



### SHAPING UP THE PRIMARY LAW.

The measure to be amended to apply to Borough and Townships at all the Primaries.

The first bill to amend the primary election law introduced in the Legislature makes the act apply to all the districts of the State at both the regular primaries. This change is very desirable.

The provision which makes optional the application of the law to borough and township nominations is full of mischief. It has been the cause of most of the confusion which some people have experienced, and its constitutionality is doubtful. It was not well thought out, and did not designate any authority to determine when borough and township nominations should be made under the new system or when under the old. In the absence of such designated authority the County Commissioners have assumed to decide, although the law gives them no such direct power. It was a necessary action.

In all the discussion of this matter no good reason has been advanced why all nominations all the time should not be made under the uniform system. It is more or less confusion to have two ways of doing things of this kind. At the primaries next June there will be no exceptions. Primaries will be held in accordance with the new law in all the districts of the State, and it was a mistake not to have made the act just as general for the winter primary. The fact that the proposed amendment is introduced by a member from Warren county, where there are no cities—only boroughs and townships—quite plainly shows that there is no reason why borough and township nominations need to be made an exception.

### From \$35 to \$50.

Representative Shannon, of Wilkes-Barre, is said to have a bill up in his sleeve which he proposes to introduce, calling for the minimum salary of school teachers to be raised from \$35 to \$50 per month, and argues that his bill, if passed, would be the means of securing better teachers for country schools.

The reader is asked to sit up and note the effect of the \$35 minimum salary law. How much did it increase the efficiency of the corps of teachers in his or her school district?

It is quite probable that the appropriation for school purposes will be enlarged, but it is just as probable that some legislation will be passed that will use up every dollar of the increase. It was so when the appropriation was increased to its present figure. The appropriation will be increased by a measure with a string to it, and that string will add more expense, and the result will be that the school tax will not be lessened.

What is wanted is an enlarged appropriation, and a measure restraining county superintendents from issuing teachers certificates to freaks. This done the salary question will be solved.

### Transfer of Real Estate.

Burdine Butler, et. ux., to John Butler, May 15, 1905; 102 acres in Curtin twp. \$100.

John Forster, et. ux., to John Condo, May 9, 1854; 54 acres in Miles twp. \$25.

Samuel Condo, Sr., to Joseph Condo April 1, 1868; 7 1/2 perches in Miles twp. \$5.

John H. Dress, et. al., to Louise McMullen, Dec. 10, 1906; 201 acres, 133 perches in Walker twp. \$300.

Julia C. Harvey, et. bar., to H. I. Curtin, Jan. 14, 1907; 250 acres in Boggs twp. \$200.

Sallie M. Hayes, et. bar., to George M. Gamble, March 7, 1906; house and lot on Linn street, Bellefonte. \$375.

Sallie Weaver, et. bar., to Sarah E. Lingle, March 25, 1904; 1 acre, 12 perches in Gregg twp. \$750.

James Cori, et. al. gdn., to W. B. Beck, Nov. 12, 1906; lot in State College. \$900.

Thos. Griffith, et. ux., to John T. Watson, May 8, 1904; 44 acres, 133 rods in Boggs twp. \$450.

### No Cash Road Tax in Clinton Co.

Judge Harry Alvan Hall has declined to entertain the petition of citizens of Woodward township, Clinton county, asking the court to order an election to enable the citizens to decide whether they would prefer a cash road tax. Judge Hall holds that so much of the act as provides for submitting the subject to a popular vote is unconstitutional, being a delegation of legislative power expressly reserved to the Legislature.

### Dogs Kill Sheep.

Dogs killed several sheep for Charles B. Neff, last week. The auditors appraised the total damage to the flock at \$72.00. Others who had sheep killed by dogs in Potter township were D. Geiss Wagner and John Wert.

Centre Reporter, \$1.00 per year.

### \$6,000,000 WANTED FOR GOOD ROADS.

State Highway Commissioner Hunter Urges Big Appropriation for Improvements Under the Law of 1905.

State Highway Commissioner Hunter announces that the department has completed 235 miles of road, of which 158 miles were built during 1906. There are 216 miles under contract or in readiness to be contracted for.

Mr. Hunter recommends an appropriation of \$6,000,000 to be expended in the reconstruction of township roads under the act of 1905, in addition to the sum appropriated by that act; also \$2,000,000 for the construction by the State of trunk lines of "Good Roads" through the Commonwealth under the care of the State Highway Department.

Other recommendations of the commissioner are as follows: An act which will legalize the associations formed by township supervisors or commissioners, county commissioners and borough and city officials, so that they may be entitled to their necessary expenses in attending the meetings of the association.

An act that will enable the county commissioners to form a State association for general improvement and exchange of ideas, and authorizing the payment of their necessary expenses.

An act which will make compulsory at once the use of wide tires upon all improved roads, and will provide for the compulsory adoption of wide tires for use upon all other roads as rapidly as the tires now used are worn out and abandoned for new ones.

That the road law be amended to authorize the planting by the State Highway Department of trees along the roads reconstructed by the State. Such trees will be of incalculable benefit to the roads.

The commissioner thinks that the money now paid by the State to townships in which there is no work tax should be increased.

### LOCALS.

The fruit growers in Union county have formed an organization.

The home paper is the mirror in which those that are at a distance see us.

Do not eat in a hurry or make a noise chewing your food. Pigs do both.

Altoona had a \$55,000 fire at two o'clock Monday morning. The fire originated in the wolf block.

Mrs. Rebecca Hallabach, widow of the late Rankin Hallabach, an old soldier of the civil war was granted a pension of eight dollars.

Sunday night one of the very radical changes of temperature for which January has been noted took place, the thermometer Monday morning showing nine degrees above zero.

Prof. Crawford, an elocutionist, gave a recital in Grange Arcadia Saturday evening. Part of the benefits were received by the High School, to be used in payment of rental for an organ.

Daniel Osman and Mrs. Catharine Muslemann, of Altoona, came to Centre Hall last week. Mr. Osman is employed in the Altoona car shops, and is a son of Hiram Osman, formerly of this valley, but for some years a resident of Altoona.

A new \$5000 Evangelical church was dedicated at Windfield, Union county, Sunday. Rev. S. E. Koontz is the pastor. So eager were the people of the vicinity to attend the exercises that a special train was run on the Windfield and New Berlin railroad for their accommodation.

Arrangements are being made to have Rev. A. H. Spangler, of Reedsville, deliver a lecture on what he saw on his trip through the Holy Lands, in Grange Arcadia. Wherever he has lectured he is spoken of in the highest terms. If present plans are carried out, Rev. Spangler will be here two nights.

Lewisburg is robbed of one of its most substantial industries by the removal of the Munroe H. Kulp & Co. lumbering equipment to Oldtown, Md., and scores of men are thrown out of employment. For years this corporation has operated in the timber lands of the Nittany Mountains and has removed millions of feet of logs, but now the woods have been stripped and the company has directed its efforts to new fields.

The label on the Reporter that will carry the news to Dr. P. W. Litzell, at Portland Mills, will hereafter appear 1910. That's somewhat ahead of the times, but it shows an appreciation of the Reporter on the part of Dr. Litzell. In his letter, the Doctor writes that the timber in the locality in which he resides is fast disappearing and that the population becomes much depleted when the saw mills are removed. This program will oblige the Doctor, within a year or two, to seek one of the larger towns in Elk county. Dr. Litzell is also in the market to purchase a good farm in Penna Valley, and anyone having such a place for sale should write him.

### 100 MANY PETTY CRIMINAL CASES.

Grand Jurors Urged to Ignore Trivial Cases Sent to Court by Justices and Committing Magistrates.

The first Grand Jury of the year in Lackawanna county has ignored three-fourths of the cases returned by justices and committing magistrates, and is receiving the compliments of the local press, conveyed in most enthusiastic terms.

The cases ignored were of a trivial character, such as are liberally returned in almost every county in the State and not generally set aside by Grand Jurors. There has been much complaint almost everywhere about such cases. Judges have time and again directed attention to them, and in some instances shown impatience that the courts should be burdened with them. If they can be weeded out it will save much in costs to the county, relieve the courts of a lot of ridiculous work and remove one of the excuses for asking the Legislature to create new judgeships.

The primary fault is with the justices of the peace and aldermen before whom these petty cases are originally brought, remarks the Philadelphia Press, and continuing says: Some of these officials have not the judgment to pass upon the merits of them and send them on from sheer ignorance. Some Grand Jurors are afflicted in the same way, and the cases go on trial with as much formality and solemnity as if they involved grave interests. The trial lists are thus outrageously swollen, the Judges and other officials have their time wasted, often to the unavoidable postponement of important cases, while heavy bills of cost are piled up on the taxpayers.

It is necessary for Grand Jurors to use careful judgment in ignoring cases, but if they can stop such as are merely trivial they will not only relieve the courts of a burden, but they will add to the dignity of litigation and do a considerable public service.

### Township Classification.

Judge McClure, in the case of the taxpayers of Kelly and Buffalo townships against the supervisors, decided that all townships not proclaimed first class townships are in the second class, and that there are only two classes of townships—those having a population of two hundred and fifty to the square mile being of the first class, and all others being of the second class. The case arose over opposition to the Sprout road law, the taxpayers contending that since the townships in Union county had not been especially classified the law would not apply. The substance of the decision is that all townships are second class unless they have been declared first class.

### Keith's Theatre.

America's leading cartoonist, Winsor McCay, is an entertainer at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. This man is the creator of "Sammy Sneeze," "Little Nemo in Slumberland," etc., and is giving monologues with illustrations. The greatest laughing hit in vaudeville is "The New Coachman," presented by Simon and Gardner. A special attraction for the children is Capt. George Augur and Co., presenting "Jack the Giant-Killer." The great Kaufman troupe, bicyclists; William Tomkins, topical talks; The Nichols sisters, "The beautiful Kentucky belles," are others on the bill.

### Concrete for Saw Mill Construction.

Sheffield, Warren county, is to have something entirely unique in the way of a saw mill. It will be erected by the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, and will be constructed entirely of concrete. The motive power will be electricity; the daily capacity of the mill, if run night and day, 400,000 feet of sawed lumber. The owners think they will have a fifteen-year supply of timber, which can be brought to the mill by the Tionesta Valley Railroad and its branches.

### Vital Statistics.

M. P. Muser, Esq., registrar of vital statistics for the borough of Millheim and townships of Penn, Haines, Miles and part of Gregg, reports that during the year 1906 there were fifty-four deaths and one hundred and three births.

### Representative Noll on Committees.

Hon. John Noll has been placed on the following house committees by Chairman McClain: Appropriations, Elections, Federal Relations, Library.

John W. Runkle, of Middleburg, beginning of this week came up to visit his brother, James W. Runkle, proprietor of the Centre Hall hotel, who has been ill for the past few weeks. Mr. Runkle is a merchant in the busy Snyder county town, but found enough time to come here to see his afflicted brother.

Advertise in the Reporter.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Measures Proposed in the Senate and House of Interest to Rural Districts.

Many bills have been introduced in the senate and house, among those of special interest to persons in rural districts are the following:

#### IN THE SENATE.

Mr. Cressy, of Columbia, establishing a railway commission, an anti-discrimination bill; fixing a maximum passenger rate of 2 cents per mile.

Mr. Edmundston, of Bradford, repealing the act creating the State Police Department; repealing the act of July 11, 1901, regulating the fees of sheriffs.

#### IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Garner, of Schuylkill, repealing the Coal Corporation Trespass act of 1905; also amending the same trespass act to apply only to cultivated land; also, providing that refusals of liquor licenses may be appealed to the higher courts.

Mr. Carson, of Beaver, amending the Highway Department act so that \$15,000,000 shall be available for roads for 1908, 1909, 1910.

Mr. Weingartner, of Lawrence, requiring claims for damages for personal injuries to be filed against municipalities within three months of the accident.

Mr. Sipes, of Fulton, giving the right of eminent domain and the right to carry freight upon trolley cars.

Mr. Noll, of Centre, appropriating \$194,530.92 to State College.

Mr. Esler, of Allegheny, providing that school districts may establish schools for foreigners.

Mr. Carson, of Beaver, to prevent fire insurance companies from forming combinations to restrict competition.

Mr. Thomas, of Bucks, repealing the act of May 2, 1899, to provide revenue by imposing a mercantile tax.

Mr. Riley, of Allegheny, authorizing the Governor to appoint a commission to survey the railways of the state.

Mr. Moyer, of Lebanon, providing that road supervisors of each township shall assess \$1 upon each taxable, in addition to the regular mileage.

### LOCALS.

The President nominated J. G. McCamant for postmaster at Tyrone.

After residing in Nelson, Tioga county, for several years, Dr. W. E. Park will locate at Sunbury.

Thirty-two fat hogs were slaughtered in one day by P. P. Leitzell, of Millheim, and shipped to the coal regions.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wagner, of New Bloomfield, were in Bellefonte last week to attend the funeral of Grant Pifer, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Wagner.

The Pennsylvania Telephone Company had all its polls numbered between Lewisport and Bellefonte. The work was done by Wm. Stump, of Millheim.

Merchant W. H. Meyer witnessed the inauguration of Governor Stuart, and from Harrisburg went to York where he remained until the latter part of last week.

In order to properly celebrate the fifth anniversary of John Olewine's embarkation in the hardware business, Mr. Olewine prepared a turkey dinner for the employees of the establishment.

Miles township will vote at the coming spring election as to whether they shall pay their road tax in cash or work. But two townships—Gregg and Rush—adopted the cash system last spring.

The Bellefonte hospital is so overcrowded that the nurses have been compelled to give up their private rooms in order to accommodate the many patients who have gone there for treatment.

John T. Noll, the decorator and painter, of Pleasant Gap, took advantage of the snow last week and came to Centre Hall where he purchased a fine Portland cutter from D. A. Booser. Michael Speicher, also of Pleasant Gap, is driving a Portland purchased from Mr. Booser.

Mrs. Lucy Henney and her father, J. O. Deisinger, Thursday of last week, went to Wilkesburg where they will remain for a month. While in that place they will be the guests of the latter's daughter, Mrs. James E. Stuart, who moved there recently from New Bloomfield.

Cornelius Bland, the hostler at the Centre Hall hotel, is a crack hog feeder, and succeeded in growing a hog to such a size that in order to weigh it correctly (?) it was necessary to swap steelyard pees. This done the hog weighed 710 pounds. Bland is the happiest man in town.

The members of Logan Grange, Pleasant Gap, will hold a conundrum supper, Friday evening of this week. The menu contains twenty-four edibles, besides "extras." The persons who patronize the supper will be able to satisfy the inner man long before the price of a square meal has been parted with.

### INCIDENTS OF 1879.

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.]

July 17—Mrs. B. D. Brisbin purchased from Wm. Wolf the Harpeter property, in this place, at \$725.

Michael Hettinger, of Gregg township, met with a fatal accident while driving a pair of horses in the neighborhood of the home of James Sweetwood. The bit on one of the horses broke, causing the driver to lose control of his team.

A fine new bell, from the Buckeye Works, Cincinnati, has been purchased for the Tusseyville Lutheran and Reformed church. The weight of the bell is 500 pounds, and the cost more than \$300.

A four year old son of Noah Stover, living at the gate west of Millheim, was run over by a large wagon that was on its way to the field for a load of grain. The wheel passed diagonally across the breast and face of the lad, with serious results.

The wheat crop in Penna Valley on an average will not be more than one-half a crop. There are many very exceedingly poor fields. In this neighborhood the only good field is on the farm of Benjamin Arney, who expects twenty bushels to the acre.

July 24—The Howard Iron Works were consumed by fire which was caused by a ladie containing 1600 pounds of metal upsetting.

July 31—A. P. Luse, carpenter, has just completed the erection of a new house for Wm. Colyer, at Colyer.

The Journal, at Millheim, announces that it will hereafter be printed in English instead of German.

A new brick school house is being erected near the toll gate, in Gregg township, west of Spring Mills.

Jacob Fredericks has his new dwelling house at Spring Mills under roof.

August 7—Residents in the vicinity of Farmers Mills, in Gregg township, will make an effort to have a post office established at that point.

Last week Moses Clark, with two small butts of horses, hauled 850 brick (4150 pounds) from the Centre Hall brick yard to Potters Mills to be used in the construction of the Thompson store building.

Tusseyville now has three mails per week—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

J. Henry Keller is erecting an observatory on top of Nittany Mountain, above Centre Hall.

Married—June 23, Samuel Page, of Rock Springs, and Miss Phoebe S. Gill, of Pleasant Gap. . . July 6, William Klinefelter and Miss Mary Beach, both of Potter township. . . June 30, Cyrus Trego, M. D., of Chester county, and Miss Maza J. Fry, of Lewisburg, formerly of near Aaronsburg. . . July 10, John W. Getz, of Lemont, and Miss Catharine A. Treasurer, of Linden Hall. . . July 20, Alvin Shuey and Miss Alice Aurand, both of Pleasant Gap. . . July 24, Clarence Gansallus and Miss Amelia Zettle, both of Spring Mills. . . July 24, Frank P. Fisher, of Orangeville, Illinois, and Miss Sarah E. Rote, of Aaronsburg.

### Closed or Open Bar?

Montgomery county lawyers who have closely looked into the provisions of the uniform primary act, declare the same to be void. They have also come to the conclusion that "perhaps" the law does not order saloons to be closed on every day primaries are held, but only the day specified in the act, which this year falls on January 26. In counties where the act is not put into force this winter, persons holding license are not certain whether or not the law is binding as to certain bars, but Montgomery county lawyers think it is best to close shops.

### Buying 7's and 8's.

There is a good demand for 7's and 8's at the Reporter office; in fact, it is surprising how many of the Reporter's subscribers are sporting those figures. It makes the reader feel good and the editor better to see a seven or an eight next following the name on the label. The supply on hand is equal to the demand. Take a look at your label and see what you have. Those who have already purchased these figures will find a change on their labels within a few weeks. Notice will be given in these columns of the event.

### Sugar Valley Insurance Co. Officers.

The directors elected by the Sugar Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company are as follows: T. R. Harter, J. C. Strohecker, Samuel Suiter, George Garbrick, Nelson Rowe, W. L. Shellenberger, E. A. Noll, S. L. Mull, Benjamin Zerbe, A. N. Heckman, A. E. Bartges, William Gummo. The directors then elected the following officers: President, T. R. Harter; vice president, J. C. Strohecker; secretary, W. A. Morris; treasurer, J. K. Heckman.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bartges are here from Wilmerding.

Three hundred and sixty-six marriage licenses were issued during the year 1906.

A. M. Brown last week sold his farm at Pennsylvania Furnace to J. C. Gates. The price paid was \$6,000.

The Lutheran congregation at State College was presented with a handsome individual communion service by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sibert.

On account of nervousness C. R. Snook, of Boonville, went to the Williamsport hospital for treatment. He is a son of J. C. Snook, of Millheim.

James Clark, of Benner township, will become a citizen of Bellefonte, having purchased the H. H. Harshbarger house on Penn street for \$2000.

R. E. Stover, of Aaronsburg, has decided to hand over the farm to his son, Milton, in order that he may be able to devote all his time to the sale of gasoline engines.

Jacob Lee is considering moving from Hellam, York county, to Harrisburg, and with a view of finding a location in that city spent several days in the state capital.

When passenger service begins on the railroad through Sugar Valley in the spring, it is proposed to lay over the trains at night at Loganton, making a round trip in the forenoon and one in the afternoon.

Saturday the Potter township auditors were called together to place a value on sheep of James Wert, near Tusseyville, killed by dogs. The damage done was appraised at \$45.00. Dogs come high, but they are a necessity, it appears.

On "Sand Knobs," in the Seven Mountains, south of Pine Grove Mills, the carcass of a deer was recently found by Harry Miller, who declares the animal was killed by wild cats. Mr. Miller set several traps to catch the cats, but failed to do so.

An accident resulting in the death of John S. Beck occurred at the Kistler tannery, Lock Haven. The man who is fifty six years of age fell into a vat filled with scalding hot liquid. He was removed as soon as possible, but was so horribly scalded that he died early the next morning.

A Reedsville correspondent writes to a Lewisport paper thus: Rev. C. W. Kishel, of Williamsport, arrived here the other day and has charge of the singing at the revival meetings each evening this week in the Methodist church. Rev. Kishel was to have been here last week but was detained by ill health.

In order that everything is set aright in the housekeeping line for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geary, at Altoona, four generations started from Tusseyville to that point, the latter part of last week. They were Great Grandmother Mariah Wagner, Grandmother M. F. Rossman, Mrs. Charles Geary and little daughter Lois.

At the annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company the following board of directors was elected: J. G. Goheen, Frank McFarlane, J. B. Strohm, Frank Fisher, Robert Reed, W. Fred Reynolds, H. E. Duck, G. B. Haines, Fred Kurtz, Z. D. Thomas, J. R. Brungart, George Mitchell. The board organized as heretofore.

Monkeying with a juror of Judge Hall's court is as dangerous as fooling with a buzz saw. A fine of fifty dollars was imposed on John Foley, a Renovo horse dealer, for having treated an impaneled juror at a hotel bar and making a remark about the case on trial. The juror was also withdrawn. Judge Hall evidently has decided to conduct the business of the court without outside influence.

Buying the Philadelphia Sunday Press means getting a splendid magazine—free! Fine stories, cleverly illustrated by authors like Conan Doyle and Anthony Hope. Spendid woman's department in The Press every day—weekdays and Sunday—Nothing's half as good anywhere else. All the news—sports are treated by experts. Read the Press every day and you will get all that's worth having.

Hon. Harry Shoemaker, of New York, and G. Scott Smith have sold The Jersey Shore Herald to Warren Robinson, of Danville, who for several years has been managing editor of The Morning News, of that place. Messrs. Shoemaker and Smith will remain in the newspaper business, having arranged to purchase The Bradford Record from Senator Lewis Emery. Mr. Shoemaker is known in Penna Valley, having made several pleasure tours through this section. Several years ago he was one of the secretaries to the American Embassy at Berlin, Germany.