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LOCAL OPTION FIGHT ON.

Anti-Saloon League Confident of Victory.—It's Up to Boise Penrose to Decide Between High License or a Local Option Submission Law.

A vigorous fight in the legislature on the local option question is foreshadowed by a statement issued from the headquarters of the Anti-Saloon league in Harrisburg. The statement follows: "The results of the election in Pennsylvania are highly encouraging to the cause of local option. The returns indicate tremendous gains in the popular vote for candidates pledged to local option, and almost universally these men ran ahead of their tickets by from a few votes up to the thousands. Generally the men, outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, who were known to be supported by the liquor interests made a poor showing, running in many instances far behind the ticket. But for the great majorities given Taft in the state practically every man supported by the Anti-Saloon league would have been elected. Far more members of the legislature have been elected on the local option issue than ever before, and we believe that we have more votes now for local option than the liquor men can count of those who are certainly against local option.

The immense vote cast for local option men in such cities as Philadelphia, Chester, Norristown, Reading, Harrisburg, York, Williamsport, Allentown, Altoona, Johnstown, Greensburg, Washington, Milton, Sharon and other cities and towns is highly significant, for this, taken with the overwhelming vote in hundreds of precincts and smaller boroughs and the townships, marks local option a winner in Pennsylvania. The defeat of Representatives Habgood, of McKean, and Troxell, of Lycoming, and Mr. Greer, of Mercer, are indicative of the growing favor of the local option movement. The Anti-Saloon league will renew the fight in the coming Legislature for an effective local option law with a confidence that has never been warranted before, and believes that the high tide of the local option movement thus far will be witnessed during the next five months in a mighty groundswell of public opinion in behalf of a local option law. If the people are heard, Pennsylvania will have a local option law this winter. If local option is defeated the responsibility will lie wholly at the door of the political leaders.

"The liquor interests and hotel men who favor the present high license enactment, and a strict enforcement of the law, as the best means of curbing drunkenness and in fact promoting temperance, are lining up for the fray, and some lively times are expected at the next session of the legislature."

DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY.

Governor-elect S. C. Shallenberger, of Nebraska, on returning from a conference with William Jennings Bryan, was asked what lesson he would draw from the election. The Democratic Governor-elect said:

"The Democratic party has won entire control of the State government or partial power through the election of a Governor in a number of the important Northern States.

"Democracy has a great opportunity for the future if these administrations result in good government and are satisfactory to the people. If successful they should make stepping-stones for party success in nation when the people shall learn through them that Democracy can be safely trusted with legislation and with power."

It looks as though the Joseph Ramsey Air Line railroad is making an effort to run its preliminary survey close by State College, but so far it has only reached a point two miles west of that important Centre county town, that point being at Washington Grange Hall, at White Hall. From there the latest survey leads across to the foot of Tussey Mountain where it strikes the survey made several years ago.

With Governor Stuart's term of office but half expired, at least two candidates are in the field. Congressman Daniel F. Lafean, of the York-Adams district and Lieutenant Governor Murphy are the aspirants. Senator Sprout, of Delaware county, is also looking toward Harrisburg.

A word from the Altoona Tribune, Republican: If the next congress contains any Republican members who are brave enough to do the right thing regardless of committee places or future favors, they will vote against Cannon's renomination in the Republican caucus.

Portage County (O.) Dry.

Portage is the forty-fourth Ohio county to vote dry. At a special election held on 10th inst., the drys carried by 1184 votes. Thirty-nine drinking places will be closed.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Should be stamped out at Any Cost—Animals on Four Farms Affected.

Official investigation by practiced veterinarians, acting on behalf of the State and Federal Governments, verifies the reported breaking out of the dreaded "foot and mouth disease" among herds of cattle in Montour and Northumberland counties. It is stated in the Danville News that the disease exists in its worst form on four farms in the two counties. The farms have been quarantined and energetic measures adopted to prevent the spread of the infection, but the fact that the disease is so excessively contagious, being readily conveyed by contact of the diseased animals with fodder, straw, stable utensils or the hands and clothing of persons having them in care, creates justifiable alarm.

The disease is reported to have been brought into the State by a bull shipped from Buffalo to Danville. It is said to be communicable to other cloven-footed animals such as sheep, goats and swine and in some authenticated instances to human beings through the use of infected milk. It is alleged that this is the first time this worst of cattle plagues has obtained a foothold in Pennsylvania. There is no provision of law for reimbursing owners whose herds must necessarily be killed; but the extent of the danger involved in the spread of the contagion will justify whatever vigorous measures may be adopted by the State authorities to stamp it out.

Transfer of Real Estate.

T. F. Stoner, et. al., to Barbara C. Stoner, April 22, 1908, lots in Haines twp. \$10.

Mrs. Sidney Henson to Hattie F. Pardoe, Oct. 22, 1908, premises in Bellefonte. \$500.

S. W. Waite, et. ux., to Margaret Ella Baumgardner, Feb. 9, 1905, lot in Spring twp. \$40.

J. E. Paul to Michael Bodeneckas, Oct. 8, 1908, lot in Snow Shoe twp. \$100.

B. Frank Royer, et. ux., to Hattie C. Leaster, Sept. 19, 1908, land in Potter twp. \$410.

William H. Stoner, et. ux., to John C. Stoner, Jan. 25, 1889, land in Haines twp. \$1200.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to J. E. Paul, Feb. 17, 1906, lot in Snow Shoe twp. \$35.

Jacob Winkiebleck, et. ux., to Samuel W. Styers, Nov. 30, 1888, 1/2 acre in Harris twp. \$10.

B. Weaver Thomas to Geo. L. Williams, Oct. 28, 1908, lot in Howard. \$425.

Milton Pard, et. ux., to United Evangelical church, Oct. 28, 1908, lot in Haines twp. \$35.

Thanksgiving Day, as an institution is not observed in every state of the union, but the spirit which prompted its birth and which it was designed to promote prevades the whole nation. And there is every reason why it should. There is not one of us but has good cause to be thankful for the blessings bestowed upon us. To be sure there are dark days—days of sorrow, trial and bereavement. But take life as a whole, year in and year out, and it will be seen that the sunny days are far more numerous than the dark, and that the joys of life far outnumber its sorrows. Of course this is true only of the life that is spent wisely, using to the best advantage the faculties with which God endowed it and recognizing in Him the Giver of all good.

Score One for Editor Lebo.

From the New Bloomfield Times
To all persons who do not wish to read their names in print as a hotel license signer next February we would say stay off, as the entire list of signers of all the whole sale and retail licenses in the county will be published in The Times when they have once been filed. We make this statement so that if any man who might think it a piece of secret work, will not be deceived.

Sixty-nine thousand voters in Philadelphia made their X at the head of the electoral column on their ballots, and thus voted for the electors and not for any other candidate on the ticket. It looks very much as though the voter needed schooling.

Remember all ballots were printed to conform with a sample prepared by the State Department at Harrisburg. There was no choice as to form by the local printer.

The prompt and impartial enforcement of law, without reference to the personality of the offender, is what this Republic needs to put into general practice.

The first snow of the season of sufficient importance to be recorded fell Saturday forenoon.

Men's first quality, guarantee snag proof lumberman gums, \$1.08 at Yeagers.

THE PENNINGTON CEMETERY.

And the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Penna Valley.

We are glad that public attention has been directed by The Centre Reporter to this early land mark of Methodism and to the pioneers of the church in Penna Valley. As in that early day it must have required heroism and great devotion to the cause of the church to bring about a church organization and to erect a temple for the worship of God in a comparative wilderness, such achievements should be faithfully recorded in history and the places properly marked, so that future generations may do honor to the names of those who laid the foundation of the church in this new country of our fathers.

It is declared in holy writ: "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Therefore those who have relatives and friends buried here should join in the effort to restore this early cemetery of the Penningtons, and the site of the first Methodist church erected in Penna Valley; and not only the relatives and friends, but the community and members of the church should be interested.

For several years the writer has been urged by some of the descendants of the Penningtons (most of whom are gone) to undertake the superintendency of restoring the grounds, which he finally agreed to do, on account of the memory of Mrs. Rhone, who was a descendant of the Penningtons, her mother being Rebecca Pennington, wife of James Sankey, and early members of this church. I have only undertaken this work with the distinct understanding that I be permitted to do the work for good will and the interest I have in restoring the historic place.

The improvements made will be governed by the means that will be donated. The only money to be expended will be for hired labor and for necessary material, for which itemized bills will be rendered. Necessary means to do the work must come from voluntary contributions. Seventeen dollars, which have already been contributed, have been placed in the Penna Valley bank, to the credit of the Pennington cemetery fund. An opportunity is hereby given to all who have friends buried there, to the people of the community, and members of the Methodist church to contribute to this fund. It is not intended to send out solicitors, but all who desire to give toward this purpose should send their contributions to the Penna Valley Bank, Centre Hall, or Mrs. Isaac Miller, Bellefonte.

Work has already been begun; the Pennington lot has been cleaned and remodeled and the tombstones reset. Other work has been done, but it cannot be completed until the weather opens in the spring.

There are probably one hundred unknown graves which are plainly visible. These graves have no tombstones, but they will all be marked in an orderly manner and the graves filled.

The old church site will be distinctly marked, and the entire grounds (16x10 rods) fenced with a suitable fence, with necessary gates, so as to make its appearance acceptable.

When the work is completed a public statement will be made of receipts and expenditures, which will be submitted to a committee of auditors selected by the friends, for which a suitable conference will be called.

We feel sure that this laudable undertaking will not only receive the cordial support of the relatives and friends but of the entire community.

LEONARD RHONE.

Finished Mountain Fire Bug.

James Bohman, of Millfin, convicted of setting the mountains on fire in Lewisport Narrows on September 15, has been sentenced by Judge Woods to pay a fine of \$10, costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment of 30 days in the Millfin county jail. The fire thus ignited burned over several hundred acres of timber, the greater portion of which was the property of Judge Woods himself.

The State Forestry Department would have punished a man for having fired Nittany Mountain if it could have gotten the prosecuting machinery in Centre county to act.

He Should Locate in Philadelphia.

J. C. Murphy, who was convicted in the Westmoreland county criminal court some time ago on a charge of violating the election laws of the state, was given a sentence of two years in the work house and will have to pay a fine of \$1 and the costs of prosecution. Murphy was the judge of elections for the Port Royal district at the primary election last spring and was also the return judge. The returns as presented to the commissioners showed that many more votes than had actually been cast were on the return sheet.

DISCOURSE ON LOCAL OPTION.

Reformed Minister in Centre Hall Treats the Subject With All Fairness.

(By Rev. D. Gross.)
(PART III.)

Local option is not prohibition, as many suppose; but applied to the liquor question, is a law enacted by the state legislature granting the voters the right to say for themselves, by their ballots, whether they desire intoxicating liquors sold as a beverage in their respective localities. Simplified, local option is this: If a majority in a given locality voted for the saloon it would be granted them. On the other hand, if a majority voted against the saloon, then there would be no saloon in that locality. And do not forget that the man who votes to sustain the saloon is as much a local optionist as the one who does not. It is not necessary to believe in abolishing the saloon to believe in local option; all that is necessary is to believe that a majority of the voters of a community, and not some one individual, should decide the matter. Local option grants the sale of intoxicants where wanted, prevents their sale where not wanted, and gives the people the liberty of choosing that which they think best. That is local option; that is the form of local self government; that is the right of the majority to rule, and that is all there is to the question of local option. Is it fair; is it reasonable? It gives every voter an equal footing in facing the saloon problem.

Local option government is both Republican and Democratic doctrine. In fact all political parties can subscribe to the principle of the rights of the majority to rule; and while the majority may not always be right, it gives them a chance to legislate according to their own ideals and principles. It formulates government according to the ethical standard of the people. Every state east of the Rocky Mountains, except Pennsylvania and New Jersey, has local option. Why not Pennsylvania? It is time for her to awaken, and be a little more modern, take an advance step. Again, I repeat that voting for local option is not voting for or against prohibition, but that it is simply a declaration on your part that you believe the people have the right to determine by their own individual votes the character of every public policy. And the only just solution to the liquor problem is to submit it, like all other public questions, directly to the votes of the people.

To maintain the present legislation that denies the right of the people to determine such a question, is to proclaim an autocracy of rum that forces saloons upon a community in defiance of the popular will. Such a policy is un-American, un-democratic, and violates all true principles of the freedom of the people.

[Here the speaker urged his hearers to vote for legislative candidates who would support a local option measure.]

We must all hope much from the gradual increase of practical knowledge and of brotherly love. What we desire to see, and may die without seeing, perhaps our children's children will accomplish. It is for us to stand for practical measures, and do the duty that is nearest to us, and be content to take one step upward at a time. For you young men, the lesson of the hour is, run your physical body with great care, guarding against undue excitement. Keep close to bread, meat, and milk and water. Waste no precious nerve force. Do not deceive yourself through the use of stimulants. If you use this physical machinery right, the mechanism will hold together for four score years. Lead a clean life; keep your brow white, and your breath sweet. Don't go down through the god-like temptations, as many of the great ones of earth have done.

Remember the warnings of Solomon. Remember that liquor cost Scotland her greatest poet, Burns; cost England her greatest all-round man, Coleridge; made her two greatest orators gamblers and paupers and inmates of a jail; dimmed the glory of our Webster; quenched the torch committed to the hands of men like Stephen A. Douglass. Oh, the ravages of strong drink have been more terrible than the ravages of parasitic diseases that are destroying half a dozen nations of the world.

On, read widely upon this subject. Discuss the problem with good and wise men, and then use your influence in your own little circle for good citizenship, patriotism and a happy home. Carry with you an atmosphere of good fellowship. Balance your dignity by the spirit of brotherliness. Remember the warnings of Solomon, and keep the evil fire out of your eye, and your face and your heart, and when you are called to meet death, meet it with no fog on your brain, no mist in the throat, but with clear eyes and a sound mind, and a good conscience. These are the things that make men brave, and lend in the

STOVER REAL ESTATE SALE.

Who the Purchasers Are and the Sums Paid for the Various Properties.

Thursday of last week the administratrix, Mary Elmira S. Motz, of the estate of George W. Stover, late of Penn township, deceased, made sale of the real estate of the decedent, at the Coburn House, Coburn. The attorneys for the administratrix were Messrs. Gettig, Bower & Zerby.

Fifteen tracts of land, all that were offered, were sold. A brief description of the properties, the price paid for each and the purchasers, are appended:

The George W. Stover residence in Penn township, containing two acres, house, barn, etc., \$697.50. Purchaser, A. W. Ulrich.

The property known as the George W. Stover farm, near Green Brier, containing fifty-two acres, with buildings, \$2620.00. Purchaser, Elias Bressler.

Farm in Penn township, on Georges Valley road, containing ninety-six acres, with buildings; also what is known as the Geary farm, adjoining the former mentioned tract, containing forty acres, \$6500.00. Purchaser, Samuel Ulrich.

The property known as the P. H. Stover residence in Coburn, being two lots, \$1950.00. Purchaser, Eliza J. Stover.

The Coburn House, at Coburn, \$2325.00. Purchaser, Lewis E. Stover, the present landlord.

The Zerby meadows, along Penns Creek, in Penn township, containing eight acres, \$325.00. Purchaser, I. B. Motz.

The "distillery property" in Penn township, containing two acres, \$175.00. Purchaser, J. P. Keen.

A tract of two acres, adjoining the distillery property, along Penns Creek, in Penn township, \$11.00. Purchaser, E. R. Auman.

A tract containing one acre, adjoining lands of C. A. Weaver and the P. R. R. in Penn township, \$128.00. Purchaser, T. W. Hosterman.

A tract of 130 acres of timberland, adjoining the last named tract, eight acres clear, \$900.00. Purchaser, Samuel Ulrich.

A tract of woodland adjoining the last two tracts named, containing 133 acres, \$558.00. Purchaser, C. H. Meyer & Co.

A tract of mountain land in Penn township, containing 25 acres, \$680.00. Purchaser, L. P. Korman.

Twenty-five acres of mountain land, in Penn township, \$625.00. Purchaser, Daniel Meyer.

Twenty-six acres of timberland, in Penn township, along P. R. R., having on it good hemlock, pine and chestnut, \$2510.00. Purchasers, C. H. Meyer & Co.

The total of the sales sums up \$20,045.50.

And More, Too.

From the Watchman.
Messrs. C. C. Shuey, John M. Shugert and George R. Meek represented the Bellefonte hospital before the Board of Charities in Harrisburg. This institution is asking for \$8000 for maintenance and \$12000 for the completion of the new building and deserves every cent of it.

From Millheim Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. George Musser and children, of Yeagertown, are visiting relatives in this place and vicinity.

Mrs. Mae Loose, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hartman, of this place.

Harry Sholl, who for the past two years has been living in Freeport, Ill., returned to his home in this place Friday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. E. I. Confer and two children, of Lewisport, are visiting at the home of Rev. Confer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Confer.

G. W. Harter, of Harter, W. Va., spent several days in this place the past week. He was called here on account of the death of his brother, Rubben Harter.

Men, you cannot afford to buy your lumberman gums until you get prices at Yeagers.

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end the note of victory.

These great movements today for the betterment of life are in harmony with the divine economy and purpose and that is the assurance of their triumph. God is in his world and God is working. There never was an age in which so many people were working for the betterment of life.

With an all-controlling purpose, begotten of faith in God and nurtured in love of man, multitudes are working to better the conditions of life. And that Christ, in whom God is reconciling the world unto himself, is drawing men into the circle of His infinite love, with the away of His beneficent purpose, and keeping them there until He shall come to reign in all the world.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Men's heavy arctics, \$1.19—Yeagers.
Friday is Pennsylvania Day at Pennsylvania State College.

Charles D. Emerick is back from a sanatorium, and his friends think he is improved somewhat.

George Kline, of State College, went to White Haven to enter the sanatorium for tuberculosis.

Mrs. Aaron Long, of near Penns Cave, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is not improving.

Mrs. Mary Dinges is in Williamsport and expects to remain there for several weeks, probably during the greater part of the winter.

A new five-dollar gold piece is being coined. The design is depressed below the field or surface of the coin. The motto "In God We Trust" remains.

Mrs. Abram V. Miller and daughter, Mrs. James Blythe, of Bellefonte, attended the sessions of a national conference of the Society of Friends, held in Baltimore.

Dr. S. M. Huff, the Milesburg physician and Republican coroner-elect, is now the owner of a Franklin touring car. This indicates that the doctor has been prospering.

Mrs. Edward Foreman and children, who have been east for the first time since moving from Centre Hall to Youngstown, Ohio, several years ago, expect to start for their home today (Thursday).

George R. Meiss, of Colyer, is in the butchering business over "head and heels." Last week he slaughtered, for the Lewisport district market, nineteen hogs, and this week twenty-two were put on the gambrel.

R. B. Spangler, of Barnesboro, was in town last week, to visit his mother, Mrs. Annie Spangler, and niece, Miss Romie Van Pelt. Mr. Spangler is engaged in operating a feed mill, and is handling feed on a large scale.

While chopping up corn ears for chickens with a sharp hatchet, Mrs. Fred Yocum, of Hubersburg, almost severed the index finger on her right hand. She dressed the wound herself, and expects the member to again unite and be as useful as ever.

Dr. W. O. McEntire is building another dwelling house in Howard, and expects to have it ready for occupancy by spring. Heretofore Dr. McEntire has built several houses at that place, which indicates that both the doctor and Howard are prospering.

Among Friday's pleasant callers was Andrew J. Shook, of Spring Mills, who had come to town to transact a bit of business. Some people would say that Mr. Shook is living retired, but he states that he and work have not dissolved partnership, and that he is not contented unless doing something.

Today (Thursday) applications for liquor licenses will be filed with the probonatory. Later the names of the persons and the character of the license applied for will be advertised in two or more newspapers, but to ascertain the names of the twelve or more signers attached to each application the application itself must be inspected.

To give an idea of the great number of bushels of clover seed harvested this fall, the results of hulling by various parties need only be mentioned. Three machines operated by Messrs. W. K. Cori, Charles Cori, and H. A. Garner, who did business in the south western portion of the county, hulled a total of 3250 bushels. Their field of operation represents but a small portion of the total territory in Centre county.

Wild turkeys that are onto their job will keep quite shy of Leroy G. Reack, the Centre Hall furniture dealer and undertaker, for if they don't they will smoke on his dining table. While in Georges Valley last week, visiting his brother, David Reack, he made circuit through well known territory, and ran across a big fat turkey hen, that never got away from the spot where he formed her acquaintance. The bird was served Friday noon, and was shared in by friends of the family.

From fright at meeting an automobile two horses being taken from a shop by Christ. Alexander, of Millheim, became unmanageable, and threw the rider over a wire fence into a field. The fall rendered Mr. Alexander unconscious, and in that condition was found by Absalom Acker, who picked him up and took him to Millheim, the accident having happened a short distance west of Aaronsburg. Dr. Frank made an examination of the injuries, and found them all superficial, and when consciousness was restored he was removed to his home, and in a short time he was able to be about again.