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THE PRESIDENT'S SPELLING.

The President's letter explanatory of his spelling order makes it perfectly clear that he was precipitate; that he was as impetuous and unreflecting in this comparatively unimportant matter as he has been in some concerns of vital importance to the nation.

He says truly that the changes he directs in the public printing are not very radical, and that "they represent nothing in the world but a very slight extension of the unconscious movement which has made our agricultural implement makers and farmers write 'plow' instead of 'plough.'" But if this reform of spelling is proceeding by an unconscious movement, why on earth should not the President let it alone to take care of itself? He says: "There is not the slightest intention to do anything revolutionary or initiate any far-reaching policy. The purpose is simply for the Government, instead of going behind public sentiment, to advance abreast of it."

But the matter is not one in which the Government has any business to go ahead of public sentiment, and it is doing that under the President's order. It is foolish to talk of the Government "advancing abreast of public sentiment" when public sentiment has hardly been touched by the Carnegie-Matthews reform. There are very serious objections to some of the proposed spellings, and it is fantastic for the official documents of the nation to be printed in a style decidedly different from its literature. If there is one case more than another where the Government ought to follow and not attempt to lead public sentiment it is in the use of language. In the recent words of Justice Brewer, all powers not expressly granted to the Federal Government are reserved by the people to themselves, and assuredly they have not granted to the Federal Government the right to determine the national spelling. There is nothing in our spelling so fantastic as this effort of the head of a Government to change the national spelling.

THE 300-MILE ROAD.

The road over the state from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, a distance of three hundred miles, is being agitated by the millionaire automobile owners and contractors who hope to line their pockets from great profits. It is estimated the road, which is to be sixty-five or seventy-five feet in width, will cost approximately \$40,000 a mile, including the bridges. This would make a total outlay of \$12,000,000 for this single public highway, and this for the benefit, almost exclusively, of the wealthy.

A road such as proposed would be a source of great pleasure to many wealthy people, and could easily be built by them and maintained by tolls collected from those using it. But why should the state appropriate \$12,000,000 for a road that would not be of more general utility?

Now, if the state wants to build roads, let it appropriate money to build the main thoroughfares in each county. Such a system would be of immense benefit to the residents of the entire state. Twelve million dollars would be a nice nest egg to begin with. State aid is the only solution of the road question, but to be of any real benefit to rural districts, the state must do the building, if it wishes to dictate the character of the road, let the job and have a general supervision of the same.

The Sproul road law is a mockery! Think of building the eighty or more miles of road in Potter township at the rate of six to eight thousand dollars per mile, even though the township is asked to pay but one-eighth of the cost, the county one-eighth and the state the remainder.

The Pennsylvania State Editorial Association, at a recent meeting held in Bradford, denounced the Grady-Salus libel bill. The great majority of newspapers throughout the state are members of this association. The resolution reads thus:

Whereas, A free press is essential to the maintenance of good government, good morals, and any attempt to hamper or abridge the full and free discussion of men and measures is a menace to popular institutions; therefore be it Resolved, We look upon the libel law passed by the General Assembly at the session of 1905, known as the Grady-Salus bill, as a dangerous measure that threatens to destroy this safeguard of the people—a law personal in its conception, partisan in its enactment and malicious and far reaching in its application; and be it further Resolved, That we demand the repeal of this law at the next session and obligate ourselves not to support any candidate for either branch of the Legislature who does not pledge himself to vote for the repeal of the objectionable law and exert his influence to that end, and to aid in securing the passage of a law that will be fair and just to all interests.

ENCAMPMENT AMUSEMENTS.

Slater's Comedians Will Entertain in the Auditorium—Every Play Different.

Slater's Comedians will furnish the entertainment in the Auditorium, Grange Park, during the Encampment and Fair. These comedians are not novices, but are perfectly at home on the stage. They come to Centre Hall after a fourteen weeks' continuous engagement in Cincinnati, Ohio. This season's plays are all new; new specialties between each act; singing and dancing; illustrated acts.

Slater's Comedians offer the best repertoire company on the road—nothing old but the name; nothing cheap but the price; as good as any, better than many.

The campers are offered an opportunity to witness, each night, a new play with specialties—singing and dancing—between each act. The stage costumes will be gorgeous. Make your arrangements so that you will have the evenings for the greatest entertainers ever seen in the county.

An Honest Confession.

The Philadelphia Record makes an honest confession when it says the Sproul road law with its \$6,000,000 appropriation "is a comparative failure." This is the first time any of the city dailies have expressed the truth with reference to the Sproul road law. That law was passed by the legislature solely for the benefit of the wealthy townships about Philadelphia and other large cities. Rural districts are no more financially able to build \$8,000-a-mile roads than they are able to maintain a college in each school district. The editorial says:

The election of Lewis Emery to the office of Governor, and of an anti-Machine Legislature, will afford an opportunity to apply a portion of the enormous treasury surplus to establishing a liberal system of good roads in Pennsylvania. Under the niggardly system now in force mountainous counties and districts in which road building is difficult and extremely expensive are required to contribute for the good of the whole State more than they can bear. As a consequence the system is a comparative failure. In evidence of it is the fact that the small appropriation of the State is not wholly expended.

LOCALS.

Call at the Centre Reporter headquarters during the Encampment and Fair.

Edward Sellers, the manufacturer at Oak Hall Station, is credited with having purchased the Kocher farm, on Sharer's Creek.

Station Agent Cook, at Howard, the other Sunday, liberated two hundred carrier pigeons brought there from Rochester, N. Y.

Reuben Ethers, who since last spring was engaged by the lumbering firm of B. D. Brisbin & Co. in hauling logs and lumber, sold his team of horses to Maynard Meeker, and is now working at Burnham. His oldest son is working at the same place.

Mrs. Elizabeth Chalk, Miss Elizabeth Chalk, Stover Snook, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. H. Teresa Stover, of Millheim, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary, Friday of last week. Mr. Snook is engaged in the Franklin Bank, located in the bused Real Estate Trust Company's building.

Mrs. Jacob Walker, west of Centre Hall, recently returned from Altoona where she visited for six or eight weeks among relatives. While in that city Mrs. Walker became ill, and for two weeks was confined to bed. Shortly after arriving home she received the sad news of the death of her sister in Perry county.

The charter recently issued by the state department extending the charter of the Lewisburg, Milton and Watson-town Passenger Railway Company so that the line may be extended to Lewisburg, was placed on record in the register's office at Sunbury. This is the first step necessary to connect the two towns by trolley.

E. P. Thompson, of Altoona, and Samuel H. Rhoads, of Unionville, made a trip through Penns Valley in quest of horses to be used in lumbering, and succeeded in finding one on the South side of Potter township. Messrs. Thompson and Rhoads were the owners of the large barn burned at Unionville recently, and succeeded in sending to the pen the scamp who fired it.

A trust company was organized at Lewistown recently, most of the directors of which are known to Penns Valley people. At a meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: President, Calvin Greene; vice president, J. M. Selheimer; temporary secretary, J. M. Goodhart; temporary treasurer, A. C. Mays. The other directors are J. Murray Africa, William Hollis, L. F. Treaster, J. C. Houser.

ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

Program for the Week—Republican State Candidates to Speak Thursday.

Saturday, September 15th—Camp opens when all tents will be in readiness for those desiring to camp. In the evening there will be a grand festival by Progress Grange.

Sunday, September 16th, 2:30 p. m.—Harvest Home services. The anniversary sermon will be preached by Rev. Geo. W. McClain, of the M. E. church, Centre Hall.

Monday, September 17th—Exhibition will open when exhibits will be received and put in place.

7:30 p. m.—Opening entertainment by Slater's Comedians, to which everybody is invited.

Tuesday, September 18th—The arrangement of exhibits will be continued.

2 p. m.—Opening exercises by the County Grange.

7:30 p. m.—Entertainment in the auditorium by Slater's Comedians.

Wednesday, September 19th, 9 a. m.—Grand parade by the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Followed by a meeting in the auditorium, when addresses will be delivered by prominent officials of the Order.

2 p. m.—Addresses by Hon. W. T. Cresay, Democratic candidate for auditor general, and others. Hon. J. T. Ailman, secretary of the State Grange; Hon. A. M. Cornell, lecturer of the State Grange, and Hon. R. S. Conklin, Forestry Commissioner.

7:30 p. m.—Entertainment by Slater's Comedians.

Thursday, September 20th, 10 a. m.—Addresses by Hon. W. F. Hill, Master of the State Grange; Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Secretary of Agriculture; Hon. A. L. Martin, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, and Dr. B. H. Warren, Dairy and Food Commissioner.

1:30 p. m.—Addresses by Hon. Edwin S. Stuart, Republican candidate for governor; Hon. Robert S. Murphy, Henry Houck, Robert K. Young and others. The chairman of the Republican county committee will have charge of the meeting.

7:30 p. m.—Grand entertainment by Slater's Comedians.

Friday, September 21st—Closing exercises.

Exhibitors should be prompt and endeavor to get their exhibits in on Monday and Tuesday, but the entries will not be closed until Wednesday noon. All premiums will be paid on the day articles are offered for exhibition.

TRAIN SCHEDULE.

All trains stop at Grange Park Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 18, 19 and 20.

Trains leave for Bellefonte—
8:16 a. m. (Regular train)
3:30 p. m. (Regular train)
9:45 p. m. (Special train)

Trains leave Bellefonte for Park—
6:25 a. m. (Regular train)
10:00 a. m. (Special train)
1:50 p. m. (Regular train)
6:30 p. m. (Special train)

Trains leave Grange Park for Coburn—
7:04 a. m. (Regular train)
2:35 p. m. (Regular train)
Wednesday and Thursday, only—
7:30 p. m.

Special Premiums.

Pratt Food Company, Philadelphia, offer the following special premiums, which will be on exhibition and delivered by the Committee at the time of the Grange Encampment and Fair to the drawers of the same:

One 50-cent package Pratts Animal Food for the—
Best display of wheat
Best display of corn
Best display of potatoes
Best display of cabbage
Best display of apples
Best display of grapes
One 60-cent package Pratts Poultry Food for the—

Best display of canned fruit
Best display of jellies
Best loaf wheat bread
Best layer cake
Best silk crazy quilt
Best hand-embroidered apron
One 50-cent package Pratts Lice Killer for the
Best trio of White Plymouth Rocks
Best trio of Spanish Andalusians
Best trio of Silver Gray Dorkings
Best trio of Dark Brahmas
Best trio of Partridge Cochins
Best trio of White Leghorns.

For State Roads.

Bids were opened this week for the making of three State roads in Centre county, and it was found that the lowest bidder for all of them was J. K. Palmer & Co., of Clearfield. The one in Rush township, running from Sandy Ridge toward Osceola, is 3000.85 feet long, and the bid for making was \$4778.93. The road from Phillipsburg to Troy Bridge is 5,257 feet long and the bid was \$11,395.25. The road from Snow Shoe to Clarence is 9274 feet long, and the bid was \$14,799.04.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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

The Juniata Valley Electric Street Railway Company purposes the extension of its lines to Mt. Union and connect that busy town with Huntingdon.

The wires of the New Sugar Valley Telephone Company are being connected with Loganton and the people of the entire valley can now have communication with that busy place.

W. W. Reading, a salesman for a notion house, jumped from a vehicle at Mill Hall and had the misfortune to break his knee cap. The break made a report like the crack of a pistol.

State Health Commissioner Dixon has issued an order that hereafter all houses in which there is whooping cough must be placarded. Special precautions must also be taken to prevent the spread of the disease among school children.

To save his life Miles Gray, of Shamokin, lost both of his feet. His one foot had caught in the frog on the railroad and he threw his body as far as possible to one side in order to save his life. He succeeded in doing this but a train crushed his feet.

After complaining for a week of pains in his abdomen 4-year-old Owen Wertz was taken to the Harrisburg hospital, where an operation revealed a large needle in the muscles of the abdomen. When removed the needle measured over three inches. It is believed the child swallowed it several months ago.

Charles Kyle, son of Joseph W. Kyle, of near Reedsville, had his hand taken off by the big hammer in Joe Mann's axe shops, at Lewistown. Mr. Kyle was a machinist, having learned his trade at the Standard Steel Works. He subsequently worked for the Westinghouse Company and also in the Altoona shops and at Philadelphia.

Spangler County Chairman.

N. B. Spangler, Esq., Democratic chairman-elect, will succeed Col. H. S. Taylor as chairman. Col. Taylor's resignation is due to the fact that he is the Democratic nominee for Congress in this district, and of necessity much of his time will be spent in other counties in the district. The Democratic party remains in good hands.

Centre County Veterans.

The thirty-second reunion of the Centre County Veterans' Club was held at Hunters Park Saturday. The attendance was quite large. The officers elected were:

President—General Jas. A. Beaver.
Vice president—Capt. W. C. Patterson and Capt. W. H. Fry.
Secretary—W. H. Musser.
Assistant Secretary—S. B. Miller.
Treasurer—Capt. George M. Boal.

The speakers on the occasion were Capt. Charles A. Barclay, of Sinema-honing; Rev. J. B. Stein, Rev. J. Allison Platts, Capt. Green, Capt. Michaels and Senator Heinle.

General Beaver announced that the whole of the \$35,000 for the soldiers' and sailors' monument had been paid. The meeting of the association next year will be at Centre Hall.

LOCALS.

Saturday evening Progress Grange will hold a festival on the camp grounds.

William Keller is having his residence at the station repainted. This completed his home will be in first class repair.

Rev. J. M. Rearick has improved materially during the past two weeks. He is now able to walk about on crutches, and made his first trip down town Monday forenoon.

W. Gross Mingle shipped the first consignment of potatoes from the Centre Hall station this season. The potato crop is not large, but the tubers seem to be sound and free from rot.

Rev. W. A. and Mrs. McClellan, of Pleasant Unity, are guests of friends in Penns Valley. Rev. McClellan is serving a Reformed charge at Pleasant Unity. He and Mrs. McClellan are both natives of Potter township.

J. B. Ream, one of the good citizens of Gregg township, was a caller at the Reporter office Monday, and ordered posters printed for the sale of the personal property of his sister, Mrs. Rebecca Homan, widow of Daniel Homan. Sale will be held Saturday, September 29.

While Willie Moore was helping his father, W. S. Moore, of Pine Grove Mills, drive some cattle, a hook which was on the end of a long chain being dragged by a vicious bull caught the boy around the ankle, dragging him over the rocks at a break neck speed. Fortunately some men chanced to be on hand, and rescued the boy just in time to save him a mangled body and perhaps from a horrible death.

Dates of Court Changed.

The committee appointed by the court at January Argument Court in 1905 to suggest a plan for adoption of the change of the terms of court, made the following recommendations: That the terms of court of Common Pleas, Oyer and Terminer, General Jail Delivery, Court of Quarter Sessions and Orphans' Court, be changed so as to begin on the 4th Monday of February, 3rd Monday of May, 4th Monday of September, and the 1st Monday of December, each term to continue for two weeks, and the Argument Courts be held on the 1st Tuesday of January, 2nd Tuesday of April, 3rd Tuesday of June and the 3rd Tuesday in November. This schedule will probably be adopted by the court and the terms of court changed in accordance therewith, to begin the first day of January, 1907.

In accordance with these suggestions, the court has ordered the changes named. Licenses for sale of liquor will consequently be granted at the Argument court beginning the first Tuesday in January.

Keith's Theatre.

There are many delightful surprises in store for the patrons of Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, during the week of September 17. The fall season has opened with amazing success, largely on account of the splendid features which have been offered, probably greater than any year in the history of vaudeville. There are many features in the bill for this week which might rightly be called headliners, so that it may be properly designated as an all-star program. The Black Hussars comprise a spectacular feature, in which seventeen wonderfully trained young women and men offer a musical treat that is unsurpassed in the realm of vaudeville. George Evans, the inimitable black-face comedian, who stands foremost in America, if not the world, as a monologue entertainer, will continue to delight his audiences with new stories, new local hits, new songs and that irresistible personality which has endeared him to Keith patrons for a lengthy period.

The Fair Booklet.

The Centre County Agricultural Exhibiting Company issued their booklet for the seventh annual fair to be held at Bellefonte, October 9th to 12th inclusive. The booklet contains a great deal of information concerning the approaching fair, and a full list of premium winners at last year's fair. The business men of Bellefonte are also well represented, many pages of advertising being occupied by them.

The prospects for a good fair this year are very promising. The chief interest centers in racing, consequently the public is assured that this feature of the Centre County Fair will be fully up to the standard.

The Rehearsals at State College.

Miss Roxanna Brisbin, District Deputy President, and her assistants, B. D. Brisbin, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Puff, of Centre Hall, met in State College I. O. O. F. room and instituted Lady State Rehearsal Lodge No. 322, conferring the degree on fifty-eight members.

The meeting opened in the afternoon with Miss Brisbin in the Deputy Grand Master's chair, Mr. Puff in the Grand Warden's chair, Mrs. Puff acting as Grand Marshal, C. H. Evey as Grand Secretary, and Mrs. S. E. Balsor as Grand Guardian.

The Cigarettes.

In many sections the anti-cigarette law is being enforced. The law in brief as passed in 1903 and amended in 1905 is as follows:

"That any person or persons who shall furnish cigarettes or cigarette papers to persons under the age of 21 years, he or she shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300 nor less than \$100."

Notice the law says "furnish," not "sell."

K. G. E. Convention.

Milton has been selected as the place for holding the next annual reunion of the Susquehanna District Association, Knights of the Golden Eagle. The officers selected are: President, Past Grand Chief George C. Stahl, of Milton; vice-president, Past Chief Frank Lape, of Watsontown; treasurer, Past Chief F. P. Musser, of Millheim; secretary, Past Chief W. W. Musser, of Lewisburg.

The 80 Per Cent. Rebate.

A Tioga county judge has declared unconstitutional the law allowing a rebate of eighty per cent. on timber tracts of a particular growth. The case no doubt will be carried to the higher courts.

This law is not the one under which owners of particular timber tracts have been allowed a rebate for some years. The law of 1905 refers to tracts that have been set to timber or where sprouts are properly cared for.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Saturday is the day the Encampment and Fair begins.

The Howard Creamery Corporation is buying and shipping potatoes.

Samuel Goodhart and John Hanne-man, of Altoona, were in town over Sunday.

Its Grange Encampment and Fair and then the Centre County Fair. All aboard!

The borough schools will be closed next week on account of the Grange Encampment and Fair.

White-winged ants in great numbers were visible in and about Mill Hall last week. They pestered everyone for a day and then disappeared.

Corn is ripening and will be ready to cut before the majority of the farmers have cleared the calendar of other engagements—seeding, haying, etc.

The September issue of the Penns Valley Echo, published by Rev. G. W. McClain in the interest of the Methodist church, is ready for distribution.

Robert E. Kech, a Snow Shoe carpenter, fell from a dwelling house Friday, and received serious injuries—a broken and crushed arm and possibly internal hurts.

First-class show in the Auditorium, Grange Park, every night next week. Great! to be able to sit before a dozen first class comedians. The talent will be the best ever seen in the county.

When at camp, next week, you may want to remember your friends by mailing a postal card. At the Reporter's headquarters, on the main avenue, you will find a collection of local views.

Rev. W. A. McClellan, of Pleasant Unity, will fill the appointment Sunday afternoon for Rev. D. Gress in the Tusseyville church. Rev. Gress will hold Harvest Home services on the Aaronsburg charge.

O. L. Schoonover, a wealthy citizen of Winburne, fell dead on the streets of Phillipsburg. Mr. Schoonover was a heavy real estate owner and owned a controlling interest in the trolley line from Phillipsburg to Winburne.

While adjusting a belt on a threshing machine Jerry Corman, of Coburn, got his arm between cog wheels and received several serious lacerations. Dr. S. G. Frank and Dr. John Hardenberg, of Millheim, dressed the wounds.

Three births in Millheim within the space of a few days leads the Journal to say that race suicide has not struck that town. The additions to the population are: Mr. and Mrs. S. R. King, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. John Meyers, a son.

Among the visitors in Centre Hall at present is Miss Zora Heckman, of Philadelphia, who is a stenographer in the offices of the Master Steam and Hot Water Fitters Association, a position she has held for almost two years. Miss Heckman is a sister of Mrs. John Lucas, in Centre Hall, whose guest she is while in town.

The Millheim water company hopes to increase the pressure in its mains by lowering the pipes ten feet where it crosses a rise on North street. The Journal correctly argues that little or no benefit will be obtained from this action, out that the proper thing to do is to enlarge the intake. For fire protection power both pressure and volume of water are necessary. The pressure at Millheim proper can not be perceptibly increased by the lowering of mains over hills.

Dr. George P. Bible, of Philadelphia, was a passenger east last Thursday. Dr. Bible recently returned from a European tour, and since has been through Ohio, Indiana and several other western states delivering lectures. Arrangements were perfected whereby Dr. Bible will appear in Grange Arcadia about the middle of November. He is one of the best entertainers on the road, and will not fail to please his hearers at Centre Hall at the time mentioned.

The Pennsylvania Institute for the instruction of the blind at Overbrook, near Philadelphia, was represented in Centre Hall Friday of last week by Liborio Delfino. The institution is free to all unfortunates who are without funds, and is doing a vast deal of good. Mr. Delfino, an instructor in the boys' department of the institution, although blind himself, is traveling over the state to discover any blind children who are not being educated. While at the Reporter office, he called up Gertrude Ishler, daughter of George Ishler, of Tusseyville, who is one of the two hundred pupils at the Pennsylvania Institute. Personally Mr. Delfino is an interesting character, is well posted on current affairs, and an altogether pleasant companion.