffer, T. J. Stover, Wm. H. Noll, Calvin R. Neff, Geo. W. Kline. Miss Maggie Hoffer presided at the organ, and Rev. W. E. Fischer made an address.

J. Fearon Mann has connected the axe factory and polishing shop with a telephone line, the first installed in this county.

The Albright mill, writes "Hew Mor," from Rebersburg, has recently been bought and repaired by John Stoner. The mill will be operated by J. N. Van Ormer.

David Solt was appointed postmaster at Zion.

Jacob Dinges brick store room is up. James, the son of Daniel Gentzel, of Gregg township, met a horrible death. The boy, aged fifteen years, was drawing the lock on a wagon loaded with hay while it was being backed from the barn. In some manner the youth fell to the ground, the wheel first striking his face and then passed over his shoulder, crushing his body. Death was almost instant.

Married—March 12, John H. Kline and Miss Annie C. Whitmer, both of Buffalo Run. . . . March 20, J. N. Dinges and Miss Julia Young, both of Boalsburg. . . . June 15, Frank Bohn and Miss Sadie C. Bradford, both of Harris township. . . . June 2, Samuel Klinefelter and Miss Jane Wingard, both of Tusseyville. . . . June 18, Edward Boob and Miss Susan Deckart, both of Centre county. . . . June 2, Philip Caris, of Madisonburg, and Miss Mary Smith, of Boonville. . . . June 23, Absolom Mingle, of Aaronsburg, and Miss Sarah Heimbach, of Union county. . . . July 20, at Bethany, Mo., B. F. Meyer and Miss Pet Hillman, also of Bethany. [Mr. Meyer is editor of the Bethany Broad Axe, and was formerly of Centre Hall.] . . . July 28, John P. Condo and Miss Lucretia G. Miller, both of Sugar Valley. . . . July 28, John D. Horner and Miss Louisa Korman, both of Spring Mills.

Keith's Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew head the bill at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, in "When Two Hearts are Won." Sabel Johnson, "the highest soprano in the world," is an artistic feature. The Eight Allisons, whirl-wind acrobats, are another attraction, and the Gleasons and Fred Honglan, with songs and dances, give pleasing numbers. Other features of interest are: Jack Wilson & Company, in "An Upheaval in Darktown"; Palfry and Hoeller, comedy cyclists; Geiger & Walters, "Streets of Italy"; Swan & Bamard, comedians; Mlle. Edna, "the whistling girl"; the Gagnons, jugglers; Charles Howard, travesty; Barto and Lafferty, dancers; Carr and Jordan, in a sketch, "A Dip into Vaudeville."

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

J. O. Stover, of Reedsville, was in Centre Hall Thursday of last week.

The Millheim base ball team met with defeat at State College Saturday afternoon.

The Mattern family held a reunion at Warriors Mark, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Miss Clara Condo, of Penn Hall, has been elected to teach the Primary Grade of the Millheim schools.

Miss Mame Miller, of the Millheim Bell telephone exchange, will spend her vacation at Williamsport and Wilkesbarre.

Almost forty-one dollars were the net proceeds from the social held Saturday evening by two classes in the Lutheran Sunday school.

The Bellefonte Academy trustees purchased the Beezer and Wagner properties and will use them for dormitories. The institution is growing rapidly.

Misses Anna Reynolds and Miriam Meyer, of Reedsville, are the guests of the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer. The girls are having a most delightful time.

Thomas Fisher, of Unionville, underwent an operation at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. The operation was necessary on account of an affection of the liver.

Messrs. Frank Shutt and M. L. Emerick drove to Lewistown Thursday to witness the dedication of the soldiers' monument. They declare Lewistown knows how to do things.

The Gentzel-Beezer horse sale at Millheim, Saturday afternoon, was quite brisk. The horses sold at an average of \$215.60. Quite a number of persons from Centre Hall attended the sale.

"Irish Charley," the linen peddler, made his rounds about Centre Hall last week. He has built up quite a trade and is as jealous of his good name for honesty as he is proud of his very white head of hair.

It is being urged in Williamsport that the court house bell, which has been in use since 1804, be taken down and placed on a float in the Fourth of July parade. The county commissioners are considering the suggestion.

The boy who saves his money becomes the banker, the merchant, the professional man. The boy who never saves a cent makes the man who "earns his bread by the sweat of his brow," who never owns a home or enjoys the luxuries of life.

Harvey Musser, an attorney of prominence in Akron, Ohio, is interested in a new automobile factory. A company of Akron gentlemen have made application for a charter, the capital stock of which is one million dollars. Mr. Musser is a brother of Dr. C. S. Musser, of Aaronsburg.

Messrs. Oscar Lonbarger, Charles Pecht, George Horner and Harry Pennypacker, all of near Pleasant Gap, witnessed the dedication of the soldiers monument at Lewistown. From there they went to Belleville, spending the latter part of the week fishing for eels, in which they were very successful. Their mode of travel was by horseless carriage.

Last week mention was made of the fact that Mrs. Mary Ann Evans was visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Goodhart, and that her age was seventy-five years. It was the sprightliness of the woman that caused the error, for no one would think her more years old than is noted above, yet the fact is she is ten years older—eighty-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. and Mr. and Mrs. James M. Mowery and two little children, of Pittsburg, are traveling through Central Pennsylvania in an auto. The men are grandsons of Mrs. Hannah Smith, west of Centre Hall, and nephews of Frederick K. Carter, in this place. They operate moving picture galleries, and are on the outlook for points adapted to their business.

Ralph A. Balch, of Philadelphia, is visiting Dr. J. Frank Meyer, who is recuperating at the home of his father, near Penn Hall. Mr. Balch is manager of the Philadelphia and Washington offices of the Lewando Dyeing and Cleaning Establishment of Boston. This concern is one of the largest of its kind in the U. S., and Mr. Balch very ably looks after the interests entrusted to him.

Messrs. John G. and William Rossman, sons of Merchant G. H. Rossman, of Spring Mills, accompanied by Howard Whitehead, of Manor, stopped with the Reporter for a brief time on their way showing their friend the natural beauties of Penns Valley. The former Mr. Rossman and Mr. Whitehead are college chums at Lancaster, and are spending part of the vacation months together.