



GOOD ROAD CAMPAIGN.

Policy of Construction Favored by National Grange.—The Government's Aid is Wanted.

The national grange, an organization of farmers in twenty-seven states, with an aggregate membership of nearly 1,000,000, has for a number of years advocated the enactment by congress of legislation creating a national highway commission and making liberal appropriations for the improvement of the public roads. During the past year the grange has perfected plans for conducting a widespread, systematic, educational campaign for the purpose of showing the urgent necessity for the adoption of a broad, comprehensive policy of public highway improvement by the various township, county and state authorities and to induce the national government to lend its assistance to a movement to secure the establishment of a complete system of properly constructed roads in all sections of the United States.

It is contended by the members of the grange that the improvement of our highways is fully as deserving of federal appropriations as is the improvement of our waterways and that the work of the proposed national highway commission would greatly stimulate the construction of better roads by the various states, counties and townships. The splendid road system of France, admitted to be the best in the world, is declared to be due chiefly to the road policy of the French national government, under which a corps of highly trained engineers plan and direct the work of constructing and maintaining the principal roads of that country.

The deplorable condition of most of the roads in the United States, probably the worst in any civilized country, is generally recognized, and it is urged by the grange that it is high time that action should be taken by the national government to bring order out of the existing chaotic conditions and substitute a scientific policy of road construction and improvement for the haphazard methods which now prevail to so large an extent.

Republican campaign managers are naturally a little apprehensive that the remission of the fine on the Standard Oil Company may have undesired political results. There are other issues a good deal closer to the people than this, and it would be easy to exaggerate the effect of the spectacular penalty imposed by Judge Landis and the reversal of his action by the Appellate tribunal. But, of course, if the impression became general that the big lawbreaker could not be punished under a Republican Administration and by Republican Judges it would stimulate the popular desire for a Democratic Administration and the appointment of a few Democrats to the Bench.

It would be impossible to say anything worse of the judiciary than the President said when he expressed the opinion that the fine imposed upon the Standard Oil Company would not have been reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals had the appellant been insignificant. If the President is right, Judges Beaman, Groscup and Baker should be impeached. If he is not, we have no comment to make except that Mr. Roosevelt ought not to have said it.

Professor Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau in Washington, who is also a member of the Typographical Union, says Judge Taft is going to satisfactorily define his position on the labor question and completely counteract the efforts of Samuel Gompers. There is no doubt that all Government employees in the labor unions who enjoy fat salaries are quite satisfied in advance with Judge Taft's position. With the others it is different.

Norman E. Mack is a man of character and force, thoroughly familiar with politics, especially in New York, and entirely loyal to Mr. Bryan. His selection as chairman of the Democratic National Committee is an assurance of an energetic and judicious campaign, and it creates reasonable hopes of carrying the Empire State.

Old Centre remains true in Democratic politics. Its delegate to the National Convention, N. B. Spangler, Esq., was a straight-out Bryan man at Denver and was also on hand to assert himself, and County Chairman W. D. Zerby stood with the anti-Guffey ranks at the Democratic committee meeting held at Harrisburg recently.

The formal notification meeting for Mr. Bryan will take place at his home, Fairview, on August 12.

Mr. Kern will be notified at Indianapolis early in September. Mr. Bryan will attend the Kern notification meeting.

MRS. AUMAN TAKES HER LIFE

At Peru, by Swallowing a Dose of Arsenic.—Family Trouble Supposed to be the Cause for the Rash Act.

Another person by a rash act ends life, and domestic troubles are said to have led a young woman to commit the deed.

Mrs. Annie Auman swallowed a portion of arsenic Sunday before the noon hour, and by evening was a corpse, the efforts of the physicians to relieve her having been in vain.

The unfortunate woman committed the deed at the home of John Boal, at Peru, for whom she had been keeping house for several years. It appears from what can be learned that several days prior to Sunday the young woman went to Bellefontaine, and among other things purchased arsenic. Sunday noon she prepared the dinner and after doing so, took the deadly potion. She at once informed Mr. Boal that she had taken the poison, and then there was a scurrying for a physician. Professional aid was secured, but the poison had too thoroughly been absorbed to be checked from performing the purpose intended by the now suffering woman. Death ensued toward evening.

Mrs. Auman is the daughter of Amos Bedlyon, deceased, for many years a resident of Potter township, and is well known by the Reporter readers on the South side of Penna Valley. Her mother, Mrs. Margaret Rebecca Bedlyon, lives at present at Potters Mills, and reached the bedside of her daughter just prior to the departure of the last spark of life.

She and her husband did not live happily together, and consequently separated, their children—two in number—having been given homes among friends in Potter township. Their marriage took place some twelve years ago, and it was this unfortunate yoking that is said to have caused the woman to commit self destruction.

Interment of the remains will be made this (Thursday) forenoon, at Tusseyville.

The Lucas Family Dies.

The family of Mr and Mrs. William H. Lucas, near Centre Hill, held a family reunion on 18th instant, at which the six sons in the family were present, also their wives and the grandchildren. The sons are John D., Centre Hall; Edward J., Philadelphia; Wilbur S. and Charles H., Potters Mills; Boyd K., formerly of Pittsburg, but now at home; Wilbur M., at home. The day was most pleasantly spent, and it was the first time that the entire family had been together for some years.

Great Features!

The series of mystery stories now being published by "The Philadelphia Press" are surely the most interesting, thrilling and fascinating stories that have ever been published by any newspaper. The stories are filled with thrilling experience, baffling plots and tragic endings, which keep the reader deeply interested from beginning to end.

"The Philadelphia Press" also publishes the recognized sporting page and is the known authority among baseball fans. It is thoroughly accurate, reliable and is full of ginger and is written by men who know. "The Press" devotes more space to interesting sporting news than any other Philadelphia newspaper.

A partial solution of the problem of what to do with worn-out farms and unprofitable hillside from which the virgin forests have been cut away has certainly been forced upon general public attention in the past ten years. What better can be done than to replant these waste spaces with trees hardy enough to grow upon their soils? Once planted, the trees will keep on growing whilst owners sleep. They need, once started, but the slightest attention. Wide-awake farmers in many parts of Pennsylvania are beginning to give serious attention to the raising of wood crops on lands that cannot be profitably used for the production of cereals or for pasturage. A worn-out farm or an area of denuded acres on the hillside need not be abandoned. Planted with trees these lands will not only meet the demand of the tax gatherer, but in a few years make profitable return on the money invested in the planting. There is now an active demand for all kinds of timber. It is inevitable that the demand shall continue and grow more urgent in the future.

Get It In Line.

The Philadelphia Record. Guffey's great victory is of no value whatever to him. This State will vote for Mr. Taft in any event, so that the Colonel's attitude to the national candidate will do no real harm. But in the event of Mr. Bryan's election Guffey and his followers will be political outlaws: there will be nothing at Washington for them.

LOCAL OPTION FOES SCORED.

Pastor, Speaker at Lutheran Convention, Denounces Them as Hypocrites.

"The man who oppresses local option and pretends to be a sincere churchman is a hypocrite," asserted the Rev. S. J. Taylor, of Selingsgrove, at the eighth annual convention of the Susquehanna Lutheran Reunion Association at Island Park. The speaker took as his subject, "Christian Citizenship," and his telling shots were enthusiastically cheered by the people present at the convention. The reunion association includes Lutherans from Northumberland, Union, Columbia, Montour, Luzerne, Lycoming, Dauphin, and Snyder counties.

"Local option dis-enters," continued the speaker, "have not learned the lesson of being their brother's keeper. By shamelessly casting their ballots according to political dictation they not only abuse the right of suffrage, but evidence by their act a willingness to allow our state to be overrun with crime, its jails filled, its asylums crowded, its tax rates increased by the ravages of the saloons."

Two Accidents in Haines.

Two accidents of a rather serious nature occurred in Haines township recently. B. F. Stover was one of the victims, and his grandson, George Stover, the other.

The elder Mr. Stover was assisting his son Forrest in removing a pump stock, and to accomplish the work a rope and tackle and a team of horses were brought into use. The team easily lifted the burden, but when the stock was raised full length from the well, the horses could not be checked soon enough, and the result was the frame work to which the tackle was attached collapsed. Mr. Stover was struck by the falling timbers, and was injured to such an extent that he had to be carried to the house. Later it was discovered that his cuts and bruises were not of a serious nature, and now he is about again as usual.

In the second accident the son and the grandson played a part, and resulted in the severing of the great toe of the lad. Mr. Stover was cutting grain, when unobserved to the father his little son George climbed on the rear of the platform. The binder was started, when the cries of the youth quickly caused the father to stop the machine and hasten to discover the cause of the shrieks. The boy's right foot had caught in the cog wheels, and as stated above the great toe was severed.

Old Men on the Rolls.

The Pennsylvania Railroad payrolls show that 316 men have been in the company's service more than fifty years, more than have worked so long for the Federal government. Ten of these have worked over sixty years and one sixty-nine years. The man who has been on the payroll for the longest period is William Durham, who, as mule driver, entered the service of the Delaware & Raritan canal in June, 1839, even before the Pennsylvania Railroad was chartered. He is one of the 1,013 men who have been pensioned by the company for completing forty years of active service. At the time of his retirement he was pilot on the floating equipment at Jersey City.

Of the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad in active service 115 are sixty-one years of age, 118 are sixty-four years old, 114 are sixty-seven and 105 are sixty-nine. Sixty-seven of the eighty-five principal officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company started as beginners and, with few exceptions, have been with it ever since. Their average age is fifty-one years and the average length of service is twenty-six years.

Second Crop of Alfalfa.

The second crop of alfalfa was cut on the 20th inst. from a plot of four acres superintended by the writer. The yield was three two-horse loads, and the time between the first and second cuttings, forty-one days. On the deep soil the length attained was over three feet, while where the rock lay high the growth was scant. The severe drought cut the yield fully one-third. The two cuttings for this season yielded ten two-horse loads, or fully eleven tons of mow-cured hay. There yet remain seventy-one days to grow the third crop, which under favorable conditions can easily equal the yield of the first crop, cut June 9th.

The Fish Laws Sustained.

The Superior Court has sustained the Fish Law as it stands today, and the Department of Fisheries has received a letter showing that Justice Rice upheld Judge Ehrgood, of Lebanon, in a celebrated case. Ex-Mayor Welmer and some of his police officers had taken fish from the water when a dam was drawn off to preserve them. The court held that this was a violation, and the Appellate Court has sustained that contention.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

Millheim Journal.—Miss Mabel Hoy, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in this place and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colyer and two daughters spent Sunday with friends in Nittany Valley.

Miss Gertrude Musser, of Altoona, spent several days the past week with relatives in this place.

Mrs. John Hardenberger accompanied her mother, Mrs. Harry Foster, to Philadelphia on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kuhn, of Boalsburg, were the guests of John F. Myers on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. W. G. Ulrich and daughter, Miss Bessie, of Wilkensburg, are visiting relatives and friends in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wert and three children, of Tusseyville, were guests of John W. Reifsnnyder on Saturday afternoon.

W. J. Throssell and Frank Hartman, who have been employed at Harter, West Virginia, arrived at their home in this place Saturday.

Miss Cora Secrist, accompanied her grandfather, Darius Secrist, to Lock Haven last week, where they spent several days visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Reifsnnyder and daughter Irene, and Mrs. W. H. Reifsnnyder, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Centre Hill.

Randall Musser, a civil and mining engineer in the employ of the Vesta Coal Company, at California, Washington county, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Musser.

Democratic Watchman.—Joseph Sellers, of Milesburg, who last week assaulted district attorney W. G. Kunkle and was arrested and put to jail, was discharged the same evening and it is hardly likely the case against him will be brought before the court.

J. C. Cori and D. C. Krebs last week bought by mutual agreement of all the heirs the Levi Krebs farm at \$60 per acre. This is one of the finest locations in the county and a beautiful home and the young men can feel proud of their purchase.

LOCALS.

The Trust family will hold their annual reunion at Hunters Park on Saturday, August 29.

Prof. C. R. Neff is at Woodward doing surveying on the Jacob Neidig farms.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Newton Hamilton Camp Meeting Association will be held August 13-25. J. W. Kelley, of East Liverpool, O., has bought the Dr. Brown farm, in the vicinity of Baileyville, purchasing price, \$7,000.

The Rev. Samuel Martin, of Windber, has accepted a call from the State College Presbyterian church and will probably take up his pastoral duties in September.

Claude K. Stahl has been at home during the past week, and Monday he and his mother, Mrs. James S. Stahl, started on a trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Krape, of Aaronsburg, were in Centre Hall last week. Mr. Krape believes in advertising, and consequently inserted an advertisement in the Centre Reporter.

Dr. James W. Boal filled the appointment at Tusseyville Sunday morning for Rev. Bieber, the latter having conducted the funeral services for John F. Emerick, at Farmers Mills, at that hour.

Several days ago during a thunder storm the flue on George Turner's house, near Munson, was struck by lightning. The electricity continuing its course, entered a room down stairs and discharged a shot gun that was standing against the wall. The house was otherwise damaged, but fortunately no one was hurt.

A tannery at Mount Union, Huntingdon county, is experimenting with a new tanning material. It is brought from Far Bombay, India. It is the nut of a tree that is grown largely in that part of Asia. The nuts are brought to Mount Union by the carload and are ground at the extract works and used in the tannery just as ground bark is used. The nuts are strong in tanning qualities.

Messrs. S. F. Spayd and Oliver C. Hoy, both of Bellevue, Ohio, were east for ten days, and visited among relatives in Centre county. Mr. Spayd is a brother of Mrs. Perry H. Luse, west of Centre Hall, where he spent a part of his time. Mr. Hoy is a son of Elias Hoy, who went west from Nittany Valley many years ago, and engaged in farming. He is a cousin of Mrs. I. G. Resnick and a second cousin of the editor. From here the two Ohioans, who are railroad men, went to Jacksonville and other points in that vicinity.

The S. S. Picnic.

The picnic held Thursday of last week by the various Sunday schools of the Centre Hall Lutheran charge was variously estimated to have been attended by from five to eight hundred persons. The day was a most delightful one for picnicking, the afternoon shower not being on the program.

Brief exercises were held in the spacious auditorium just before the noon hour. Addresses were made by Dr. W. E. Fischer, a former pastor of the charge, and by the present pastor, Rev. B. F. Bieber, and Dr. J. D. Mitterling, of Madison, South Dakota, a native of the valley, lead in prayer. Then there was the singing of several hymns, well known to Lutheran congregations. While this portion of the day's program was being enacted the auditorium was filled to the doors, and those who could not gain admittance stood near the door to hear and see.

The Coburn band was present throughout the day, and rendered numerous selections. That band is one of the best in the county, and when out for the day is not afraid to toot—hot or cold though the weather may be.

It has been hinted that the picnic might be made a permanent affair, held either annually or bi-ennially.

Pine Grove Mills the Victors.

Pine Grove Mills came out victorious in a game of baseball Thursday of last week, on Grange Park, over a team picked from among the picnickers of the Centre Hall Lutheran charge. The visitors are a bunch of ball players well organized and have a good conception of how the national game should be played, and although not past erring, played a clean game.

True to their home talent, Pine Grove Mills sent a delegation of rosters to encourage their young men, and hoot the opposition. They took a conspicuous position, and made the best use of their lungs when occasion demanded. The ladies in the Pine Grove Mills section of the bleachers, were just as enthusiastic as their brothers in showing their likes and dislikes for plays made on the field.

The score:

PINE GROVE				
	R.	H.	O.	A. E.
Markle, c	0	0	0	0
Krebs, 3b	1	0	1	0
Heberling, 2b	1	1	2	0
Goe, ss	1	0	1	0
E. Martz, cf	1	0	3	0
Collins, rf	1	0	0	0
Snyder, lb	2	2	0	0
Cramer, p	1	0	0	0
F. Martz, p	1	1	1	0
Totals	9	4	27	8

CENTRE HALL.

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	R.	H.	O.	A. E.
Mitterling, cf	0	0	0	0
Frank, c	0	0	1	0
Haslinger, 3b	0	0	4	2
Granley, c, lf	0	0	9	0
Stahl, ss, 2b	2	2	1	0
Win. Granley, 2b	0	0	1	2
Jacobs, 1b	1	2	0	1
Shurt, rf	0	1	0	0
Shutt, rf	0	0	0	0
Bailey, p	0	0	0	1
Totals	3	5	24	8

Pine Grove.....0 0 1 2 10 32 - 3
Centre Hall.....0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 - 3
Two base hits, Stahl, Heberling. Hit by pitcher, Mitterling. Bases on balls, off Bailey, 4. Struck out, by Martz, 7; by Bailey, 14. Umpire, J. F. Smith.

Old Girder Causes Accident.

The jury impaneled to fix the blame for the accident that occurred at Schrader Station, Millin county, in which two men lost their lives, rendered a verdict that the accident was due to a defect in the bridge, as there was a rotten girder in the structure when it gave away.

Charles Close, thirty-three years old, and his nephew, Ellis Alexander, fourteen years old, were moving a traction engine along the road, near Schrader Station, when the wooden structure spanning Honey creek gave away and the heavy machine dropped eighteen feet, to the creek bed below, turning turtle in the descent. Both men were pinned under the debris. Alexander's neck was broken and Close was practically parboiled from escaping steam. The accident occurred in plain sight of the Close home, and his family witnessed the accident.

Rush Township School Teachers.

At a meeting of the Rush township school board the following teachers were elected to serve the ensuing term: Sandy Ridge grammar, H. A. Detweiler; intermediate, Henrietta Kirk; primary, Bertha Hessong; Edendale grammar, Madge Shugert; primary, John Biddle; Lower grammar, Chas. Knopper; primary Anna Rowers; Klondyke, Anna McMahon; Reese, Cyrus Hutton; Park. Lizzie R. Crum; Point Lookout grammar, May Conaway; primary, Mame Flegel; North Phillipsburg grammar, H. E. Stover; Phillipsburg, Hilda Thomas; Munson grammar, Netta Gunther; primary, Margaret Allen; Moshannon, Bessie McCord.

Liquor Law Violator Fined.

Oscar Andrews, who plead guilty to selling liquor to minors and on Sunday, was sentenced by Judge Hall, in Lock Haven, to pay a fine of \$50, and undergo imprisonment for six months.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Today (Thursday) is Methodist day at Lakemont Park.

The automobile is furnishing an unusually large percentage of news items.

The Dale family will hold their reunion on the old homestead at Oak Hall Station, Saturday, August 1st.

A dwelling house and the public school building in Millinburg, were recently struck by lightning. No great damage was done.

The eighth annual reunion of the Reformed people of Lock Haven, Bellefonte and Nittany Valley will be held at Hecla Park today (Thursday).

Prof. J. B. Bower, who for several years was principle of the Mill Hall schools, was elected to fill a similar position at Snow Shoe at \$90 per month.

Tomorrow (Friday) the members of Old Fort Lodge, F. and A. M., will assemble at Penns Cave for an all day outing. They will take dinner at the Penns Cave house.

A large ferris wheel will be one of the attractions at the Grange Encampment. A contract has already been made with a party who has a large wheel. The merry-go-round privilege has also been let.

Charles Detwiler, the little son of W. E. Detwiler, of Harrisburg, is at the home of his grandfather, Jacob Detwiler, near Penns Cave. He also spent some time with relatives on the South side of Potter township.

The four horses of Loven Wright, a farmer in the upper end of Dauphin County, were killed by a bolt of lightning as he was driving Thursday of last week. The bolt wrecked the wagon and rendered Wright unconscious. The man lost most of his hair.

S. M. Campbell, the progressive funeral director in Millheim, has purchased a fine casket wagon from the O. Armleder Wagon company, of Cincinnati, O., which he contemplates using at funerals, while his hearse is being remodeled into a more modern one.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gilmore, of Williamsport, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kerr, in Centre Hall. Mrs. Gilmore is a daughter of Rev. G. W. Currier, of Williamsport, formerly of this place. Mr. Gilmore is one of the instructors in the Williamsport High school.

James A. Decker, of Pine Grove Mills, will conduct the boarding house at the Grange Encampment and Fair, September 12 to 18th. Mr. Decker was formerly proprietor of the Pine Grove Mills hotel, and has had considerable experience in the line of boarding house keeping.

Charles Weaver, of near Linden Hall, returned home Wednesday afternoon of last week from Philadelphia, to which city he had gone several weeks previous to undergo an operation for appendicitis. On his return, Mr. Weaver was able to walk about, and it is thought that within a short time he will have fully recovered.

Dr. W. E. Fischer, for eighteen years pastor of the Centre Hall Lutheran charge, came up from Shamokin, upon invitation, to attend a picnic of the Sunday schools of the charge held Thursday of last week. The Doctor saw many of his former parishioners, and possibly no one on the ground enjoyed the occasion more thoroughly than he.

Miss Abbie Cooke, daughter of Charles F. Cooke, while walking along Bald Eagle creek, slipped and fell into the water. She was unable to reach the shore, and but for the timely assistance of Frank Rowe, clerk to Centre county recorder, the lady would have met an untimely death. When taken from the water Miss Cooke was unconscious, but was soon resuscitated.

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Bieber, Monday morning began their vacation, which time will be spent at their respective former homes—Milton and Watsonstown. They went overland, via the Brush Valley Narrows. Mr. Charles Meyer, of Lewisburg, a student in his second year at the theological seminary at Selingsgrove, will fill the appointments in the Centre Hall Lutheran charge during the pastor's absence.

The Lock Haven State Normal School closed the most successful school year in its history last June. Its student body represented three-fourths of the counties of Penna. and a number of foreign states. The prestige of this well known school draws to it a large body of superior young men and women. It is a thorough home school and appeals to parents who are seeking the best influences for their children. Its illustrated catalogue is now ready for distribution and will be sent upon application to the Principal.