



### THE MACHINE HARD UP.

Tries to Make Believe that Berry's Prompt Payment of School Appropriation is Loss to the State.

A sample of the ridiculous arguments which the Penrose machine organs are compelled to put forth in behalf of their utterly indefensible cause is afforded by the story from Harrisburg to the effect that the State has lost \$25,000 in interest because Treasurer Berry has paid nearly all the school districts their share of the State appropriation weeks ahead of the time when the machine officials were accustomed to doing so. It is falsely asserted that many of the districts did not need the money and that they were compelled to put it on interest. As a matter of fact the great majority of the districts did need the money and by getting it were saved from the necessity of borrowing it from the banks at an aggregate cost in interest considerably exceeding the amount alleged to have been lost to the State. If any of the districts were compelled to put their share of the State appropriation out on interest, certainly no loss resulted. Treasurer Berry has worked a great reform in this matter, and the silly attempt of the machine organs to make it appear otherwise will only evoke the public contempt it deserves.

### TWO-CENT-RATE PLEDGES.

The suggestion that organized effort be made to have legislative candidates publicly pledge themselves for the two-cent-a-mile rate is welcome, particularly because it indicates a popular interest in the selection of members of the Legislature and what they stand for that has not always been recognized.

Time has been when candidates for the Legislature were set up just as the candidate himself set up delegates to vote for him. He selected his delegates because he believed they could deliver the goods. He himself was allowed to run for the Legislature because it was believed he also would deliver the goods. The interest of the public was not considered, consequently instead of members being pledged publicly to vote for certain measures of public importance we have actually been without any idea of what our representatives would vote for until they had received their orders. The proposal to place the candidates in this campaign publicly on record as pledged to work and vote for a measure of general interest is therefore almost revolutionary but certainly welcome.

Perhaps if our legislative candidates can be placed publicly on record on the matter of two cents a mile they can later be placed squarely on record on other issues in which the people are interested. The concession to the spirit of the hour is notable. If this sort of thing becomes general the people may yet find themselves restored to control of their own representatives at Harrisburg. By all means place the candidates, not of one party but of all parties, on record and not only on this issue but on all issues. And make the pledges so emphatic and unequivocal that there can be no evasion of them, so that when a member comes home without having made good there can never be any question of his intelligibility for any further position of public honor or trust.

The voters may find if they will consult the record of the last session of Congress that one of the chiefest difficulties President Roosevelt found confronting him in carrying forward administration measures was the opposition of stalwart Republicans. On several emergent occasions he would have failed had he lacked Democratic assistance. He has carried his party along with him a long distance into the adoption of what were known as Democratic measures of administration. He would have gone further but for the check put upon him by the Republican majority. The Senate is stubbornly opposed to several details of the Roosevelt program. It is by no means certain that a nearer balance of parties in the next Congress would not aid rather than hinder the adoption of more complete legislation for the repression of corporate aggrandizement and the establishment of unfettered trade with the colonial possessions.

### Struck by Lightning.

During a terrific electrical and rain storm Friday of last week, the spire of the United Evangelical church at Woodward was struck by lightning. The belfry of the edifice, which was erected in 1896, was badly shattered, the damage being in the neighborhood of \$100. The interior of the belfry was lined with zinc, which is supposed to have greatly arrested the inertia of the fluid, a portion of which passed along the side of the building, knocked out windows, passed to the ground and on the opposite side of the street entered the ground and was carried off by the water pipes of the Woodward water works.

### WOMELSDORF ORPHANS HOME.

Celebrates Anniversary—15,000 Persons Interested in the Reformed Institution Attend Ceremony.

The Bethany Orphans Home, at Womelsdorf, a Reformed institution, celebrated its anniversary last week. Fifteen thousand persons interested in the work of the home attended the ceremonies.

The founder of this institution was Rev. Emil Boehringer, a native of Buerbach, Germany. During the Civil War he was a missionary in Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia, and being deeply moved by the homeless condition of many orphans he moved to Philadelphia, and in his own family, on September 21, 1863, at 702 Morris Street, Southwark, founded the institution which was then known as "The Orphans' Home of the Shepherd of the Lambs."

The following year the home was removed to Bridesburg, Pa., where a building was purchased for \$5000. One year later both Rev. and Mrs. Boehringer died, leaving forty-seven orphans, six of whom were his own children, to the care of Rev. John Gantenbein, of Kreidersville, Pa., who was elected superintendent.

The orphans, 110 in number, were removed from Bridesburg, to Womelsdorf, October 1, 1867. Twenty-seven acres of land was bought. In October, 1868, Rev. D. B. Albright became Superintendent and in three years wiped out a debt of over \$24,000. Several years later another farm was purchased containing sixty acres.

Two years ago Rev. Mr. Moore, the present secretary and superintendent, took charge of the home and the same progress is made as has been done under the former progressive men. Rev. Mr. Moore is delighted that he will soon have a new home for the little children between the ages of five and eight years. It will cost \$10,000.

The boys, about forty in number, have been busy the last two months clearing a two-acre tract which was full of stumps and stones. The stones are to be used for the foundation walls of the new cottage, while the land thus cleared will be cultivated.

The expense of the institution the last year was over \$15,000. The contributions during the year amounted to \$11,387, and the total receipts were \$16,592.63. The legacies left the home during the past year amounted to \$4911.46.

The annual crops raised amount to about 300 bushels of wheat, 40 bushels of rye, 275 bushels of oats, 600 bushels of corn, 400 bushels of potatoes, 40 bushels of grapes, 20 bushels of beets, 100 bushels of turnips, 100 bushels of string beans, 40 tons of hay, 800 to 1000 heads of cabbage, 1500 stalks of celery, 2000 bushels of apples, including those used for cider, 40 bushels of cherries and 5 bushels of quinces, with small amounts of garden vegetables of which no account could be kept.

### Bee Stings for Rheumatism.

J. R. Mosteller, a bee raiser of Royersford, is besieged by numerous persons for the use of his bees for the cure of rheumatism.

Councilman Howard Buchanan was the first to try the new remedy, and the results were so satisfactory that other persons have taken the remedy. John Anthony has been given such great relief that he has dispensed with his crutches. Lewis Deegan, another convert has been given relief. A prominent business man of Pottstown, who has suffered for years, was stung eight different times by Pratt's golden-all-over bees, which are the kind exclusively used for the rheumatic cure, by the Montgomery county bee-keeper.

Mr. Mosteller will now begin to charge a fee, the same as regular doctors, for his service. He says it is more profitable than raising honey.

The bee sting as a relief for rheumatism is not new nor imaginary. W. B. Mingle, Esq., of Centre Hall, who is afflicted with rheumatism bared his limb before a colony of hymenopterous insects and provoked them to sting him a half dozen or more times. The result was quite satisfactory.

### To Marry Wednesday.

Frank Long, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Adie Wagner, of near Centre Hall, will be married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Geiss Wagner, Wednesday of next week. The officiating minister will be Rev. William J. Wagner, of New Bloomfield, an uncle of the bride.

Mr. Long, the prospective groom, is a native of Illinois, where he became acquainted with Miss Wagner. At present he holds a position in the patent office at Washington, D. C., where, shortly after the wedding is consummated, the young couple will begin married life.

### Services at Camp.

Rev. G. W. McInay, of the Methodist church, will conduct the religious services in the auditorium on Grange Park, Sunday afternoon, 16th proximo.

### COMMISSIONERS ASK NEW LAWS.

Want to Retain Liquor License Tax—Condemn Fee System for Justices and Aldermen—Wish to Appoint Assessors.

The County Commissioners' convention in session at Lancaster, decided to meet next year in Franklin, which won over Reading by one vote. The convention directed its Legislative Committee to draft several important laws, and urge their adoption upon the next Legislature.

On motion of J. F. Strieby, of Williamsport, the commissioners will ask for the passage of a bill permitting counties to retain all taxes derived from liquor licenses and have them proportioned between cities, boroughs and townships, according to the system now in vogue.

Following an address on the subject by J. P. Hale Jenkins, solicitor of Montgomery county, the Committee on Legislation was instructed to frame an act providing for the appointment of assessors for the County Commissioners of each county in the State. Mr. Jenkins cited a number of instances in his county of the evils of the present system.

It was the sense of the convention that Justices and Aldermen should be compensated by salaries instead of by fees, and after hearing a paper by J. C. Thomas, solicitor of Erie county, the members decided that Sheriffs are not entitled to fees for the commitment and discharge of prisoners in summary conviction cases.

A bill was also recommended providing that the expense of registering school children shall be borne by the school district instead of the county.

### School Opens Monday.

The Centre Hall public schools open Monday for the winter term of 1906-7, the sessions being for seven months.

The High School Principal, J. P. Smithgall, of Montoursville, a graduate of Bucknell University, has been in town during the past week, and has become acquainted with his pupils and patrons of the school.

Mr. Strohm, for whom the Grammar school scholars have the highest regard; Miss Goodhart and Miss Hosterman, teachers respectively of the Intermediate and Primary grades, who have won the respect of the pupils and confidence of the parents, are also ready to begin earnest work in the school room.

The success attained by pupils in the public schools is largely determined by the interest manifested by parents. Parents who have no concern for their children, in or out of the school, have no right to expect the public schools to become a special reformatory for their special benefit; on the other hand, parents who wish their children to obtain the highest results in the public schools must themselves enter into the work by encouraging the pupils, speaking respectfully of the instructors, and upholding the entire public school system.

### LOCALS.

J. Emory Hoy, of Philadelphia, was in Centre Hall over Sunday, where his wife and daughter are staying. Business affairs obliged him to return to the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Witmer E. Lee, during the past ten days, were at Munson, the home of Mrs. Lee's sister, Mrs. Duck. While at Munson Mr. Lee painted the dwelling house of his brother-in-law.

A barn on the Milton Barner farm, near Carroll, Sugar Valley, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground with all its contents. The loss is estimated between \$2000 and \$3000, with no insurance.

State College Camp, 6137 of Modern Woodmen of America, will hold their first annual picnic at Hunters Park, today (Thursday). Bellefonte and Centre Hall camps as well as the general public are invited.

Chicken thieves visited the premises of Maynard Meeker, east of Old Fort. Mr. Meeker discovered their presence, and fired several shots at the sneak thieves, who hastily left in a vehicle that was standing in the road. Well directed pellets of lead might bring good results.

Mrs. Maria Armagast, of Joliet, Illinois, is on a visit to her niece, Mrs. Maria Wagner, at Tusseyville, and other relatives. Mrs. Armagast is quite an aged lady, but made the trip unaccompanied. She is the widow of William Armagast who was engaged in the mercantile business at Tusseyville at one time.

In the second installment of McClure's great serial, "The Story of Montana," Mr. Connolly relates the discovery of copper at Butte hill, and the beginning of the great feud between Marcus Daly and William A. Clark. This story is bringing to light facts of national importance, and is unfolding, with episodes of intense interest, one of the most fascinating political dramas that has occurred since the Civil War.

### GRANGE ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

The Thirty-third Annual Gathering to be held at Centre Hall, September 15th to 21st inclusive.

The thirty-third annual Grange Encampment and Fair will be held on Grange Park, Centre Hall, September 15th to 21st inclusive. Twenty-eight acres are devoted to camping and exhibition purposes, affording manufacturers and dealers in agricultural implements and breeders of live stock an unparalleled opportunity to come in direct contact with the farmers and sell to them, establish agencies and generally advertise their products. Terms for exhibition privileges are made satisfactory to exhibitors.

The management provides stabling for live stock and a special building for poultry, also buildings for other exhibits.

Those shipping exhibits from the north and east should ship by way of Montandon, over the Pennsylvania R. R. system; those from the west should ship by way of Tyrone and Bellefonte over the same system. Rates of freight will be one fare, returned free if unsold, by securing a certificate from the Association that the articles were on exhibition.

One of the leading features of the fair is the elaborate exhibits in the Agricultural and Horticultural Departments. Each exhibitor in these departments will be paid a cash premium of five cents for each meritorious article placed on exhibition, the same to be paid when the exhibit is delivered.

The Pennsylvania State College occupies a large building, and annually makes a most pleasing and instructive exhibition, covering a large field of the College's work.

Each Subordinate Grange in Centre county will have headquarters under separate tents. Besides these more than one hundred tents will be erected for letting to individuals who wish to tent during the week. These tents are largely occupied by farmers and their families, exhibitors, and clubs wishing a week's outing at a nominal cost. The tents are all floored and furnished with tables and cots, leaving the tenters to furnish bedding only. The rental for the week is \$3.00.

Special amusements are provided for every day and evening.

Railroad excursion rates over all roads in Pennsylvania, from September 14th to 21st, good any day going and good to return until September 24th. Free sale of tickets to the public without card orders during the Encampment. Special trains over the Lewisburg and Tyrone R. R.

### LOCALS.

Wednesday of last week mercury stood at 91 degrees.

Politics is occupying much space in the average daily paper. Politics in Pennsylvania will rise to fever heat within six weeks.

Capt. W. H. Fry, the Ferguson township veterinary surgeon, attended a convention of veterinary surgeons at New Haven, Conn.

Francis Speer has closed sixteen years of service as local editor of the Bellefonte Gazette and will become associate editor of The Centre Democrat.

C. W. Kleckner, while operating a shingle mill on J. Spigelmyer's lumber job in Brush Valley, had two fingers of his right hand lacerated by the saw.

Hon. Harry Alvin Hall was nominated for judge in the Cameron-Elk-Clinton judicial district by the Democratic conference. The conference was held at Lock Haven.

Mrs. James E. Stewart and sons, of New Bloomfield, who were visiting at Pittsburg, on their way home are stopping at Centre Hall, being the guests of Mrs. Lucy Henney. The Stewarts expect to make Pittsburg their home in the near future.

Penna Valley is not the only section overrun by grasshoppers. The fertile fields of the Amish, in the vicinity of Belleville, are also polluted with the pest. In that section the oats crop was materially lessened on account of the long, lever-legged gluttons.

While jumping off a cider wagon Ray Condo, of Howard, had a very narrow escape from death. The Hustler states the boy fell and lit on his head. Just as the driver stopped the team his neck was at the wheel. He was not hurt, but badly scared.

People living along the Juniata—or elsewhere—may be excused if they do not happen to know where the Sock-on-a-River is. To look at the beautiful Juniata one is surprised to think even the Indians would apply such a name to such an inoffensive stream.

The summer visitors to Centre Hall are increasing as each week goes by. Among these, at the home of Miss Edith Lutz, are Miss Clara Robb, chief operator in the Bellefonte Commercial exchange; Miss Nellie Lohr, Philadelphia, and Miss Naomi Pringle, Ferrandville.

### FROM ILLINOIS.

Farmer Jordan Writes About the Country Around McConnell, Stephenson County.

J. H. Jordan, a Stephenson county, Illinois, farmer, formerly from Potter township, tells about crop conditions, etc., in his neighborhood:

Farmers in this section are pretty well through threshing, although the heavy rains retarded the work somewhat. The small grain was a very fair crop, and the outlook for corn is very good. In "bottom lands" the corn was damaged some by water.

We had a tremendous rain on the 6th of this month, and the consequences were a flood that did much havoc both to town property and fields. Bridges were washed away and much other damage was done.

The water came near carrying away the dwelling house of my cousin, R. Musser, and did about \$1000 damage to a lot of wool he had stored in a building near his dwelling. A sad incident occurred in connection with the flood at his place. While the flood was at its height, Mr. Musser made an effort to save some of his cattle, but seeing his own life was in danger, climbed a large willow tree where he would be safe from the rushing waters. A friend, Henry Bartlet, saw him on the tree, got a boat and went to rescue him. While at the foot of the tree, the boat was capsized, precipitating Mr. Bartlet into the water, and before the world-rescuer was rescued, he was swept under a pile of debris and drowned. His body was not recovered for several hours.

In some instances entire crops were carried away. One field of forty acres and another of eighteen acres were swept clean of grain.

Five car loads of lumber, belonging to Henry Wagner, were taken down the valley for some miles, but this was mostly recovered.

The above are only a few instances of the wreck left by the flood.

### Has the Loop Been Discovered?

The peculiar situation in which certain communities very often exist is quite frequently reversed. That portion of Penn's Valley, Centre county, lying west or southwest of Potters Mills, has been always known as the loop, and its people often spoken of in a contemptible manner as loopers. This is one of the narrow and shallow ways of thinking. The people of the loop are of the best citizens of Centre county. They may live in a somewhat isolated portion of that county, but are content to pursue the even tenor of their way. But the loop may yet rise to prominence, as the newly proposed railway line, called the New York, Pittsburg and Chicago, which is to cost one hundred and fifty million dollars, passes through Tusseyville, which is in or very close to the loop.

The above is from the pen of Vivian, the Reedville correspondent to the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel.

Those who refer slightly to the inhabitants of the country to which the appellation of "Loop" is given, do so because they are unacquainted with them. The "Loop" proper may be termed an uninhabited region, because the location is always designated as "beyond" by every good citizen of the South side of Potter township.

### The Midway.

Bellefonte and surrounding country outdone itself in its liberal patronage of The Midway, held in the Armory, for the benefit of the County Hospital. The show was all that could be desired, and was much beyond the original expectations of the projectors, but it was the noble cause which it supported that induced many hundreds of persons to enter the gates and spend their cash freely.

The Bellefonte hospital is an institution that should be, and generally is, held very near to the heart of every individual within the county, and the best way to show an appreciation of the institution is to assist the various auxiliary societies throughout the county in any effort that may be made to raise funds and supplies to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunates within its walls.

The total receipts of the Midway were \$2305. Of this sum \$783 were secured from the voting contest, which crowned Miss Daisy Potter as queen. Miss Mary Gherry was second in the contest.

### School Teachers in Benner.

The following teachers were elected in Benner township: Roopburg, Theresa A. Shields, of Bellefonte; Knox, Pearl Knisely, of Bellefonte; Eckley, Charlie Barnes, of Bellefonte; Armagast, Estella Brungart, of Wolf's Store; Clark's, Maud Johnson, of Bellefonte; Rock, Edward Gates, of Bellefonte; Hoy Primary, Cora Brungart, of Centre Hall; High School, H. M. Hosterman, of Boalsburg; Peru, Miss Anna Rockey.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Miss Pearl Long, of Bellwood, is being entertained by Miss Anna Shoop, in this place.

In all country and borough districts the last day for voters to register is Wednesday, September 5th.

The Phillipsburg Daily Journal remarks that the curfew law in that town is proving a great success.

The annual convention of the state Sabbath school workers will be held at Gettysburg, October 10, 11 and 12.

Mrs. William Wagner and daughter Helen, of Juniata, are visiting relatives about Boalsburg, Tusseyville and Centre Hall.

Messrs. W. C. Farner and David G. Fortney, of near Tusseyville, were in town Saturday and called at the Reporter office.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bloom, son William and daughter Elizabeth, of Lock Haven, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Allison.

Miss Sarah McClenahan is distributing flowers from a night blooming cereus among the sick of the town. The flowers are beautiful and highly scented.

Remember that if your son, or your Democratic neighbor's son, voted on age last fall he cannot, under any conditions, vote this fall unless his name is upon the Registry.

Harry I. Hettinger, of near Spring Mills, was a caller Saturday. He is farming the old homestead for his mother, Mrs. Anna Bell Hettinger, and is quite an industrious young man.

Mrs. Frank McClellan, of Glen Hope, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Geiss Wagner, south of Centre Hall, having come to attend the wedding of her sister. Mr. McClellan is the station master at Glen Hope.

Capt. George M. Boal was among those who helped celebrate the sixty-second birthday of Col. John W. Stuart, at State College. Mr. Stuart was enlisted in Company G, 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and the guests on this occasion were mostly comrades of that company.

Among the many handsome young ladies who visited Centre Hall within the past week were Misses Alma Stine, of Zion, and Mame McGarvey, of Bellefonte, guests of Miss Alice Robinson. The former is a teacher and will have charge of the Hecla school, and the latter is connected with Mallory's studio, Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Gruver Bell, their daughter, Miss Mary, and the latter's chum, Miss Luella Reynolds, are making an overland tour of Mifflin, Snyder, Union and Centre counties, and for a short time were guests at the Centre Hall hotel. Mr. Bell is assistant postmaster at Lewistown, and is widely known through Central and Eastern Pennsylvania as an auctioneer.

Among the guests at the Centre Hall hotel this week are Mrs. William Finkle, of Pottsgrove, and her nieces, Misses Jennie and Florence McCool. The young ladies are the bright and attractive daughters of the late Rev. William McCool, a native of Gregg township, whose death occurred ten or more years ago while serving a Lutheran charge in one of the western states.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Farner, of Philadelphia, recently returned to their home after a brief vacation, the greater part of which was spent at their old home on the South side. Mr. Farner is a mail agent, his run being between New York and Pittsburg. The position is a responsible one, but there is scarcely a limit to the ability of the Potter township young men, and consequently Mr. Farner performs his duty entirely satisfactorily and with ease.

Pleasure seekers in Mifflin county resort to the novelty of climbing the Seven Mountains over a tram road on lumber trucks behind a "dinkey," the objective point being a spot where Mifflin, Centre and Huntingdon counties meet. The scenery along this road is varied and grand. While much of the territory traversed by the little engine has been lumbered off, there yet remain many acres in Detwiler Valley that the lumberman is putting the ax to virgin timber.

The steamer "Manchuria", on which Laurence Bitner was a passenger to China, was stranded on Mana Island. The vessel sailed from San Francisco on 14th inst., and on 20th ran ashore. The passengers were taken from the ill-fated ship, which is one of the largest on the Pacific, and landed at Honolulu. There were one hundred and fifty cabin passengers, eighteen or more of whom were missionaries on their way to Korea, and about eight hundred Asiatics. The latter class created considerable confusion when the great ship struck the rocks.