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Marriage Licenses.

Emory Odem, Feidler.
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Freezing Frost.

Tuesday night the first damaging frost was experienced in this vicinity. The temperature during the night was thirty.

Smith, the Photographer.

W. W. Smith, the Photographer, will be in Centre Hall Friday, October 18.

Apples Wanted.

3000 bushels of hand-picked and windfall apples wanted at once.
C. P. LONG,
Spring Mills, Pa.

Dairy for Sale.

Twenty good cows. All in milk. Will freshen as follows: 1 in November, 2 in December, 2 in January, 4 in February, 4 in March, 3 in May, 4 not in calf. Price of the lot \$500.
J. P. WATTS,
Kermmoor, Pa.

Old Folks' Day.

Next Sunday will be observed as Old Folks' Day in the Methodist church at Sprucetown, at 10:30; Centre Hall, 2:30; Spring Mills, 7:30. Rev. P. F. Dyer, a supernannate of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, who resides at Bloomsburg, will preach morning and evening. The afternoon service at Centre Hall will consist of a literary program of song, readings and short addresses. Everybody cordially invited to these services.

Railroads at War.

When Bellefonte awoke Wednesday morning it found its population increased by about 500 workmen, who were transported to the county seat by the Pennsy over its L. & T. branch through Penns Valley, in the dead of night. The workmen at once began ripping up the tracks of the Nittany Valley Railroad Company in the vicinity of the furnace and put down their own. The court was out of town, consequently the aggrieved company, unable to secure an injunction, was obliged to stand by and fume.

Aaronsburg.

Mrs. Anna Swann and children, of Olean, N. Y., are paying their annual visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Limbert, Sr.
Mr. Miller, of Jonestown, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Donat.
Mrs. Eva Bell, of Bellefonte, and her son John and wife, of New Jersey, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hull, on North 2nd street.
Will Guisewite and wife spent part of the Sabbath at Coburn.
Edna Weaver and sister Ruth are spending a few weeks with their Grandfather Edmunds.
Miss Lizzie Edmunds is home from Scranton on a month's vacation.
Mrs. Herbert Hosterman, of Woodward, was in town a few days.
Misses Sara Guisewite and Katie Breen, C. G. and Mrs. Bright and their grandson John attended the Milton fair a few days last week.
Miss Lodie Wyle and a young man were guests of her brother, Harry Wyle, for a few days.

Nittany Mountain.

Mrs. William Houser is around again after several weeks illness.
John Houser is suffering from a bilious attack.
Mrs. Samuel Coble is slowly improving.
Mrs. A. G. Noll can hardly get around, owing to rheumatism in her limbs.
O. M. Lonbarger went to Boalsburg Saturday night on a coon hunt—that is raccoon. He captured two, one of which weighed twenty-one pounds.
The stork climbed the mountain several days ago and left a boy at the home of James Callahan. Mother and babe are both getting along well.
There were not many big reports from the hunters on the first day of the squirrel season. George and Duffy Noll succeeded in getting one squirrel and one pleasant. Duffy says they were very hard to kill. They must have been, judging from the number of shells that were gone.

THREE BARNS BURNED.

Engine Sets Fire to Hay Shed at Benjamin Kauffman Barn, near Zion.
Three large and well filled barns were wholly consumed by fire Monday noon, near Zion. They were the barns belonging to Benjamin Kauffman, Horace Kauffman and Henry Gerbrick.

The fire was started by a spark from the engine of a threshing outfit at the Benjamin Kauffman barn, the flames appearing on a hay shed standing near by, and just before the noon hour. There was a perfect gale blowing from the west at that time, and in an instant the flames were conveyed to the barn proper, which was reduced to ashes in a remarkably short time.

From the Kauffman barn the flames were carried to the Horace Kauffman barn, and it also was consumed.

From this barn the fire brands were blown to the Henry Gerbrick barn which was also burned.

There is an aggregate insurance on the three barns and contents of about \$9000 held in the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The Reporter's Register.

Mrs. P. W. Breen, Potters Mills
Besse C. Breen, Potters Mills
Floyd L. Palmer, Linden Hall
John Brooks, Linden Hall
Letha Lewis, Los Angeles, California
John Carper, Linden Hall
Flora M. Walker, Centre Hall
Elsie Stover, Centre Hall
Grace Stover, Centre Hall
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J. P. Bible, Centre Hill
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W. F. Colyer, Centre Hill
Jacob Detweiler, Farmers Mills
Dr. J. R. G. Allison, Centre Hall
Rosa and Vergie Kreitzer, Centre Hill
Mrs. Ed. Royer, Centre Hill
W. A. Reiber, Johnstown
Helen L. Liss, Centre Hall
Cora A. Liss, Centre Hall
Earl Smith, Potters Mills
Myrtle V. Jones, Johnstown
W. S. Kris, Johnstown
S. B. Hammer, Johnstown
James S. Reish, Potters Mills
Mrs. Ed. T. Jamison, Millheim
Master Miller Jamison, Millheim
Minnie E. Fye, Millheim
James P. Davis, Huron, S. D.
Cyrus Grove, Freeport, Illinois
James Osman, Wayne, Michigan
Hiram Osman, Altoona
L. F. Fulton, Osceola Mills

Look for It Next Week.

Next week, the issue bearing the date of October 17, will have a *Pink Label*. If you have paid subscription since August 20th, the credit should show on it. Watch for the *Pink Label*.

Stover-Sampell.

John W. Stover and Miss Ethel E. Sampell, both of Axe Mann, were united in marriage at the Reformed parsonage, Centre Hall, by Rev. Daniel Gress, Wednesday afternoon of last week. They began housekeeping at Axe Mann, and on the evening of their marriage took dinner in their home.

LOCALS.

A number of people from Centre Hall will attend the fair today (Thursday).

J. S. Rowe was home for a few days, but Wednesday went to Galeton, Potter county, where his firm is erecting crushers at present.

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Bieber, accompanied by G. H. Emerick, were guests at the home of the former's parents, near Milton, last week.

Mrs. S. J. Wolfe, of Spring Mills, has returned from eastern cities with a fine lot of millinery goods. All the latest styles at reasonable prices. The ladies are invited to call and see her stock.

Miss Elsie J. Decker, of Detroit, Mich., left Bellefonte Thursday of last week, accompanied by Miss Martha Decker to Altoona. During their stay in the latter city they were entertained by B. F. Boal and S. C. Decker.

Mrs. T. L. Moore and little son Frederick, Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew and little daughter, and Miss Gertrude Spangler, all of Centre Hall, spent a very enjoyable day at the M. E. parsonage at Spring Mills, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. McIlroy.

Porter Albright, of Milroy, who was thought to be a hale and hearty young man, aged about twenty-five years, died Thursday of last week. Interment was made at Reedsville, his former home. He leaves a wife, a bride of about a year, and a child less than a month old. He was known by many young people in Penns Valley.

The death of John Grove brought to Penns Valley one of its sons—Prof. Cyrus Grove—of whom she is proud, because of the splendid record he has made as a man in educational affairs. Prof. Grove is at present the county superintendent of Stephenson county, Illinois, and is filling the office so successfully that he ought to become a permanent fixture in that position. Before his election, for in Illinois the county superintendent of schools is elected by popular vote, he was principal of the Orangeville schools, and he still retains Orangeville as his home. He has been in Illinois for twenty years, and during that time came home frequently to visit his parents, but little time was spent elsewhere except at the parental home on these trips.

CORRUPTION
RAMPANT ON
"THE HILL."

All Officialdom in Harrisburg is Putrid in Vice and Crime.

RASCALITY SANCTIONED

Big and Little Abuses Go On Under the Eyes of High Officials.—Promises of Reform Without Performances Admonish People, Only Remedy is Election of John G. Harman.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 9.
There are plenty of opportunities for reform on "The Hill," without waiting for the court proceedings in the graft cases. In fact Mr. Berry has just inaugurated a new line of improvement in the public service. It isn't a matter of vast importance but it is a "straw" which indicates the course and measures the velocity of the reform wind in official life. In fact you can sometimes get more information from small things than can be obtained from larger affairs. The smaller a crime the meaner it is at least some times.

Public patronage is the currency used by professional politicians to bribe men to perform political crimes. It was "the mysterious influence which changed a minority into a majority over night" in the convention which nominated Pennypacker for Governor in 1902. It was on account of the potentiality of this force in that way that offices have been multiplied so rapidly in recent years. The corrupt State Highway Department is the spawn of that evil. The Bureau of Vital Statistics was created on that account and new and needless clerkships were authorized in all of the Departments in order to supply places for dependent politicians.

This "thirst for place" developed the evil which Mr. Berry has just attacked. It is an expedient to make one office satisfy two men. The plan is as simple as the practice is contemptible. For example there is an office which pays \$5 a day. A man in Pittsburg or Philadelphia or elsewhere is appointed to the place. He remains at home attending to his own affairs and employs a resident of Harrisburg to perform the work for \$2 a day. The appointee has a "padding." The substitute enjoys a "snap."

How Official Grafters Help the Party.

Both these agents of the "system" work their relatives and friends for the party. The \$2 a day man in Harrisburg who does the work has a large family, as a rule, and not too easy a time making ends meet. His relatives hustle to "hold his job." He never gives him a butcher and hakes who will serve him are interested. The \$3 a day man elsewhere "tolls" neither does he spin, but he chews the string of the padding and enjoys the luxury of "easy money." Of course he works every possible means to continue the source of graft.

The law forbids this "farming" of public patronage and Mr. Berry has given notice that he will pay no employees who perform no work. He is entirely willing to pay the substitute the full salary of the office because the law provides for it. But he is not willing to furnish the shysters with money coined from the sweat of the faces of others. The decision has created consternation among the beneficiaries of the "system." Every last man of them is ready to denounce Mr. Berry as a meddler. They are a unit against John G. Harman who would pursue the same wholesome policy.

The office holders are having other troubles at present, moreover. The collector of "voluntary contributions" is working the employees just now with a rigor never before witnessed. Within the last ten days every official on "The Hill" has been notified to pay a percentage of his salary into the campaign corruption fund. This is a good deal of a burden every year but this year it is worse than usual. Living is expensive and in addition to the contribution the clerk has to pay expenses of a trip home to register and another to vote.

The Public Printing Conspiracy.

I have referred on two or three occasions to the State Printing job but thus far have been able to discover no signs that the reform impulses of the Governor have turned his energies toward the correction of this abuse. The present State Printer was the highest bidder for that juicy plum instead of the lowest, as the law requires. The way it happened was this. Four or five men or firms bid for the contract and each deposited a bond for the performance of the work in the event the award was to him. The lowest bidder got the contract and the bonds of the others were returned to them.

Thus far the law had been scrupulously complied with. But the scheme was set in at once. The lowest bidder made some absurd excuse for refusing to accept the award and it was offered to the next lowest bidder who also declined and the process was continued until the highest bidder was reached who got the contract at an exorbitant figure. One would have thought that the forfeited bond would in some measure recompense the State for the difference in the rate between the highest and lowest bid. But no such result followed. The "system" never contemplates recompense to the State for anything.

Here is what actually occurred. The forfeited bond was promptly returned to the delinquent bidder, notwithstanding the legal obligation to hold it, and the highest bidder was declared State Printer. He simply let one of the lower bidders take up

the work and, it is alleged and I believe, not only he but two of the other bidders get a rake off while the State "pays the freight." It is clearly a conspiracy to rob the State. There could hardly be a clearer case of collusion and yet the Governor takes no steps to stop the crime.

The Legislative Record Job.

Reference has also been made in a previous letter to the corrupt collusion in awarding the contract to print the Legislative Record for the session of 1907. On the day fixed for letting that contract the printer who received it was in the inner office of the officer of the Senate who made the award and another printer sat in the anteroom. About a minute before the time for opening bids the official approached the man in the anteroom and asked if he had a bid to submit. He replied in the negative, the official returned to his office, and soon afterward announced that the contract had been awarded to the only bidder.

The contract price under the award thus made was nearly three times what the work had been done for the previous session. Of course that is not in itself an evidence of either conspiracy or collusion. But it is alleged that during the period between which the official had spoken to the man in the anteroom and the announcement of the letting the bid had been changed and the price nearly doubled. In other words the bidder having been informed that he was the only bidder and that the award would be to him however exorbitant his price, changed the figures to a price which was little short of grand larceny.

The corridor gossip concerning this conspiracy got so insistent, during the session, that an investigation was ordered by the House of Representatives. Representative Haggood of McKean county was made Chairman of the Investigating committee. He was informed of all the facts and even had a conversation with the man in the anteroom at the time of the letting. But he reported that while the price was high there was no evidence of collusion and besides the publisher had promised to make a better "Record" than any of his predecessors. It may have been only a coincidence that Mr. Haggood was elected President of the State League of Republican Clubs a few days ago.

All the Departments Are Putrid.

The fact is that every Department of the State government is rotten with corruption. There are not only an excessive number of employees in every office but there is grafting everywhere. The Highway Department makes no contracts for road building or improvement that does not yield a bonus to somebody on the inside. The Health Department has become a veritable asylum for political pensioners. Not long ago the son of an influential citizen of this town came home from school to spend his seven weeks' vacation. He was immediately given employment in the Health Department. After standing around the office for two weeks he was given a "vacation" of three weeks on full pay. Then he returned, worked two weeks and went back to school. He enjoyed a lucrative rest at the expense of the State. But it looks as if that is what the Health Department is for.

Meantime we hear much about prosecuting the capitol grafters and nothing concerning these other looters who are working like rats in a cheese cellar. They tell us that Governor Stuart is a model of official integrity and that he will purge not only the State but the party, of crooks and corruptionists. But what merit is there in promises in the absence of performances. The talk of the prosecution of the capitol grafters is declamation to the galleries. A year ago the boast was that the insurance grafters would be fitly punished. They made us almost imagine Durham in prison stripes. But there has been no prosecution of the insurance grafters. Durham is still the Party leader of Philadelphia and the Republican committee of Chester county, the other day, set Auditor General Snyder up as an exemplar of political morals and civic virtue.

The Machine Can't Reform.

You might as well try to bleach linen by plunging it into a pitch bath, as to reform the official life of Pennsylvania while the Republican machine is in control. The managers of that organization are compelled to continue their iniquities. With them it is graft or gravel. If they can't remain in office they must go to prison and they have debauched the electorate to such an extent that most of their voters have to be bought. Vast sums of money are necessary to buy their majorities. Ballot box stuffing is a hazardous enterprise now and bidders demand compensation according to the hazard. The remedy is in the election of John G. Harman to the office of State Treasurer. Berry began the work of political regeneration and Harman will complete it. G. D. H.

John O. Sheatz was never a reformer either in the Legislature or out. In the Legislature he voted for some of the most iniquitous measures and out of it he has supported some of the most notoriously bad men. Two years ago, for example, when all reformers were aligned against J. Lee Plummer, Sheatz stood with the machine. To rank him as a reformer is not only absurd but it is actually dishonest.

We rise to remark that nearly a month has elapsed since John G. Harman challenged John O. Sheatz to discuss the question of minority representation on the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings and there has been no reply to the challenge. The delay indicates that Mr. Sheatz's mental machinery works entirely too slow to be effective in the office of State Treasurer.

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Bulletin

BALTIMORE OLD HOME WEEK

Maryland is sending invitations to her sons and daughters scattered everywhere to come to a grand reunion, and is making extensive preparations to give them, when they come, a week of right royal entertainment.

New Baltimore, sprung Phoenix-like from the ashes of the fire of 1904, will make Old Home Week, October 13 to 19, one continual round of patriotic and civic display.

There will be an electrical pageant, a magnificent military and naval display, a gathering of patriotic societies, a parade and ball by the fraternal orders, a big concert, and a night carnival.

There will also be a special pilgrimage to Annapolis on "Peggy Stewart Day," Saturday, October 19, when visitors will have an opportunity to inspect the magnificent new buildings of the United States Naval Academy and the remodeled State House, so full of historic associations.

The Homecomers will have the advantage of specially low railroad rates. The Pennsylvania Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Baltimore, October 12 to 14, good for return passage until October 21, inclusive, from all stations on its lines north and east of Shrewsbury, Principio, and Port Deposit, at a considerable reduction from the regular fare.

Every former Marylander, whose address is known, will receive a special invitation, issued by Governor Warfield, and the whole week will thrill with the hospitality for which the Old Line State is so famous.

For exact rates, conditions of tickets, and train service, consult nearest Ticket Agents.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Presbyterian—Spring Mills, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon.
Reformed—Centre Hall, morning; Tusseyville, afternoon.
Lutheran—Georges Valley, morning; Union, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.
[Appointments not given here have not been reported to this office.]

How to Cure a Cold.

The question of how to cure a cold without unnecessary loss of time is one in which we are all more or less interested, for the quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger of pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., has used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years and says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by The Star Store, Centre Hall; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; C. W. Swartz, Tusseyville.

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GRAIN MARKET.

Eye..... 70
Barley..... 52
Wheat..... 95
Oats..... 50
Corn..... 70

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Lard..... 09
Butter..... 23
Potatoes..... 67
Eggs..... 25

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE—LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the estate of Benjamin Ripka, late of Greeg township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned he would respectfully request any persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.
DANIEL RIFKA, Executor,
Spring Mills, Pa.