



EXECUTIVE USURPATION.

Senator Rayner's announcement that Executive usurpation would be made a leading issue in the present Congressional and the next Presidential campaigns by the Democrats was really invited by the Republicans. When the chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, after a visit to Oyster Bay, sent out a circular to the effect that the President must be made a leading issue in the Congressional campaign for the first time in history, that very announcement was an Executive usurpation. It is not to be denied that the aggressiveness of Theodore Roosevelt and the trucking of Congressmen who want to get patronage from him are changing the character of the Government, and the fact that the President is, by his own order, to be a leading issue in Congressional elections merely affords evidence of this.

The President committed an Executive usurpation in Panama and another in Santo Domingo. He said himself in one of his speeches that Congress having failed to recognize the Panama Commission to suit him he organized it anyway. He extended the pension laws by Executive order. He is the first President to use two naval vessels for regular yachts for himself and his friends and to have a huge naval review for his personal glorification.

But Executive usurpation is merely the natural sequence and the logical culmination of that process of centralization which the Republican party has been carrying on until even Speaker Cannon himself and other leaders of the party are appalled at the prospect. If Congress encroaches upon the States it is natural that the Senate should encroach upon the House of Representatives and that the President should encroach upon the Senate. The process of concentrating all political power is already pretty well advanced, and it is difficult to exaggerate the evils that will result from a continuation of this growth of imperialism. The Republican party cannot reform itself, and the only remedy is to put the Democratic party in possession of the Government.

WHEAT.

John K. Carthew, grain expert, presents in the London Express an estimate of the yield for this year in thirteen of the largest wheat-producing countries of the world, accompanied by a prediction as to the price level of the cereal during the coming winter and spring. Notwithstanding the great wheat crop harvested in the United States, the outlook for the American farmers is not quite so rosy as the encouraging statistics of the yield would seem to imply. It so happens that there have been large wheat crops wherever the cereal has been harvested. In India wheat is now being planted, and in Argentina and Australia it is beginning to show above ground, but reports as to the outlook for the crop in those countries are highly satisfactory.

The wheat harvested this year in June, July and August in all of the great wheat-growing countries, according to Mr. Carthew, will be the largest in the aggregate in the world's history, and, taken as a whole, the quality is good. This means cheaper bread. The expert declares that there is no likelihood of any material or permanent advance in the price of wheat, and unless something unexpected happens, such as a failure of the growing crop in Argentina and Australia, or a European war, prices will reach a lower level.

The political unrest and general demoralization in Russia appear to have had no effect upon agricultural operations. On the whole, the wheat yield will be a fair average of the last two "bumper" crops. Russia produces more wheat than any other country in Europe. This year the Russian crop is estimated at about one-half of that of the record crop of the United States. With the reserve left over from last year, it is predicted that Russia will be a large exporter during the coming season. In Austria-Hungary the crop will be greater than is required for home consumption, and there will be a surplus for export. Roumania and Bulgaria are great wheat countries and are certain to export nearly as much of the grain as Russia will. France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom have harvested average crops, and the outlook for the Canadian yield is excellent.

From the estimates made by Mr. Carthew, the world's wheat yield this summer appears abnormally large, and his conclusion that prices will recede is apparently not without foundation.

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THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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

The Mt. Carmel Item figures that Northumberland has an actual indebtedness of \$700,000.

Tobacco growers in Lancaster county say that the recent severe storms have damaged the crop to a considerable extent.

Albert J. Emery, superintendent of the John S. Campbell stock farm in Butler county, was attacked and fatally gored by a bull.

Altoona school girls are to be taught how to cook and perform other household duties as a regular course in the school curriculum.

Mrs. George W. Condo, of Jeannette, is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Durst, and her many other relatives and friends.

Grieving for its mother, who had been taken to a hospital to undergo a delicate operation, a 9-month-old baby of Mrs. John Zanowsky, of Duryea, cried itself into convulsions and died.

A charter has been granted The Cupples Adjustable Tooth Company, Tyrone, composed entirely of Tyrone people and capitalized at \$25,000. The company will manufacture a patent removable point tooth for steam shovels and dredges.

Juniata county admits regretfully that it is no longer a peach growing district. Hundreds of carloads of the fruit were shipped from the county every season for years, but there has been a decline rapidly lately that has taken Juniata entirely out of the list.

For dynamiting Spring Creek, Fred Haupt, Boyd Meyers and William Miller, all of Bellefonte, were sentenced by Justice Keichline to pay a fine of \$100 and imprisonment in the county jail for six months. The case was prosecuted by a state fish warden.

Lycoming county Grangers will devote considerable time at their forthcoming meeting near Ellinsport to a discussion of the question, "Would it be an advantage to Lycoming county to buy a farm and erect suitable buildings to accommodate the unfortunate poor?"

A deed has been recorded at Harrisburg for 18 1/2 acres of land near Mercersburg, embracing President Buchanan's birthplace. The document transfers the property from the D. M. B. Shannon heirs to Francis and Lawson Riggs, trustees of the Harriet Lane Johnson fund for a Buchanan monument.

F. G. Lauer shipped to Philadelphia from his poultry farm near Evidale, nine ducks ten weeks old that averaged five pounds each. Mr. Lauer is one of the most extensive poultry raisers in Perry county, with the assistance of his son, C. M. Lauer, he having raised twelve hundred young chickens this season.

It is announced that within the next three years it will be possible for Pittsburgh people to board a street car in the business district of the city and not get off again until the car arrives in the business section of Altoona, a distance of about one hundred and sixteen miles. The fare will be about one-half the steam car fare.

Good, Sincere Prohibitionists.

A. A. Stevens, of Tyrone, a former State chairman of the Prohibition party, has written a long letter, which of course, is given space only in the Penrose organs, in which he gives his alleged reasons for opposing Mr. Emery for governor, and maintains that the only real issue now before the people of the State is the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Mr. Stevens has certainly experienced a very sudden change of heart. When he was in Pittsburgh a few weeks ago at a meeting of the Prohibition State executive committee he was strongly in favor of Mr. Emery for governor. At that time also Mr. Emery's letter to Silas C. Swallow was approved by him. Nothing has happened since that meeting except the failure of Mr. Castle to get a place on the ticket with Mr. Emery, but Mr. Stevens has changed front. There are, however, as good and sincere prohibitionists as himself who have not done so. There are, for instance, the chairman of the Venango county Prohibition committee and the secretary of the Lawrence county one, who have resigned because they rightly believe that it is more important to elect Emery governor than to throw away their votes on a candidate animated solely by a disappointed ambition and whose candidacy is being boosted by every Penrose organ in the State.

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AUGUST COURT OVER.

Prisoners Sentenced, Report of Grand Jury, Etc.

August term of court is over, all the jurors having been discharged by Friday night. One of the most important cases was that of the Commonwealth vs. Bert Weston. The night of the 13th of August the large barn on the farm of Rhodes and Thompson, near Unionville, was destroyed by fire. The fire was evidently of incendiary origin and suspicion at once rested on Bert Weston, a one-armed man, who had been in the employ of Rhodes and Thompson on a lumber job in the Muncy Mountains. Weston was lodged in jail at Lock Haven and brought to Bellefonte for trial.

The trial was called late Thursday afternoon and lasted almost all day Friday. It seems from the testimony offered that Weston had a dispute with Rhodes about wages, and made threats to John Woods and others that he would get even by burning the barn. These threats he made two weeks before the fire. One horse was burned up and all the hay and grain, the loss being about \$1500. The prisoner was seen in the vicinity of the barn on the night of the fire and later went to Snow Shoe Intersection where he caught a freight train to Lock Haven. While the fire was at its height, a black horse with bridle on came galloping back to the barn from the direction of Snow Shoe Intersection. This and other evidence fastened the guilt on Weston, who offered no evidence in his own defense. He was found guilty of felonious arson.

Commonwealth vs. Jacob From and James From, indicted for illegally cutting timber trees on lands of another. Prosecutor J. C. Dale. This case is from Potter township, but both prosecutor and defendant live in Centre Hall borough. According to the allegations of the Commonwealth the defendant cut some asp pine trees and others upon the lands of Mollie Hoffer and her sister, Mrs. Dale, in the early part of 1906, causing some of them to be manufactured into lumber and stored upon the premises of the defendant; the defendant alleging that they had permission from two of the adjoining land owners to the Hoffer and Dale tract to cut a few trees for the purpose of manufacturing lumber, and that part of it was cut on the lands of one William Knofsinger, which particular seemed to be disputed, Knofsinger claiming that his line was further over and Dale claiming the line at another place, alleging that these trees were cut upon disputed title, that they supposed that a Mrs. Horner from whom they had permission, and the cutting upon the Dale-Hoffer tract was an accident, not being acquainted with the line. Verdict on Friday morning of not guilty and the county to pay the costs.

Saturday morning court met and Judge Orvis passed sentence on those convicted during the week.

Godlieb Kerstein, charge, rape; sentenced to fine of \$100, costs of prosecution and three years at hard labor in the western penitentiary.

Harry Stine, charge, cruelty to animals; \$30 fine and costs.

Herbert Goes, stealing a watch; sentenced to Huntingdon Reformatory.

James Yardly, theft of \$75; sentence, \$1.00 fine, costs and 1 year and 6 months in the western penitentiary.

Nestor Sirgey, horse stealing; sentence to \$1.00 fine, costs of prosecution and three years in the penitentiary.

Bert Weston, charged with felonious arson; sentenced to pay \$100 fine, costs of prosecution and undergo three years imprisonment at hard labor in the western penitentiary.

The grand jury reported that they had acted upon thirty bills of indictment of which twenty-seven were found true bills and three not true.

The county buildings were visited and inspected and these improvements found necessary: A new carpet for the Sheriff's office, also that the same office be repapered, and some repairs in one of the cells of the jail. The grand jury also reported favorably and approved of the appropriation of \$5000 toward the final payment of the monument to the soldiers and sailors of Centre county. They also approved the application for a bridge in the borough of Millheim.

1,158,662 Presbyterians.

The Presbyterian church in the United States has 1,158,662 members, according to a report issued by Rev. Dr. William Henry Roberts, stated clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly. This does not include 185,212 members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, recently united with the Northern body. The Presbyterian church has 34 synods, 246 presbyteries, 8,118 churches, 7,848 ministers, 11,100 deacons and 1,098,521 Sabbath school members. The contributions last year to all benevolent institutions to the church amounted to \$19,963,808.

INCIDENTS OF 1878.

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.]

DECEMBER 5—S. R. Gettig has sold out in Virginia and returned to Centre county.

David J. Meyer, of Aaronsburg, took possession of the Centre Hall hotel Tuesday.

The residence of Jacob Meyer, at Linden Hall, was entered recently and a watch and two overcoats stolen.

The grand jury, last week, granted the petition for incorporating Millheim into a borough.

Large hogs reported to the Reporter office are as follows: George Durst, Jr., 563 lbs.; John Rishel, 525 lbs.; Amos Alexander, Millheim, 816 lbs.

The Trinity Reformed church at Centre Hall will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary December 11th. Rev. W. H. Groh will deliver the sermon. The following persons will build houses in Millheim next summer: J. W. Snook, Penn street; J. H. B. Hartman, Penn street; A. C. Musser, Main street; W. P. Catherman, North street.

John Emerick, of Madisonburg, has rented Wolf's store room, out in the valley, with a view of doing business there.

G. E. Ghee and Shem Spigelmyer, Jr., bought over 400 bushels of clover seed in Brush Valley at \$4.00 per bushel.

Horace Zerbe is about to erect a brick dwelling at the lower end of town.

DECEMBER 19—George Moyer, of Pine Creek Mills, in Haines township, has bought an interest in the mill at Linden Hall, and will go there in the spring. Mr. Cowher has rented the Pine Creek Mill.

George Hoffer, for many years a resident of Potter township, will move to State College to take charge of a boarding house.

The Pennsylvania State Grange met in Bellefonte last week. Delegates were in attendance from all over the state, there being about 500 subordinate Granges. The officers elected were:

Grand Master, Col. Victor E. Piolet, Bradford county, re-elected.

Treasurer, William Yocum, Berks county.

Secretary, Col. R. H. Thomse, Cumberland county.

Overseer, Leonard Rhone, Centre county.

Grand Lecturer, Samuel R. Downing, Chester county.

Resolutions were adopted to petition the Legislature to pass necessary legislation to prohibit freight discrimination; also asked that the State Grange be represented on the State Board of Agriculture, and recommended State College to the patronage of the Patrons of Husbandry.

JANUARY 9, 1879.

Captain Jacob Eisenhuth, of Millheim, was selected mercantile appraiser by the county commissioners.

W. H. Ripka, the millwright, has changed his residence from Lewistown to Meiser, Mifflin county, and continues at his trade.

The new board of commissioners elected Henry Beck clerk and C. M. Bower attorney.

JANUARY 16—Amos Oberdorf, of Centre Hall, has purchased one of the Gordan farms, seventy acres, below Hublersburg, and will occupy it in the spring.

John Wert's house, in the east end of Brush Valley Narrows, was burned recently.

An effort is being made to incorporate a turnpike company for the road between Millheim and Coburn.

JANUARY 23—H. Krumrine & Son, at Spring Mills, gave a dinner at Breen's hotel, for their customers and friends.

I. J. Grenoble, at Spring Mills, has shipped eight hundred bushels of clover seed since October.

JANUARY 30—J. Will Keller, of Centre Hall; Ed. Hess, of Linden Hall, and several other young men, intend starting for Kansas in a short time.

R. P. Barnes was appointed postmaster at Pleasant Gap.

ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

Lincoln, Democratic and Republican Candidates Booked—Splendid Entertainments in Auditorium.

The next great gathering will be the Grange Encampment and Fair, to be held at Grange Park, Centre Hall, September 15th to 21st.

This promises to be more largely attended than for some years, as many more applications for tents have been received. The exhibits of farm, garden, orchard and vineyard will undoubtedly be a third larger than last year.

Worthy Master Hill offers a premium of \$10.00, in Grange National Bank money, to the Subordinate Grange that will make the largest and best display of agricultural and horticultural products. It is the desire of the Committee that a number of Granges contest for this premium.

In addition to the above premium the County Grange will pay a premium of five cents for every meritorious article placed on exhibition in the Agricultural and Horticultural Departments. This premium will be paid in cash when the article is entered. Let every farmer bring something.

The exhibit of poultry and farm animals promises to be large.

The Pennsylvania State College will occupy a large building with a pleasing and instructive exhibit, covering a large field of the College and Experiment Station.

Several of the officers of the State Grange will be present, as well as the heads of the State Agricultural and Forestry Departments.

The nominees on the State Fusion-Democratic ticket will be in attendance, also those on the State Republican ticket.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle will make a large demonstration.

Slaters' Comedians, of Cincinnati, will give new and interesting entertainments every night, beginning Monday.

Religious services, under the auspices of the M. E. church, Centre Hall, will be held in the auditorium Sunday afternoon. A full program will be published next week.

All railroads in Pennsylvania will sell excursion tickets at two cents a mile. Special trains will be run over the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad.

No one can afford to miss this great gathering.

Now as Usual.

Farmers along the proposed electric railroad from New York to Pittsburgh and Chicago, will be safe in sowing the road bed to wheat this fall. The crop may easily be harvested before the steam shovel strips the rocks of the cultivated soil. Sow as usual. Live in hope.

The Public Schools Open.

The Borough and Township schools throughout the country opened Monday. With a few exceptions the term is seven months. One of the great hindrances to the regular attendance of the public schools by the children of both town and country is the lack of help of all character. Money will not buy help where there is none, consequently many children are necessarily deprived of a part of their schooling to assist in performing the work on the farm and elsewhere.

Keith's Theatre.

Ned Nye and his rollicking girls contribute greatly to the entertainment at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. The famous Willis family give high-class musical treats, and Norton and Nicholson appear in "Ella's All Right". America's greatest blackface comedian, George Evans, is giving monologues. May Belfort, character comedienne, is a special attraction. Other performers of interest are: Mabel St. Claire, ventriloquist; Archer and Croker, comedy acrobats; Zara and Stetson, juggling wonders; Murphy and Andrews, in a comedy sketch. For the children: Professor DuBois and his wise ape, "Adam." Then there are the four Harveys, European acrobats, as an added attraction.

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fonte, and Miss Carrie W. Chamberlain, of Milton . . . December 26, Franklin B. Henry, of Larned, Kansas, and Miss Irene D. Grove, of Potter township . . . December 24, C. L. Granley and Miss A. Weaver, both of Rebersburg . . . December 25, J. L. Nogel, of Lewisburg, and Miss A. J. Musser, of Millheim . . . December 26, Wm. P. Catherman, of Millheim, and Miss Elizabeth Kremer, of Logansville . . . December 26, Perry F. Confer and Miss Mary M. Houtz, both of Miles township.

January 2, 1879, James Scholl and Miss Emma R. Weaver . . . January 5, Lewis E. Rossmann and Miss Kate Weaver, both of near Centre Hall . . . January 2, Phillip Heim and Miss Sarah Zettie, both of Spring Mills . . . John W. Gable and Miss Amanda G. Ertle, both of Penn Hall.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The new concrete crossings look trim and sporty.

Archie Homan is spending a week in Altoona, at the home of his brother, A. B. Homan.

Jacob Winkleblich, of Rebersburg, was among the callers at the Reporter office recently.

Miss Mabel Christine, of Elysburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thos. L. Moore, in this place.

The tobacco crop is being harvested in Lancaster county. The crop is a fine one, and makes a splendid showing.

A new porch is being erected by John Lucas on the front of the dwelling house occupied by him and owned by Daniel Daup.

Rev. G. W. McInay and family will be absent over Sunday. They will go to Burnt Cabins, the former home of Mrs. McInay.

Many minor improvements are underway in Centre Hall. You see the Encampment and Fair opens Saturday, 15th inst.

Harrisburg is so pleasing to James P. Frank, of Rebersburg, that he has gone there again, and will remain for an indefinite time.

Miss Lizzie Harpster, of Missoula, Montana, is east, and at present is with her sister, the wife of Dr. G. H. Widder, Harrisburg.

It has been said that the Chicago packers utilize all of the pig except the squeal. It looks now as though they would have a chance to use even that.

Mrs. John Stuart, of State College, went to Philadelphia Thursday of last week, to see her son William, who is lying ill at one of the hospitals in that city.

Mrs. Witmer E. Lee is seriously ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Duck, at Munson. She and her husband went to Munson several weeks ago where she contracted pneumonia.

Will H. Keller, of Pittsburg, was in town for a few days. He is a son of P. F. Keller, and is on the clerical force in the Union Station at Pittsburg, a position he has filled with credit for several years.

Harry E. Bible, of Sprucetown, is now head clerk in a large general store at Travesky, operated by the Union Supply Company which has a number of business places in the western counties of the state.

The farmer bends the knee to none, and is less disturbed by the worldwide reign of graft and greed than any of his fellows. May he live and prosper—this son of the soil, who is the balance wheel of the universe.

The general Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad has supplied the ticket offices of the system with full stock of the mileage books, recently adopted, and they will be sold to travelers on and after September 1.

When all ready to start to Tyrone to begin her work as a teacher in the public schools in that place, Miss Helen Bartholomew received a message saying that the opening of the schools had been postponed on account of diphtheria which in a measure had become epidemic.

James B. Strohm, teacher of the Centre Hall Grammar school, is obliged to use a cane to assist his locomotion. About a week ago he felt an itching sensation on his left foot, and in rubbing the spot, slightly abraded the skin. It went from bad to worse, and now the wound is poisoned.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Riley, of Bradford, drove from Bellefonte to Old Fort Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Riley are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bradley, Mrs. Riley's parents. Mr. Riley is cashier of the Bradford National Bank, a good, all 'round fellow, and takes a lively interest in politics.

The survivors of the First Rifle regiment, Penn. volunteers, known as the original Bucktails, propose to make their twentieth annual reunion a memorable event. It will be held at Driftwood, Cameron county, on Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15. Col. E. A. Irvin, treasurer of the association, is the only surviving line officer of the regiment.

It will probably be an item of news to most of the Reporter readers that the genial postmaster is not compelled to make change for you when you make purchases at Uncle Sam's office. This is a queer rule that not one in a thousand persons know. Buyers of stamps or any purchases at a post-office must furnish their own change; i. e., the postmaster could insist on the buyer furnishing his own change if he sees fit to do it; but usually the postmaster is willing to accommodate the public by making all the change it asks for.