

**PENNA AND THE ADMINISTRATION.**

Secretary Shaw has been sadly out of place as a stump-speaker in Pennsylvania in spite of his discreet avoidance of State issues. He represents the Administration, and his activity as a campaigner will be seized by the Penrose gang as proof that President Roosevelt is on its side.

There is a straight line-up in Pennsylvania this year between the forces of corruption and the forces of reform regardless of political partisanship. The Penrose gang's hope of survival and its means of sustenance at the public crib depend upon defeating the union of Lincoln R-republicans and Democrats. It has been in desperate straits and Pennsylvania's prospects for a thorough housecleaning have been steadily improving. Whether or not Secretary Shaw's appearance affects the result, it was untimely. It tends to divert public attention from local issues which are of chief importance.

President Roosevelt must have felt as he stood in front of the State Capitol on the day of the dedication the hopelessness of redeeming Pennsylvania except by a political revolution. The marble walls that towered above him are founded in fraud and rascality. Even a supposedly personally honest Governor like Pennypacker has failed signally to keep swindlers of the Republican machine in check. President Roosevelt himself must have had twinges of conscience for appearing under the shadow of this monument to the corruption of his party in its greatest stronghold. The Penrose gang should be beaten and no honorable Republican should lend it aid or comfort.

Two Commissions paid for the electric wiring of the Capitol, one as a part of the building and the other as a part of the furniture, and now there is something so very wrong about the lighting arrangements that the underwriters will place no risks on the building until changes shall be made, and changes involving work inside the walls are expensive. The building is supposed to be fire-proof, so why should it need insurance? A million and a half dollars have been paid for fire-proof filing cases, and the substitution of plaster of paris composition for carved mahogany should decrease the inflammability.

Candidate Quigley will get a bunch of complimentary (?) votes in Gregg township for performing the crude political stunt of knocking down and out Harry M. Allison when he was a candidate for county treasurer. Quigley clapped his hands for joy, and that is the act that made him begin to think he was crooked enough to be a candidate for state senator—a fit subject for the Penrose gang outfit. He did not misjudge his capacity—the gang is for Quigley. Quigley is no fake gangster; he is the real thing, trimmings and all.

The voters in Centre county will have an opportunity for showing their gratitude to Col. Taylor for leading Centre county to victory in the recent contest for judge as well as many other services rendered the party. A vote for Colonel Taylor for congress will be an expression of gratitude as well as voting for a man who will truly represent the interests of the people in Centre county.

For many years the gang has plastered shut the eyes of the voters in Pennsylvania. The campaign last fall and Lid-differ Berry have restored the vision to many heretofore blind partisans, and their first discovery is that putty and plaster have been palmed off as solid mahogany.

In order to have the whole capitol atel exposed and the offenders punished it will be necessary to elect senators and representatives opposed to the looting of treasuries. Quigley and Frybarger are not that kind. Cast your ballot against the gang by voting for Dimeling and Noll.

If Jim McNichol would tell all he knows about buying the five Democratic votes for Speaker Marshall there would be great demand for steamer births, and possibly he'd begin to think a trip abroad just the thing for his own health.

Without a doubt Mr. Emery will be able to take care of himself in the libel suit Jim McNichol is talking about. It's an old story, but Jim is displaying wonderful tenacity.

Wet weather will be likely to damage the putty and plaster paris capitol, so if you want to see it in all its Pennypacker grandeur go see it at once.

No wonder Governor Pennypacker is getting to look putty-faced. It's the reflection of the capitol trimmings.

Why not take the cue given by Candidate Emery: "He's not worthy of notice." That at least is the truth.

EASTERN SYNOD IN SESSION.

Annual Meeting of Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States is in annual session in Lehigh, Carbon county, having convened Wednesday evening and will continue in session five days. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring president, Rev. James Crawford, D. D., of Philadelphia. The day sessions are being devoted to business; the evening sessions, to the Historical Society, Home and Foreign Missions, etc.

The Eastern Synod is composed of twelve Classes, and includes the central and eastern portions of the state of Pennsylvania. It has a membership of 334 ordained ministers, 548 congregations, and 108,378 communicant members. This Synod is a delegated body, and in its annual meeting consists of the ministers and elders chosen by its Classes according to a basis of representation adopted by itself, while other Synods of the Reformed church meet in general convention which consists of all the ministers and one elder from each pastoral charge.

The delegate ministers from West Susquehanna Classes to Eastern Synod are Rev. Daniel Gress, Centre Hall; Rev. H. I. Crow, Hubersburg; Rev. Ambrose Schmidt, Bellefonte, and Rev. K. Otis Spessard, Ph. D., Mifflinburg. The delegate elders are J. Wells Evans, Spring Mills; B. C. Achenbach, Snyder county; C. L. Gerberick, Bellefonte, and A. N. Corman, Rebersburg.

A Teachers' Retirement Fund.

The proposition to be laid before the next Legislature to increase pensions for aged or incapacitated teachers in the common schools, at the instance of county superintendents, will not take the form of general legislation for payment of pensions to teachers in all parts of the State. It is proposed to empower boards of education in cities of the second and third class with the like authority given to the Board of Education in Philadelphia for the establishment and administration of a Teachers' Retirement Fund. The retirement fund is to be made up of one per cent. of the salaries of contributing teachers who have been employed ten years or less in the public schools and two per cent. of the salaries of teachers of over ten years' service, and a contribution out of the general school fund of equal amount if financial conditions warrant.

This is but a half-way pensioning scheme. It is made dependent upon the good will of the teachers, seconded by the good will of the boards of education. It is not compulsory. There is no doubt, however, it would be most beneficial in its operation. It would provide a means of honorable retirement for worn-out men and women largely supplied out of their own earnings which could be accepted with undiminished self-respect and which would make for the greater efficiency of the schools.

LOCALS.

James E. Stover has moved from Bellefonte to Lewistown.

For the past six weeks Charles S. Burris has been one of the assistants at Blackford's Bellefonte restaurants.

Miss Clara Condo, of Penn Hall, one of the Millheim school teachers, was the guest of Miss Helen Bartholomew over Sunday.

Charles Nearhood came to Centre Hall for a short visit. He had been employed at Sanbury for the past few years, but on his return will go to Shamokin Dam.

A Ferguson township correspondent notes: Oscar Heckman is leaving the Fye farm and moving to Gregg township. He will be succeeded by J. Cal. Struble. John Hubler goes to the Keichline farm.

Eight special articles, each of actual importance to the American reading public, and nine short stories of the highest quality are contained in the November Everybody's. It is a number that should make a strong appeal to the widest possible variety of American readers.

This personal appeared in the Mifflinburg Telegraph: Mrs. Jerry Enavey, of Spring Mills, was recently the pleasing guest of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Loutz. Mrs. Jas. Orwig and daughter, of Williamsport, and Mrs. A. C. Noll and daughter, of Lewisburg, were also guests at their cozy home on Chestnut street latter part of last week.

Rev. Elmer L. Williams, has been transferred from Richmond, Illinois, by the Rock River Methodist Episcopal Conference to the Hermon M. E. church in the northwestern section of Chicago. Rev. Williams, it will be remembered, is the husband of Miss Kathryn Kerr, formerly of Centre Hall, and consequently this item is of interest to many of the Reporter readers.

The Centre Reporter reprints a brief sketch of the life of George M. Dimeling, of Clearfield, Democratic candidate for State Senator. The sketch is copied from the Clearfield Public Spirit. If the reader comes in personal contact with Mr. Dimeling he will find him to be a man of gentlemanly bearing, affable and possessed of the best of common sense. The campaign is too short for the candidate to make anything like a complete canvass of the two large counties in the senatorial district, but the voter who is in favor of reform of the state government will make no mistake in voting for the Democratic nominee. If elected senator (which it is firmly believed he will be) Mr. Dimeling will be approachable by the humblest of his constituents for any honest cause.

George M. Dimeling, the Democratic candidate for State Senator in the Thirty-fourth senatorial district, comprising the counties of Centre and Clearfield, was born in Boggs township, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1862, and was educated in the public schools of his native county, as well as in the hard school of experience. His spare moments were utilized for his personal improvement and were spent in the study of the various works which qualified him so well for a successful business career and which has made for him a well-informed and useful citizenship. At the age of thirteen years necessity compelled him to seek employment in the lumber woods and he therefore learned early in life every phase of the work of the logging and timber business. When only seventeen years of age he began as a pilot on Clearfield Creek and the Susquehanna river and "run" a large raft of timber to market at that age. He continued in the lumber business until elected county treasurer in 1893 and has been in the business ever since, being extensively engaged in lumbering at the present time. Endowed with exceptional business ability and sagacity, and possessed of the qualities that win, such as industry, sobriety, indomitable energy, strict integrity and undoubted honesty, he strode rapidly to the front ranks in the political and business fields. In 1898 Geo. M. Dimeling was elected County Chairman, and it was largely through his efforts that George Weaver was elected county treasurer. In

Success of the Hunters.

Hunters at Pine Grove Mills who are reported as having killed wild turkeys are Captain Kepler, Hon. J. W. Kepler, Frank Davis, John Holmes, Charles Irvin, George Reed, Earnest Hess, John Hess.

Half Million Dollar Fire.

One of the most serious fires that has ever occurred in the history of Altoona started in the new five-story furniture building of Oliver Rothbert on Friday, and before it was brought under control property to the amount of nearly a half million dollars was destroyed.

The Rothbert building and the new theatre of I. C. Mishler were destroyed and the new building of the Order of Elks, which had not yet been completed, was badly damaged. The Altoona Trust Company structure and the office building of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which are on the opposite of the street, was damaged slightly by fire and water.

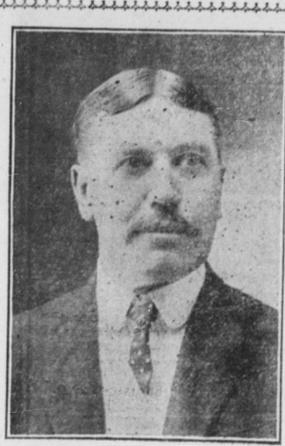
The Rothbert building carried an insurance of \$155,000, Mishler \$50,000, and the Elks \$20,000. The telegraph and telephone service in the neighborhood of the burned area was interrupted.

Injured by Falls.

The large apple crop in Centre county is responsible for a number of accidents. While picking apples Ellsworth Waite, a farmer near Jacksonsville, fell from the tree and sustained two broken ribs and an injury to his head, that effected his mind. Instead of going to his home near by, the injured man wandered off for more than a mile, and when found was unable to render an account of himself. An examination was made by a physician who discovered the injuries. His condition has now much improved, and no permanent ill results are anticipated.

Ex-Treasurer Harrison Kline, of near Bellefonte, although he fell a distance of fifteen feet escaped broken bones, but was badly bruised. He was picking apples and fell from the tree. W. D. Port, of Pine Grove Mills, in falling from a ladder broke two ribs and otherwise injured himself.

There are twenty-three cases of diphtheria at Du Bois and the officers of the Board of Health are making every effort to prevent the disease becoming epidemic.



GEORGE M. DIMELING.

1899 he was again elected county chairman, but his business interests requiring his absence from the county seat much of the time, he resigned during that year. In 1903 he was prevailed upon, because of his past record for fairness to all factions and elements of the Democratic party, to again accept the county chairmanship which he did, the well known result being the election of Hon. Allison O. Smith, President Judge. In 1904 Mr. Dimeling again resigned as chairman. He has resided in Clearfield since 1894 before which time he was a citizen of Bigler township from 1890 to 1894. During these years he was lumbering there and it was from this township that he was elected county treasurer in 1893.

As we said, George M. Dimeling by dint of industry, sobriety, integrity and persistent application to business and without any early advantages, has won his way into the confidence of the larger business world as its sphere widened to him, and held it securely upon merit alone, and as a pioneer citizen of Boggs township, who knew him as a boy, has well said "he deserves the highest honors that can be bestowed upon any native born citizen of Clearfield county." Always a conservative, consistent and considerate Democrat and worthy citizen, he deserves the votes of the people, without regard to party affiliations, and if elected he will regard the office as a sacred trust imposed in him and he will guard the best interests of all the people he represents with his sacred honor.

LOCALS.

A fifteen pound wild turkey was killed in Sugar Valley by Clayton Pressler, of Penn township.

The third quarterly conference of the M. E. church, Penns Valley charge, will be held at Centre Hall Saturday afternoon.

J. C. Kuhn, farmer on the Benner farm near Old Fort, was a caller Friday. Mr. Kuhn expects to remain on the farm for another year.

The Sunday school convention to have been held at Spring Mills last Friday was postponed until Friday, November 2nd. The original program will be carried out.

L. E. Jones, postal clerk on the L. & T. R. R., is taking a fifteen days' vacation, and during that time expects to devote the time to photography, in which art he is passing the stage of the amateur.

Miss Sallie Riley, a trained nurse, was in town a day or two last week. Miss Riley calls Boalsburg her home, but spends little of her time there, owing to the fact that she is taking care of the sick in all portions of the county.

Sales of farm stock in Penns Valley are below the average of the past few years. This is probably due to the fact of less changes from the farm to retirement or other vocations, the splendid crops of the past season and the good prices obtained for the products of the farm.

While delivering an address at a religious meeting in Shamokin, Prof. J. H. Kurzenknebe, of Harrisburg, received a paralytic stroke, which seriously effected his right side. Prof. Kurzenknebe is well known in Penns Valley having conducted musical conventions in Centre Hall and other points.

With the money made at the "Midway," held in the armory by the ladies of the town a few weeks ago, a new and permanent wing is to be built to the Bellefonte hospital, remarks the Watchman. Plans and specifications have been made and the proper authorities are now advertising for bids for the work. The building of the new wing to the hospital is the beginning of what is hoped will prove eventually to be a large and well equipped institution.

DEATHS.**MRS. SUSAN M. TRAVIS.**

The death of Mrs. Susan M. Travis occurred at Columbia, Mo., where she had gone about three weeks ago to spend the winter. Deceased was the daughter of Robert L. and Julia Ann Atlee Williams, and was born near Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, in 1839. She was married in 1861 to William M. Travis, of Graysville, who preceded her to the grave in 1884. She is survived by one son, Robert W. Travis, in the postal service at Dunkirk, N. Y.; one foster daughter, Mrs. Ramsey, of Erie; two sisters, Mrs. Amelia Goodyear and Mrs. Lizzie Williams, of Altoona.

WILLIAM L. WILSON.

William L. Wilson, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Half Moon Valley, died at his home in Stormstown Wednesday morning of last week of diseases incident to old age. Deceased was born September 5th, 1818, and had resided in Centre county the greater part of his life. He was highly esteemed in the community in which he lived, and is survived by nine children. His only brother, John Wilson, of Loveville, died just two weeks ago.

LEVI QUICK.

Levi Quick, of Moshannon, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wesley Fye, of infirmities incident to old age. He was eighty-nine years of age and was the oldest citizen in Snow Shoe township. He leaves to mourn his loss the following children: Mrs. Wesley Fye and Mrs. John Harshbarger; three sons, viz: William, George and Levi, all of Moshannon.

CHARLES EDWARD ROSSMAN.

Charles Edward, the three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Rossman, of Howard, but formerly of Bellefonte, died Wednesday of last week of pneumonia, after only a few days' illness. The remains were brought to Bellefonte and taken to the home of Mr. Rossman's parents at Coleville, from where the funeral was held Friday.

MRS. ANNIE S. AMMERMAN.

Mrs. Annie S. Ammerman died at Lakemont Terrace, near Altoona. She had been a sufferer from cancer of the stomach for several months. Deceased was the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Brachbill, and was born in Centre county, being aged forty-four years, five months and six days.

MRS. MARY COOK.

Mrs. Mary Cook died in Buffalo, N. Y., aged seventy-seven years. She was a resident of Phillipsburg at one time. A daughter, Miss Mollie, and two sisters—Mrs. Foster Williams, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Rachael Radigan, of Buffalo, survive. Interment was made in Bellefonte.

JAMES A. ROUSH.

James A. Roush, a brother of W. H. Roush, of Pine Grove Mills, died at his home in Milroy of consumption. He was aged forty-nine years and is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sisters, one of the latter being Mrs. Benjamin Corl, of Pine Hall.

WILLIAM F. LEATHERS.

William F. Leathers, a veteran of the Civil war and who served two terms as register and recorder of Lawrence county, died at his home in New Castle. Deceased was born in Bellefonte and was aged sixty-five years.

MISS KATE HOOVER.

Thursday afternoon of last week, Miss Kate Hoover, a nurse, fell over dead while taking care of Mrs. Ed. Eckenroth, of Bellefonte. Heart disease was the cause of the death. Miss Hoover was aged about forty years.

Keith's Theatre.

This is the second and last week of H. Hardin Company's presentation of "Starlight," at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia. Theatre goers are thus afforded another opportunity of seeing this great English sensation. The Keith bill is well filled this week with such numbers as: Chas. Evans & Co., in a one-act farce, "It's up to you, William"; Lee Tung Foo, world's only Chinese baritone; Will Mead and his dog "Sparkle"; Nessen, Hunter and Nessen, jugglers; Halley and Mann, conversational comedians; Lelia Taylor, vocal artist; O'Brien Havel, with Ellie Lawrence in "Ticks and Clicks." An extra added attraction are the Three Donals, Herculean acrobats on the silver chains. Mrs. Langry and her English company are advertised to appear at Keith's during the week of October 29th. Seats on sale now.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.**HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.**

Indian Summer—let it come; all are ready.

Otis Hoy purchased the farm of his grandfather in Ferguson township.

The farmer with less work to do than he can manage would be a curiosity.

It will keep the day schools and Sunday schools pretty busy to off-set the skating rink.

Mrs. Stephen Lobaugh has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. L. Kerr, in Centre Hall, during the past two weeks.

This is tree trimming time. Be careful that you do the work carefully. Don't butcher the job. Trimming a tree consists of more than simply whacking off limbs.

An exchange says there are two reasons why some people don't mind their own business. One is that they haven't any mind, and the other is that they haven't any business.

A. G. Noll has moved his saw mill to a tract of timber, one-half mile northwest of Linden Hall, purchased by James Swabb from James Ross, Sr. The timber is being cut into bill stuff.

Eleven head of registered cattle were killed at State College under the supervision of the state department because they were declared to be affected with tuberculosis. The animals belonged to the College Dairy Department.

Messrs. John B. McNitt and Lloyd Aurand, both of Milroy, were in the county over Sunday, the attraction being several fair maidens in Penns Valley. The former was rain-stayed at Spring Mills and the latter at Centre Hall.

Spring Mills merchants enjoyed a good day's trade Saturday. A bunch of wagons, buggies, etc., hitched in a line is the best indication that a business place is nearby. There were positive indicators Saturday, and the merchants declared it was just ordinary Saturday trade.

F. K. Carter is steadily employed by George O. Benner at the Star Store. Mr. Benner's business has increased to such an extent that this additional help became a necessity. The Star Store is the outgrowth of an exceptionally modest beginning in the mercantile business in 1889.

While in Centre county Capt. Barclay, the Republican candidate for congress, is in the hands of General Utility Man George Washington Reese, of Bellefonte. Reese has agreed to give Mr. Barclay all the needed tips to carry Centre county—that is to carry the county before the election.

Miss Helen Bartholomew, one of the Tyrone public school teachers, was at her home in Centre Hall over Sunday. She is very much pleased with her work. She has a school of forty-two scholars, and last month the actual average attendance was ninety-eight. That indicates that Tyrone people appreciate schools.

With a view of lettering the service over the free rural mail routes three and four from Spring Mills, Postmaster Chas. A. Krape enlisted the services of Rural Agent William C. Brigham. The routes have been carefully gone over by the routeman, and no doubt minor changes will be made. Mr. Brigham's solution of the question is to more evenly divide the mileage between routes numbers three and four.

The water works, consisting of a double tank with a saw dust filling, on the Rock View farm, near Bellefonte, burned to the ground one night last week. The origin of the fire has not been discovered. The structure was located near to other buildings, and although these were in great danger of destruction there was nothing to do but wait until the fire burned out, which was not until after midnight.

The gourd is a good example of how rapidly the useless develops. What the useless gourd can do in the short time of from four to six weeks is shown by George Bartley, of Spring Mills, who has several specimens on exhibition at the general store of H. F. Rossman. A particular one of these gourds, within six weeks from the time the blossom was fully formed, grew to the length of about six feet. The other specimens developed in four weeks, and are also monsters.

Commissioner Weaver was in town last week, making assessment blank deliveries. The present board of county commissioners is making a desperate effort to keep down the expenses of the county, and at the close of the year hope to have and will have the county finances in a more healthy condition. Bad financing put the Republican board out of commission and the county into debt. The economy and judicious management of the present board will not be without its reward.