

Arbor Day.

Friday, October 19th, is arbor day. Who will plant a tree?

An Accident.

Sunday evening while A. Zettle, with his wife and child, and his little sister, of near Spring Mills, were on their way to the home of W. M. Grove, near Centre Hill, their horse took fright at a pile of coal along the road side at the barn of Jerry Confer. The occupants of the vehicle were thrown out, and Mr. Zettle was pretty badly used up. The others escaped without much injury. People should be careful not to place obstructions along the public highway.

High Schools Get Cash.

Township High Schools will this year receive ninety-five per cent. of the amounts allowed these schools by law. First-grade schools receive \$760; second-grade, \$570, and third-grade, \$380. The total number of township high schools in Pennsylvania is 234, of which eleven are first grade, forty-four second grade and 179 third grade.

There are eight legally constituted Township High Schools in Centre county, and the appropriations to these are as follows: Harris, \$570; Ferguson, \$380; Gregg, \$380; Haines, \$380; Liberty, \$380; Spring, \$380; Worth, \$380; Walker, \$570.

High schools maintained in boroughs do not participate in this appropriation.

Letter to John G. Dauberman, Centre Hall, Pa.

Dear Sir: A pound of good meat and no bone is worth more than a half-pound of meat and a half-pound of bone; but there are, as you say, a great many people who won't pay more than a certain price by the pound. Give 'em bone; that's right; give 'em plenty of bone!

There are people who won't pay more than \$1.50 a gallon for paint; give 'em bone!

There's no better school than experience; cost is high; but the lesson is never forgotten.

Let a man paint two houses alike, same size; one Devco, the other that \$1.50 paint. He buys 10 gallons of each, and pays \$3 a day for labor—\$3 a day is \$3 a gallon, easier reckoning.

He has to buy two gallons more of the \$1.50 paint; and has two gallons left of Devco: 12 gallons \$1.50, \$18; 8 gallons \$1.75, \$14; \$4 more for "cheap" paint.

He pays \$3 a gallon for painting; 8 gallons \$24; 12 gallons \$36; \$12 more for painting "cheap" paint.

He'll buy the less-galons paint after that. If people are slow to learn, it's because they keep on buying bonemeat. Give 'em plenty of bone.

Yours truly, F. W. Devco & Co., New York.

Kreamer & Son sell our paint.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boal, of Tusseyville, contemplate making Centre Hall their home between this and next spring.

Instead of going west for the winter as heretofore, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hayes have taken quarters at Atlantic City.

Miss Bessie Cooney, who had been at State College for some time, visited her sister, Miss Mary Cooney, at the Centre Hall hotel.

Ex-County Commissioner Abram V. Miller and family are preparing to move to Philadelphia where they will make their future home.

Up to last Saturday D. L. Geary, of near Red Mill, killed ten wild ducks. He says he has an engagement opened with other ducks on the Red Mill dam.

Col. D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte, will speak at several meetings in Chester county in the interest of the Fusion ticket. Col. Fortney is one of the best stumpers in the county, and when he talks he aims to enlighten.

As was previously foretold in these columns, the Millheim Journal appears in eight page style. That paper was the last in the county to lay aside the old blanket form. The Journal under its present editors is bright and newsworthy and is deserving the patronage it tells of in its announcement.

Mrs. Catharine Oberholzer, formerly a resident of Centre Hall occupying the dwelling on Church street now owned by Oliver Strunk, writes the Reporter in complimentary terms. She now lives at Killinger, Dauphin county. When living in Centre Hall, Mr. Oberholzer, now deceased, was following the trades of carpentering and cabinet-making.

Worried on account of financial affairs, J. D. Baudice, of Scotia, attempted suicide by taking a large quantity of laudanum while in the tent near his merry-go-round at the Fair, Friday evening. Others associated with the man noticed his condition, and gave alarm. He was taken to the hospital, and after hours of work was revived. Baudice threatens to repeat his act. He is the man who operated the merry-go-round outside Grange Park during the Encampment at this place.

Harris Township.

Roasted wild turkey for dinner this week.

Mrs. Ella Ishler visited in Tyrone and Altoona.

Mrs. Sara Weber and daughter spent Saturday at the county seat.

Mrs. Katharine Wieland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sara E. Leitzell, at Sunbury.

There were snow storms on the 10th and 11th. The roofs of the buildings were white.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Meyer, of Centre Hall, attended services in Boalsburg on Sunday.

Fred Weber and sister Katharine, of State College, were visitors in Boalsburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bingham and John Coxey and family were visitors from Altoona.

Despite the rough weather, this district was fairly well represented at the county fair.

John Klue, the miller at Centre Mills, tarried for a night at the home of Wm. Myers.

Mrs. Jones with her son and daughter, of Phillipsburg, visited her sister, Mrs. E. E. Brown.

Ross Cramer, who worked for Frank Lohr during the summer, returned to his home at Snow Shoe.

John Wingard, of Colyer, was here last week with a wagon load of first class bushel baskets for sale.

Miss Bessie Seanson returned home last week, after spending the summer with friends in different parts of the state.

Dick and Ross Gregory, of Huntingdon county, shipped a car load of sheep and lambs from Oak Hall last Thursday.

S. H. Bailey, E. W. Hess and Charles Kuhn had the largest apple crops. Eighty cents per hundred weight was paid for them.

Mrs. Emma Fisher is enjoying the exercises at State College this week. While there she is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Stuart.

T. J. Baldrige, of Apollo, a suburb of Pittsburg, was here last week and shipped three car loads of apples from Oak Hall to Pittsburg. He has orders for twenty-two car loads and will continue buying apples in Centre county for some time. This week he is shipping from Lemont.

J. M. Wieland, Cal. Wieland and Al. Gingrich, who were the proprietors of the Boalsburg carriage works, have dissolved partnership. Cal. Wieland and Al. Gingrich will now have charge of the coach shop, and J. M. Wieland will enter into partnership with W. H. Stuart in the mercantile business.

Mrs. Wesley Myers, in Boalsburg, is entertaining her sisters, Mrs. Maggie Smith, of Altoona, and Mrs. Annie Markle, of Lucas, Kansas. The Markle brothers, William and Henry, with their families, moved from Linden Hall to Kansas twenty-eight years ago. Henry died several years ago, but William is still living and working at the same trade which he did while here—blacksmithing. This is Mrs. Markle's first visit east. She expects to make a lengthy visit with relatives here.

T. J. Baldrige, the apple dealer, bought a sweet pumpkin from J. H. Meyer which weighed eighty-three pounds. This he shipped with the apples to Pittsburg. He purposes having it on exhibition until Thanksgiving. During the intervening time a guessing contest will be in progress, and any one desiring can make a guess at the number of seeds in the pumpkin. On Thanksgiving Day it will be cut and the one guessing the nearest to the number will receive a prize which will likely be a certain quantity of apples.

The sick: Fred Gearhart, who had undergone an operation for appendicitis in the Bellefonte hospital, returned to his home at Shingletown last week and is daily regaining strength.

Edwin Rupp, of Altoona, has been ill of typhoid fever at the home of his father, J. A. Rupp, in Boalsburg, but is now convalescing.—Miss Anna Weber has been sick for two months from nervous ailments, and is little improved.—Mrs. Solomon Lohr is suffering considerably from a large ulcer on the ball of her right eye. She has been confined in a dark room for three weeks, with little hope of any speedy relief.—Nora B. Miller is able to be around among her companions again, after an illness of several months.

Weddings: Joseph Linn Woomey, of State College, and Miss Sara Margaret Miller, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller, of near Boalsburg, were united in marriage Thursday evening, 11th inst., by Rev. A. A. Black at the Reformed parsonage. The groom is an industrious young man who with his father is engaged at stone masonry at the College. The bride possesses all the qualifications necessary for a good housekeeper. They will be at home at State College after December 1st. The best wishes of the community are extended to them.—John Oaman, of Shingletown, and Miss Margaret Albert, of Pine Grove Mills, were married by Rev. W. K. Harnish at the Presbyterian parsonage, at Lemont, Monday evening, the 8th. They will go to housekeeping at Shingletown. Congratulations are extended.

The lofty ideals of some men are restricted to high living.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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

Telephones, eleven in all, will be placed in the principals' rooms of the Pottsville public schools.

Samuel Wellman, of Corry, got a judgment for \$2750 against the Pennsylvania Railroad for injuries received while on a train. He sued for \$25,000.

Stephen A. Lane, of Luther's Mills, Bradford county, has a corn-sheller that is 100 years old. He has had it 40 years. The sheller is hickory with iron spikes.

Six motormen on the trolley line at Williamsport weigh within one pound of each other. Three weigh the same to an ounce—191 pounds. None of the other three weighs more than 192 pounds.

Taxpayers in Shamokin threatened to prosecute the Borough Council, alleging the latter has increased the borough indebtedness beyond the legal limit, and that the present debt is almost \$150,000.

It is rumored that an electric railroad will be built from Huntingdon to Harrisburg, in the near future. The report is that the line will run parallel with the P. R. R. on the bed of the abandoned canal of the Juniata river.

While throwing a belt on a rapidly revolving pulley, Robert Miller, a young married man of Millhall, had his arm torn from the socket at the shoulder and buried across the room. Three ribs were also broken and the flesh and ligaments badly torn.

LOCALS.

The large banana plant in the Pennsylvania State College conservatory is maturing a bunch of fruit.

Rev. Charles F. Hall is the successor of Rev. A. C. Lathrop as pastor of the Milledale Baptist church.

Newton Yarnel, the man who so successfully farms the D. J. Meyer farm at Linden Hall, was in town Saturday.

John Upton Shaffer, Jr., editor and proprietor of the Renovo Record, and Miss Bertie Cooper Bennett were married at Renovo.

Gregory Brothers, the Huntingdon county live stock dealers, shipped two car loads of sheep, last week—one car from Centre Hall and the other from Oak Hall.

A sub-basin of coal was discovered near Beaver Mills, Rush township. Heretofore the general opinion prevailed that there was no coal in that section.

The Penns Valley Echo for October is in print and is being sent out to its readers. The editor, Rev. G. W. McIlroy, has caused to appear in the little paper much good reading matter.

Wednesday night of last week, between eleven and twelve o'clock, snow to the depth of a quarter of an inch fell in Centre Hall and surrounding country. The snow lay until morning.

Dr. F. J. Wagenseiler and Oliver Fisher, of Selingsgrove, returned from a hunting trip in Nova Scotia, each bringing with him one bull moose, the limit for such game under the provincial law.

Amos Kauffman, who owns a fine farm east of Centre Hall, was in Penns Valley Saturday. Mr. Kauffman lives retired near Zion, and is one of the good, substantial citizens in that part of Nittany Valley.

The Knickerbocker Trust Company of New York City recorded a mortgage in Centre county against the Pittsburg, Rochester and Eastern Railroad for twenty millions. The road is a new one now being projected to tap the coal and lumber fields of Central Pennsylvania.

At the Jamestown Exposition there will be a Robert Fulton day. It is proposed to erect a \$600,000 monument in his memory in the city of Norfolk, Va. Cornelius Vanderbilt is president and Mark Twain first vice president of the commission that is undertaking the venture.

Messrs. Marcellus Sankey, of Potters Mills; Richard and Cloyd Brooks, J. W. Mitterling and G. W. Bradford, of Centre Hall, each purchased cattle at the sale in Bellefonte Monday. Most of the cattle were bought with a view of improving herds of cattle previously owned by these parties.

Albert Gingrich and sister, Miss Madie Gingrich, of Boalsburg, were in Centre Hall Saturday. Mr. Gingrich is the junior member of the firm of Wieland & Gingrich, successors to J. M. Wieland, the carriage builder. Mr. Wieland retired from the carriage business, and will be associated with Wm. H. Stuart in the mercantile business. The Wieland who is the head of the carriage building firm is Calvin Wieland. The Reporter wishes the new firm abundant success.

Miss Laura Runkle and Mrs. J. R. G. Allison on their way home from Bellefonte Friday afternoon had an experience with an auto. The ladies were driving near the Pruner barn when an auto came whizzing along from the rear, and in passing the vehicle and auto came together. Just what all happened is hard to tell, but the ladies were thrown from the buggy and Miss Runkle was considerably cut and bruised. One wheel of the buggy was badly mucked and the axle bent. The auto party was from Tyrone.

SOME STARTLING CAPITOL SECRETS

Specifications Involving Millions Secretly Altered After Contract Award.

Plunderers' Daring Methods of Charging Up as "Extras" What Frozen-Out Bidders Had Figured On as Parts of the Building.

The lie direct between Capitol Commission President Stone and the head of the builders, George F. Payne, seems to have been the entering wedge to the coming revelations of the recipients of the millions of new capitol graft. When Payne said that he contracted to get the something less than \$4,000,000 for merely the walls and roof, Stone got mad, and declared that the specifications would show that Payne didn't tell the truth and had been bound down by the commission to include in his work and supplies everything to make the building complete, and with nothing to be added to make it fit for occupancy except what would come under the ordinary common-sense meaning of "furniture." This startling declaration immediately started the probe to find out how and by whom the legerdemain



Louis Emery, Jr. Fusion candidate for Governor. The implacable enemy of corporate greed and official graft, and a man whose life work has been the defense of the welfare of the people of Pennsylvania.

was done by which the builders were relieved of their contract obligations and given the nearly \$4,000,000 for a mere shell, while Pennypacker and his fellow commissioners of public grounds and buildings drey upon the surplus in the favorite banks for the extra \$9,000,000 which went partly for real furniture and largely to put in the mahogany window frames, mantels, fireplaces and wall sheathing, the fancy flooring and other permanent attachments which the builders should have put in along with the "shell" for what the bare walls and roof cost. In this focus-pocus appears to be the key to the entire graft, for it enabled the grounds and buildings department to "go the limit" for the favored "furniture" contractors, notably John H. Sanderson and Congressman Cassel's "construction" company.

At the outset, in competition with Payne, contractors, including Henderson & Co., Doyle & Dock, William Miller & Son, the Roydhouse-Arey Contracting Company, Colonial Construction Company and Norcross Bros. (Boston), bid amounts ranging from \$2,548,000 to \$1,128,980, while the Payne concern bid \$2,600,000 to put up a "template" capitol under specifications regarding almost every conceivable item of work necessary to make the building suitable for occupancy, the following being a part of it:

Excavations and foundations, including the incidental cement and brick work, Terra cotta. Cut stone, including the carving and modeling. Fireproof floors and partitions. Roofing and metal work. Plastering and furring of the walls. Painting and glazing. Mural and ceiling decorations. New masonry. Decorative glass. Interior finish work. Tile work. Lumber for flooring and scaffolding. The iron and marble panels. Mail and dust chutes. Hardware, including door-closers, locks and sash weights. Vault doors. Plumbing. Ice-water plant. Mill work, including the mahogany wainscoting of the various chambers, the window sashes and frames, the doors and all other finished woodwork which go into a building. Structural and ornamental iron work. Heating and ventilating plant. Electric plant and complete electric wiring. Elevator work. Bronze work, which, besides the massive doors for the main entrances, also included elevator doors, window grills, lamp posts and pilasters.

Nearly all of the foregoing, except the material and work for the bare walls and roof, is paid for as "furnishings" out of the surplus, without a specific appropriation, thus enabling the builders to take the original capitol appropriation for the "shell." How this trick was worked so as to crowd out all the bidders who had expected to give all those things for their money, and to let the builders get the amount of their bid without spending a dollar for or doing a tap of work on those essential parts of the building, is one of the main objects of the coming probe.

Amazing Revelations. Under "mural and ceiling decorations" of the specifications for the builders was included the artistic work in the house of representatives, in the senate, the dome, the executive chamber, etc. The specifications were so

It is considered a good thing not to be considered a "good thing."

explicit that it was even prescribed that the more artistic effects should be executed by E. A. Abbey. In making up their bids the general contractors received estimates from the decorative and painting firms, naming Mr. Abbey as the supervisor of the fine work and providing for his pay. The parquetry floors and mill work, involving almost \$175,000, were also included. And yet Payne, in direct contradiction of Mr. Stone and the specifications, declares: "I am positive that nothing but the shell was to be provided for. That's what my firm bid on, and that's what we have done."

That these specifications were altered after the award and a large portion of the work called for was re-let by the public grounds and buildings commissioners and charged up as "furnishings" in the report of Auditor General Snyder and Governor Pennypacker is asserted by contractors in close touch with the Harrisburg doings, and who will be called upon to testify. Their word, in connection with Mr. Stone's, appears enough for a prima facie case of conspiracy to defraud the commonwealth. Practical builders and manufacturers of the articles used smile at the idea of the prices having been legitimate. Lawyers assert that conditions already exposed warrant impeachment proceedings, as they do not believe that Pennypacker and the others could have been deceived into spending such vast sums of money in violation of law.

It is now positively known that the only things not included in the specifications to turn out a thoroughly equipped building were the illuminating fixtures and necessary actual furniture. Only in isolated cases, where legitimate extras developed in course of construction, were no estimates asked, and architectural experts are wondering how the extra \$9,000,000 were expended. The elaborate summary of expenditures issued by Pennypacker and the machine auditor general shows that items in the building specifications are charged up as "extras," and responsible informants who were among "frozen-out" bidders charge that even after the general contract had been awarded and signed the specifications were deliberately changed and new contracts made with sub-contractors.

In the original specifications, interior marble, tile work and marble mosaics were included, and prices for them ranged from \$900,000 to \$1,500,000, but in the Pennypacker-Snyder statement there is an extra of \$278,109.47 for "marble wainscoting, mantels and bases." All along the line there has been duplication of work provided for under the original specifications. Despite the building specification for \$60,000 worth of decorative glass there is a Snyder-Pennypacker charge of \$138,000 for "Bacaret cut-glass panels," and, aside from the glass mosaics in the building specifications, there seems to have been an "extra" of \$28,759.20 for the same material. Vaults were to be part of the building, but vaults and safes are charged as an "extra" \$66,000.

God's Free Air "By the Foot."

Fireproof cement or concrete floors were specified for the builders, but are charged up as "extras" to "receive the parquetry flooring." For painting and glazing and ceiling and wall decorations the building specifications amounted to nearly \$200,000, but in the Pennypacker "extras" are \$779,472 for "gilding, decorating and painting," \$14,660.50 for "mural paintings," and \$222,887.50 for Edwin A. Abbey, although it was stipulated originally that the decorations were to be executed under his direction, and that bids should be based on a calculation that he was to be remunerated for his services. When the proposals for the \$2,000,000 chandeliers were asked competition was so limited that one prominent manufacturer, who had formerly got contracts for chandeliers in some of Philadelphia's largest buildings, was shut out, and was refused permission for his designer to prepare any bids on the work.

John H. Sanderson, whose share of the "extras" was \$5,416,682, has so far foiled all efforts of reporters to get at him. Of the rest of the \$9,000,000 in "extras," Congressman Cassel's "Pennsylvania Construction Company" got \$2,000,856.20; George F. Payne, \$596,074.27; Architect Joseph M. Huston (for "furniture" designing, over and above the \$185,000 he got for designing the walls and roof), \$329,585.42, and Artist Abbey, \$273,548.00. Cassel and his fellow Lancaster county Penrose politicians got, in addition to the \$1,534,856.20 for the metal filing cases, \$400,000 for the "bronze postoffice fronts, bronze railings, screen in treasury department and bronze trimmings on fireproof filing cases." Cassel's concern bid "by the foot." Metal telephone booths "by the foot" took in so many cubic feet of God's own free air.

The "extras" comprise \$889,940 for "carved panels wainscoting, mantels and designed woodwork," although in the building specifications it was stipulated that the joinery work was to be "furnish and do all joinery, trimming, etc., necessary to finish the building, complete in every respect, and to the full intent and meaning of the drawings and specifications."

The McNichol-Penrose-Durham-Martin crowd would never have dared to club its subservient legislature into making a \$9,000,000 appropriation for "extras" over and above the original \$4,000,000. The Gang well knew what a cyclone that would have raised, and so they just sneaked the millions out of the depositories, thinking that, just as "furniture" had been surreptitiously procured in smaller quantities during the 11 years since "Bull" Andrews and Penrose, as state senators, "passed" the "furniture" act of 1895, the present crime would pass unnoticed also. But they had reckoned without Mr. Berry.

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