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PROHIBITION IN THE SOUTH.

Local Option the Most Complete and Justest of all Methods as a Present Solution of the Liquor Question.

Knoxville, a city of about 60,000 population, went "dry" on November 1, leaving only three cities and one town in Tennessee where intoxicants may be legally sold. It is predicted that the next legislation will make prohibition absolute throughout the State. Prohibition takes effect in Georgia on and after January 1. Vigorous anti-license campaigns are pending in several Southern municipalities, the last to adopt it being the important city of Birmingham, Alabama. The approach to State prohibition by way of local option seems to be the favorite method of dealing with the liquor question, and the populous areas in which the sale of liquor is interdicted by law are very extensive in the aggregate.

The committee of fifty, composed of eminent sociologists and publicists, who reported some years ago on the "Liquor Problem in its Legislative Aspects," said that sumptuary legislation which is not supported by local public sentiment "is apt to prove locally impotent or worse," and that the main advantage of local option is that the same public opinion that determines the question of license or no license is at the back of the local officials who administer the system decided upon. The Missouri system, which permits a vote to be taken at any time (but not within 60 days of any State or municipal election) on the demand of one-tenth of the voters, the vote not being taken often than once in four years, was characterized as the "most complete and justest of all."

The committee noted that under local option many persons, not prohibitionists, habitually vote for no license in the place where they live or where their business is conducted; and the significant observation was made that such persons can get their supplies from neighboring places where license prevails. "If these supplies should be cut off they might vote differently." "Whatever may be the explanation for the heavy vote recorded against license under the local option plan, the popularity of this method of securing local prohibition is greatly in evidence, particularly in the South."

Teach Peace in Public Schools.

"Teach the children to abhor war, instill in their minds proper ideals of life and heroism, and you will do much toward obtaining permanent and universal peace." Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State superintendent of public instruction, told the public school teachers of Luzerne county when he addressed them at their annual institute last week.

He outlined four ways in which teachers may do this: Emphasize the arts of peace above the art of war. Instill proper ideals of life and heroism in the children's minds.

Distinguish the wars for principle and humanity from the wars of tribute, for booty, for territorial aggrandizement and for the gratification of personal ambition.

Teach not only the Monroe Doctrine, but the arrangement made in Monroe's administration, by which armaments have been limited along the Canadian border and war has been prevented between the United States and Great Britain.

Old Home Day at Logan Grange.

Logan Grange, at Pleasant Gap, will hold an "Old Home" meeting in their hall, Saturday, November 16, at 2 p. m. Prof. Van Norman, of the Dairy Department and Master of Washington Grange, and Alva Agee, of the Agricultural Department of State College, will deliver addresses on grange work and the advantages to the farmer of today offered by the state.

Members of the grange in the past whose names are not now on the books, are especially invited. Also the members, and anyone wishing to hear the addresses. Come and fill the house. Admission free.

Keith's Theatre.

The first vaudeville appearance of Mme. Zelle De Lussan, the internationally famous grand opera prima donna is the principal occurrence at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. Lalla Sabini, "the Parisian bathing beauty," is appearing in various numbers. Cliff Gordon, the best dialect master in America, is giving an interesting monologue on the German politician. The children are rejoicing over the return of "Polly Pickles Pets in Petland." Stella Mayhew, the famous comedienne, who sings American songs so delightfully, is assisted by Billee Taylor. One of the chief entertainers is Jean Marcel, the famous French artist, and his beautiful living art studies.

Money is the root of all evil, and most of us are rooters.

Birthday Celebration.

Despite the inclement weather of Saturday, the 2nd of November, over twenty persons gathered to congratulate Mrs. Rosanna Williams, of Lemont, on having passed the eighty-seventh milestone in her life. This aged lady is still able to move about the house briskly and reads and sews without glasses.

She received many beautiful remembrances from neighbors and kin both far and near, some coming from Wyoming and the Sunny South. She had the unusual pleasure of having with her on this occasion her nephew, Rev. Christian Summy, and his wife, of the German Reformed church, Everett, Bedford county.

The neighbors and relatives came with baskets of provisions, which all enjoyed at the noon hour. After dinner Rev. Summy gave a very touching address and prayer, and all joined in singing, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The following were present: Rev. and Mrs. Summy, Rev. and Mrs. Black, Mrs. Sarah Eiters, Mrs. Julia Shuey, Mr. and Mrs. John Eiters, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Roan, Mrs. Carrie Dale, Mrs. J. C. Eiters, Misses Sarah Williams, Louise and Mary Thomas, Angeline McBride, Pearl and Ruth Martz, Mrs. Norris Martz, Mrs. James Martz, Trenton, N. J.

From McConnell, Ill.

A few market quotations and report of crop conditions in Illinois will be well received by the readers. They came from J. Henry Jordan, of McConnell, Ill., date of October 30:

Please send me a set of your local views post cards, as I am anxious to see the familiar places about Centre Hall, it having been seven years since I was east.

We have had a pretty good year for crops. Oats was not so good; the corn is fair but not ready to crib, but by next week the work will begin. Will quote a few prices:

Wheat 55c, oats 46c, corn 55c, rye 80c, barley 75c, hay \$10, potatoes 70c, hogs \$5.60 per cwt., cattle \$3.00 to \$5.25 per cwt. You will see by these figures that farmers can get along pretty well.

Granting Licenses and Preliminaries.

The following is taken from the Court Calendar of Centre county:

Hearing of applications for liquor license for the year 1908, and each year thereafter, is fixed for Saturday, the second week of the December term of Court.

Last day for filing petitions for liquor license for year 1908, November 22.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Centre Hall postoffice, November 1st, 1907: Miss Medie Gingery, Miss Iva Taylor, Mr. George E. Weaver, Mr. F. T. Lloyd, G. S. Garth & Co. When calling for these letters please say they are advertised.

G. M. EOAL, P. M.

Smith Farm Sold.

Mrs. Eliza Smith, at Centre Hill, sold her farm containing about one hundred and ten acres, to her son Lloyd Smith, of Altoona. The sum said to have been paid was \$5000. Mr. Smith will take charge of the farm next spring, at which time the mother will vacate the premises.

Taxable Personal Property.

The various assessors throughout Pennsylvania have returned personal property valued at \$1,014,857,787.40, which is an increase of eighty-two millions over 1906. The increase in Centre county is \$124,565.

Thanksgiving Day supper.

As has been their custom for a number of years, the members of Progress Grange will give a supper on Thanksgiving Day, in Grange Arcadia.

Letter Boxes Must be Approved.

The post office department has given rural route mail carriers strict orders concerning the use of mail boxes not approved by the department. The department's instructions are that mail carriers shall not place mail of any character in such boxes. At first thought one might come to the conclusion that a home-made box, although rude, of acceptable to the patron, ought to be recognized by the department, but when it is known that the tampering with a rural route mail box, that has been passed on by the department, or with the mail in it, is an offense of no less degree than if the depredation had been committed in a postoffice, it is readily seen that the government wants mail receptacles of uniform standard. There is no use of quibbling, the only thing to do is to put up the proper box, or go to the distributing office for your mail.

It doesn't require much strength to break a promise.

LOOKING FOR POISON.

Body of Edgar Nearhoff Exhumed—Chemist Will Analyze Stomach.

A short time ago the body of Edgar Nearhoff was exhumed, the stomach removed and placed in the hands of County Coroner C. P. W. Fisher, who will have it analyzed by an efficient chemist with the view of proving or disproving the suspicion that death was caused by administering poison.

Nearhoff was a resident of Hannah, and died August 31st, after an illness of less than a day, during which time he suffered violent pains in the back of his head. He and Annie Marks, of Port Matilda, were married against the wishes of some of the bride's family, so the story is told. After the marriage the couple went to the parents of the groom, and in a week or so were invited to come to the home of the bride's parents. The invitation was accepted, and after the arrival of the pair, the groom was given a drink of whiskey, which, it is claimed, sickened him, and later more of the spirits were drunk by the man. Death ensued the following morning.

The foundation for the belief that the whiskey contained poison is not known by the writer, but such was the case at the time of the death of the young man, and gradually the belief began to grow until the action referred to was taken by the coroner.

The pastor of the Evangelical church was highly interested in accomplishing the beginning of this investigation, and through him a subscription was circulated to secure means to defray the expenses of the preliminaries.

LOCALS.

Insurance Agent Jamison, of Spring Mills, was in town Monday.

Thomas Shoemaker has purchased the Reeder house in Bellefonte, the consideration being \$8,000.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kerr, Thursday of last week, went to Millburg, and from there will go to Williamsport.

Mrs. W. H. Kreamer returned from a three months' visit to Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, and is highly pleased with her trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lutz, with their three children, of Winburn, Kan., are greeting their many old friends about Pine Grove Mills, after an absence of seventeen years.

A. P. Hosterman has returned from a trip to Detroit, Michigan, where he visited his son, Dr. J. K. Hosterman. He also stopped at many other points, and met old friends. He was much pleased with his trip.

John Rubie returned to Ashtabula, Ohio, beginning of this week and will resume his work with the Hoover & Mason Company, builders of electric ore loaders. Joseph Rubie, a brother, is one of the superintendents of the concern.

The Chemical Line Company, of Bellefonte, has its plant about ready for operation. The company is composed of Messrs. John Walker, John Olewine, A. C. Mingle, Archie Allison and Andrew McNitt, all enterprising business men.

Miss Roxanna Brisbin is back from Philadelphia where she had been for several months in a millinery establishment. Before returning home she stopped in Harrisburg and other points, and was accompanied here by Miss Eva Johnson, of Harrisburg.

Mervin S. Betz, of Jacksonville, sold to Thomas A. Shoemaker, of Bellefonte, and Rembrandt Peal, of Cambria county, the limestone on his farm located in Marion township, near his home. The consideration was \$9000. Mr. Betz retained the land on which is still a nice farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Rossman are up from York and are at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bible, at Centre Hill. Mrs. Rossman has not been in good health, and came to the conclusion that a visit to the old home would do her much good. Mr. Rossman will also remain for a week or more.

Rev. Christian Summy, of Everett, Bedford county, delivered a very able sermon in Pine Hall German Reformed church Sunday morning, and assisted Rev. Black in administering communion to a large class. He also preached in the Lemont Presbyterian church in the evening. He was a classmate of Rev. Black.

After a continuous absence from Centre county for thirty years, Jacob Thomas put in an appearance a short time ago, and while in Centre Hall was the guest of his brother, Aaron Thomas. He left Penns Valley forty years ago and located at Alton, Effingham county, Illinois, where he remained until about six years ago, at which time he went to New Mexico, where he is engaged in the nursery business. Mrs. Thomas came east as far as Ohio, in which state is her old home. Mr. Thomas crossed the Rocky Mountains for the sixth time, but thinks this will be his last trip east.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked up from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

Millheim Journal.

Mrs. D. J. Koch, of Sunbury, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Meyer.

Miss Maude Stover, of Lamar, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Gutellus, Saturday.

Mrs. Hattie Adams, of Renovo, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Emerick, last week.

S. H. Alter, one of the employees of the Williamsport Evening News, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Jacob Alter.

Mrs. J. W. Adams and daughter, Helen, of Huntingdon, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Adams' sister, Mrs. D. L. Geary, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver and children, of Clintondale, spent several days during the past week with relatives and friends in this place and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stoner, of Tusseyville, spent Sunday with relatives in Millheim. Mrs. W. H. Smith, who had spent a week at the Stoner home, accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hartman, of Williamsport, and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hartman and daughter, of Ocoola, are visiting relatives and friends in this place this week.

Charles F. Miller moved his family from Jeannette to this place last week and now occupies a house on West Main street. Millheim is Charley's native place and his many friends are glad to welcome him back again.

Bellefonte Daily News.

Rev. Sidney Winter has declined the call to the St. John's Episcopal church in Bellefonte.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Christ Bezer and Miss Mary Kelley, which will take place on Thursday, November 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Stitzer drove over to Centre Hall to pay a friendly visit to their aunt, Mrs. Phoebe Yearick, widow of Thomas Yearick, deceased.

John Bair, who for the past eighteen years has been one of the efficient mail carriers, will lay aside the mail sack and take up a clerical position in the post office. He will be succeeded on the mail route by John Garthoff.

The Bellefonte hospital is being completed as rapidly as possible, and it will not be many more weeks until it will be ready for occupancy. The hospital is over crowded with patients and the final work on the new addition will be halted with delight by the matron and the nurses who have had a good deal to contend with during the last few months.

State College Times.

Miss Josephine Womer and Charles Womer, who have been seriously ill of pneumonia, have improved.

Prof. H. V. Egbert, a graduate of the Western Reserve University, is one of the new members of the instructing force in the engineering department of the college.

Capt. J. M. Kepler, of Pine Grove Mills, who has been quite ill the past week, suffering from a general breakdown, is convalescing.

Very Old Building Torn Down.

Probably the oldest building in Haines township, if not in Centre county, was razed last week on the property of E. J. Hinds, near Fiedler, says the Journal. It was built of pine logs, the logs having a hewn surface of 18 to 22 inches, and was one and one-half stories high. The floor of the building was double, made out of one and one-half inch plank, some being twenty-four inches in width. All the lumber in the building was in first-class condition and will be used to erect another building near the former site, the hewn logs having been sawed into plank. The building had been used as a tannery more than a hundred years ago. Frederick Weaver, father of Israel Weaver, of Aronsburg, occupied it more than ninety years ago and wove blankets there that are today ancient heirlooms in many a family in Penns and Brush Valleys. The land around the building had never been cultivated and the place had no doubt been used at some time as a trading post with the Indians, as numerous arrow points, breast pins, bells and other trinkets have been found in the building. On the farm adjoining Mr. Hinds' land, occupied by J. D. Stover, were planted the first apple trees in Penns Valley.

424th Anniversary.

Sunday will be the four hundred and twenty-fourth anniversary of the birth of the reformer, Martin Luther. Many of the churches that bear his name will celebrate the event. The Sunday school connected with the Lutheran church at Centre Hall will devote a half hour to praise the name of the founder of Lutheranism.

"BEN-HUR"

Gen. Lew Wallace's World-Famous Religious Spectacle to be Presented in Altoona.

After eight years of patient waiting Altoona at last is going to have an opportunity to enjoy General Wallace's great play, "Ben Hur." It is to be staged at the New Mishler Theatre, for an entire week, Nov. 18 to 23rd inclusive. Matinee performances will be given on Wednesday and Saturday during the week.

"Ben-Hur" has proven the sensation of the century in stage spectacle. No approaching it in gorgeousness and massiveness has ever been attempted in America. The organization presenting the spectacle numbers more than 300 people, including 100 singers and dancers, and exclusive of the working staff of stage carpenters, machinists, electricians, millwrights and livestock trainers and attendants. The company carries twenty-two blooded horses and three camels. The working staff numbers seventy-three people. An advance staff of mechanics have now possession of the stage of the New Mishler Theatre and are busy placing it in readiness for the great chariot race, in which eight horses run at top speed in full view of the audience.

The sale of seats for "Ben-Hur" will open Thursday, Nov. 14. Prices will range from 50c to \$2.00. Mail orders accompanied with remittance will receive prompt attention, and should be addressed to Mr. I. C. Mishler, Manager of the New Mishler Theatre, Altoona, Pa.

Swartz-Robb.

Wednesday evening of last week, at 6 o'clock, Miss Clara Robb, daughter of Mrs. Alice Robb, of Bellefonte, and Thomas S. Swartz, of Tusseyville, were united in the bonds of matrimony in Baltimore, by Rev. Zimmerman, pastor of the Lutheran church of that city, says the Daily News.

Both young people are well known throughout the county and their many friends are glad to hear of the happy event. Miss Robb is an accomplished, pretty young lady, and for some time has been an accommodating Commercial telephone operator. The groom is a well known young man and has been associated with his brother, Charles W. Swartz, in the mercantile business at Tusseyville.

Following the ceremony the happy couple departed on a wedding tour to the Jamestown Exposition, Washington, D. C., and other places throughout the South. They expect to make their future home in Pittsburg.

Doubled Money on Real Estate.

A few years ago B. D. Brisbin purchased the Bitner property, consisting of a dwelling house, stable and several acres of land, including the old tannery, and a short time ago it was sold to Cook Hubler and his son-in-law, Irvin Showers. The property was then divided, the dwelling house and stable being retained by Mr. Hubler, and the upper part of the parcel going to Mr. Showers, who is now excavating the foundation for a new dwelling. Mr. Brisbin sold his holding for just twice what he paid for it.

Ready for Business.

Philip C. Frank, of near Centre Hill, has successfully passed the examination before the Pennsylvania State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and is now fully entitled to practice his profession. He has for some time practiced veterinary dentistry, but his diploma now makes him a full fledged veterinary surgeon. You will find his card in this issue of the Reporter, and if you have need for his services give him a call.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Lionel Shay, to Mathius Walker, Oct. 22, 1907, 5 acres in Howard twp.; consideration \$400.

Mathius Walker, et ux to Mathius Walker, Jr., May 14, 1907, 63 8-4 perches in Haines twp.; consideration \$5.00.

Lillie G. Reeder, et ux to J. A. Way, Jan. 31, 1906, two tracts of land, 106 1/2 acres, in Union twp.; consideration \$1100.

John W. Sale, et ux to H. H. Tressler, Oct. 23, 1907, two tracts of land, 60 acres, 231 perches, in College twp.; consideration \$1200.

H. H. Tressler, et ux to John W. Sale, Oct. 23, 1907, 64 rods in College twp.; consideration \$600.

Geo. O. Symmonds, et ux to Mrs. Jane C. Rothrock, Oct. 26, 1907, lot 37 perches, in Bush Addition, Bellefonte; consideration \$721.80.

Catherine Miller, to Thomas Miller, Sept. 23, 1890, 1 acre, 12 perches, in Patton twp.; consideration \$1.00.

Mary Ann Zettle, to Mary A. Gill, May 15, 1886, 1 acre, 136 perches, in Spring twp.; consideration \$100.

Jane Harper, et ux to John Davison, Oct. 2, 1907, premises in Spring twp.; consideration \$450.

Barbara Stoner, et al to Thomas F. Stoner, May 11, 1906, tract of land in Haines twp.; consideration \$1.00.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Most things are going up, but writing paper still remains stationary.

Milton Kunes is the new postmaster at Blanchard. He succeeds D. B. Kunes who resigned.

A Bradford county judge has decided that fish in a private pond can be taken only in the legal way and during the open season.

John Thomas, of near Loganton, has been seriously ill for some time. Aaron Thomas, a brother, visited him beginning of this week.

Mrs. John Mentzer, of Burnt Cabins, visited Rev. and Mrs. G. W. McIlroy, in Spring Mills, for a short time last week. She is an old time friend of both.

Newton E. Emerick, of Wall, came to Centre Hall the latter part of last week. He comes to Centre Hall to attend to a little matter of which substitutes always make a failure.

Attorneys S. D. Gettling and D. W. Zerby were in Centre Hall Monday morning on business. They are among the leading attorneys in Centre county, and always have a great deal of business before the court.

Hon. L. Rhone, Miss Florence Rhone, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bradford, Misses Emma McCoy, Grace Smith, Verna and Elsie Geise, last week went to the "House of Lords" on Nittany Mountain for a day's outing.

After acting in the capacity of operator in the Millheim Bell telephone exchange for a period of six years, Miss Mayme Miller threw down the cords last Thursday. "Hello! Bill Anderson!" she'll be calling next.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is now making an effort to more than ever enforce the order prohibiting the use of the railroad as a highway for personal convenience. The order is just, as many lives have been lost on account of the disobedience of the public.

Mrs. Carter, sister of Mrs. W. E. Tate, died at her home at McKeysport, Mr. and Mrs. Tate attended the funeral, returning beginning of this week. Her maiden name was Wasson, formerly from Lemont. Her death was sudden, and was due to pneumonia.

John Spicher and daughter, Miss Carrie, who closed their house three months ago to visit among friends in various parts of the state, returned home Saturday. It was Mr. Spicher's longest absence from home, and although he enjoyed the trip very much, home is the sweetest place for him.

Rev. G. W. McInlay left Wednesday for a week's visit in Philadelphia. The pulpits on the west end of his charge will be vacant next Sabbath. The second quarterly Conference held in August voted this pastor two weeks vacation, one week of which was taken several months ago, and the second is being taken now.

Increase in pensions were granted the past week to John B. McKean, of Howard; John Hook, Boalsburg; James Galbraith, Linden Hall; Isaiah Coplin, Phillipsburg; William Rosman, Nittany; Michael Fravel, Blanchard; Henry Swartz, Phillipsburg; Thomas Taylor, Milesburg, and Shuman Lyons and John H. Anderson, of Bellefonte.

The property of the late William Condo was sold at Aaronsburg to the following purchasers: F. P. Bower, house and lot, for \$1000; Charles E. Stover, 8 acres and 105 perches of land at \$80.50 per acre; George Homan, 7 acres and 14 perches of land, at \$90 per acre, and 19 acres and 24 perches of mountain land was sold to George W. Keister for \$3.50 per acre.

The Millburg Telegraph contained the following: D. S. Myers, the efficient and courteous foreman at the Millburg Creamery Co., who recently went to the Williamsport Hospital for treatment, has returned home greatly benefited. This is gratifying news to his many warm friends in this place, as Mr. Myers is one of our most highly esteemed citizens.

The brick work on the dwelling house being erected by Jacob Sharer, east of Centre Hall, is completed. The work was performed by A. J. Oaman, and was done in a remarkably short time, the weather having been favorable from the start. The structure presents a fine appearance, and no one looks upon well executed work with more pride than does bricklayer Oaman.

By the breaking of a plank at the Taylor coal yards, Bellefonte, William Rhinesmith was pretty badly hurt and made a narrow escape from losing his life. He was unlocking a hopper underneath a mammoth coal car, and the breaking of the plank prevented him from reaching a point of safety. The coal from the car rushed on him and besides inflicting numerous bruises almost suffocated him.