



### EFFECTS OF THE AMENDMENTS.

No Spring Election After February, 1910—Expiration of Various Officers, Etc.

All the amendments voted on at the recent election were carried by a small majority in the state, except the seventh, which was overwhelmingly defeated, and the effect of these new enactments to the constitution will be to lengthen the terms of several of the county officials.

In general the effects of the amendments will be as follows: Amendment No. 1 provides that where a vacancy occurs one month or more before a general election it shall be filled at such election. No two fixes the term of the state treasurer and auditor general at four years excepting those elected in 1909.

The main object of the amendments is to abolish spring elections so that in even numbered years state officers will be chosen, while municipal and county officers will be voted for in odd numbered years. Attached to the ten amendments is a schedule for putting into effect. This schedule which is solely for the purpose of obviating confusion over the change in official terms, provides:

That in the case of officers elected by the people all terms of office fixed by an act of assembly at odd number of years shall be extended one year, though the legislature retains power to alter the length of term so long as it is for an even number of years.

That in 1910 the municipal elections shall be held in February as usual, but that all officers then chosen whose term is two years, and all election officers and assessors then chosen shall serve until the first Monday of December, 1911, when the first municipal election under the proposed new laws will be held.

That all officers chosen in February, 1910, to office whose term is for four years by the proposed amendments shall serve until the first Monday of December, 1913, while magistrates, justices of the peace and aldermen chosen at that election shall hold office until the first Monday in December, 1915.

That after 1910, unless the legislature otherwise provides, the terms of all city, ward, borough, township and election division officers shall begin on the first Monday of December in an odd numbered year.

That all city, ward, borough and township officers now holding office whose term expires in 1911 shall hold over in office until the first Monday in January, 1912.

That all judges of the district courts and all county officers now in effect whose terms end in 1911 shall hold over until the first Monday in January, 1912. Amendment No. 7, which was defeated, provided that the election boards shall be elected bi-annually instead of annually, and that the General Assembly might require such boards to be appointed instead of elected.

The state elections will be held in the even numbered years and the municipal elections in the odd numbered years, after February, 1910.

The last February election will be held three months from now. Since the constitutional amendments providing for the abolition of the election in February and the schedule for the extension of terms of office of men now holding places are ratified, the so-called spring primary and election will be done away with after those held in 1910.

All elections will be held in November and all primaries in April, in presidential years, and in June in other years.

As a result of abolishing the February election, it is estimated that the taxpayers in the state will save directly at least \$1,000,000 a year.

This is the estimate of officials at the capitol who are familiar with such matters.

The state itself will save approximately \$150,000 a year by reason of the doing away with the uniform primaries in January. The counties are reimbursed from the state treasury for the primary expenses, and the bills for 1907 aggregated \$140,156.75, and for 1908, \$134,831. As not all the districts hold uniform primaries in January, some exercising the option to retain the old system and pay their own bills, it is estimated that the total cost of nominating officers for the February election is \$200,000.

Expenses of the February election, including pay of election officers, rent of polling places, printing of ballots, advertising of proclamations, etc., are paid by the counties but there is sufficient data at the capitol to make it certain that the aggregate cost is not less than \$375,000.

Thus the official part of the January primaries and the February election represents a total outlay of \$375,000. The expenditures of party committees and candidates vary greatly, but it is regarded at the capitol as a moderate estimate to make these figures at least as large as the official expenditures, thus bringing the aggregate up past the \$1,000,000 mark.

Centre Reporter, \$1 a year.

### LOCALS.

The cold snap made the coal bin popular, and helps the coal man.

Did you see the eclipse of the moon Saturday morning? It was a beautiful sight and was observed by many throughout the United States.

District Attorney W. G. Runkle was in town on Sunday, the pleasant weather having induced him to drive to his old home at Tusseyville.

From the Millinburg Telegraph this item has been clipped: Miss Helen Williams, a bright and talented young lady, who is teaching school at Centre Hall, spent last Saturday and Sunday pleasantly with her brother, Ralph Williams, at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Myers, this place.

The Pine Stump rural telephone company, a branch of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company, is arranging to install a telephone in the residence of Mr. Burris, tenant on the farm of Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot. John D. Moore, who for twenty years has been living on the Lingle farm, west of Centre Hall, is also seriously considering the question of having his home connected with that of his neighbors by telephone.

Henry E. Gettig, of Colyer, was a caller Saturday afternoon. Mr. Gettig has been one of a force of carpenters working under W. H. Stover, of Boalsburg, who have erected a large double house at State College for George Harper, of Ferguson township. Mr. Harper is building as an investment and expects to rent the property. Mr. Stover is also building a house in the same town for David Tressler, the same being pretty well under way.

A peculiar accident befell Ananias Gearhart, a Reedsville hunter, while making a drive on Slate Ridge, in the Seven Mountains. He was rushing along on a road that had been cut by a forester, and in doing so fell heavily to the ground. He received a severe wound on the cheek, near the mouth. That night he remained in camp, thinking the wound simply a cut made by one of the many sharp snags on which he fell. Later he suffered excruciating pain, and the next morning went to Reedsville where Dr. Kohler removed a snag from his cheek about twice the thickness of a lead pencil and four inches in length. The wound was then dressed, and since Mr. Gearhart has been relieved to a considerable extent of the pain.

### Haberstroh-Schriest.

John H. Haberstroh, of Lock Haven, and Miss Gretchen Schriest, of Bellwood, were united in marriage Wednesday of last week in the St. Agnes Catholic parsonage by Rev. Louis M. Maucher. They were attended by Dare Lawrence and Miss Lola Mason, both of Lock Haven.

Mr. Haberstroh conducts the Haberstroh shoe store, one of the pioneer establishments of its kind in Lock Haven. His bride is a daughter of Rev. J. R. Schriest, formerly pastor of the United Evangelical church in Centre Hall, now located at Bellwood. She is a graduate nurse of the Lock Haven hospital, and an amiable and attractive young lady.

### Transfer of Real Estate.

Edward G. Mingle admr. to George W. Keister, tract of land in Haines twp., December 30, 1907. \$56.52

J. H. Reifensnyder et ux to William Condo, tract of land in Haines twp., December 17, 1877. \$60.

G. L. Whitehead Coal Company to Sarah E. Nyman, tract of land in Rush twp., February 15, 1906. \$500.

H. D. Linderduth to Bertha Linderduth, house and lot in Unionville, October 23, 1909. \$1.

William Quigley et al to Emma E. Munson, house and lot in Phillipsburg, March 21, 1889. \$1500.

W. A. Ishler sheriff to Emma E. Munson, tract of land in Phillipsburg, September 6, 1893. \$50.

David Chambers et ux to Mike Stakso, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp., September 30, 1909. \$600.

### Prof. Goodling Succeeds Patterson.

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Pennsylvania State College, Prof. Cletus L. Goodling, of the dairy husbandry department, was appointed superintendent of the college farms, vice W. C. Patterson, deceased. The advancement is a well merited one.

The trustees also transferred Milton S. McDowell, who has long been associated with the experiment station, to the department of extension. Charles E. Govier as assistant professor of telephone engineering, R. S. Friday to instructor in engineering, D. A. Isenberg to assist in engineering.

A course in milling, school of engineering, was authorized. The same school was authorized to erect two buildings for its experiment station work. The erection of greenhouses for the proposed horticultural building was authorized.

### TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

Sixty-third Annual Meeting of Centre County Teachers to be Held Soon.

The Sixty-third annual Teachers' Institute of Centre county will convene in Garman's opera house, in Bellefonte, on Monday, December 20, and continue until the 24th inclusive.

Among the following day instructors there is not one person but has won wide-spread fame in institute work, and each is an expert in his special line: Prof. O. L. Warren, of Elmira, N. Y., of the Institute Department of the State of New York; Supt. Charles Lose, of Williamsport; Prof. H. F. Hall, Principal of the High School of Mansfield, Ohio; Supt. R. M. McNeal, of the department of Public Instruction, of Harrisburg; Prof. C. D. Koch, inspector of High Schools of Pennsylvania; Prof. T. I. Mairs, of the school of Agriculture, of State College; Dr. Gabriel R. Maguire, the great Irish orator, who spent six years in the heart of Africa, the Dark Continent, now lecturing in America under the direction of the Coit Lyceum Bureau, has been secured for the opening lecture on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening; Dr. Byron W. King, president of the King School of Oratory, of Pittsburg, a teacher, orator and poet, will deliver one of his lectures as the second number of the evening entertainments. He is a master in the art of expression, and holds the close attention of every person in his audiences. Another fine entertainment will be given on Wednesday evening, and the closing number of the week will be the famous "Roney's Boys" Concert Company, of Chicago, on Thursday evening.

The institute sessions will this year be held in the opera house because of repairs which are now under process of completion at the Court House. Prof. B. I. Myers, of Phillipsburg, will have charge of the music, and those who were present last year will be glad to know that he has again been secured.

The twenty-third Annual Meeting of the School Directors' Association of Centre county, will convene in Petrikin Hall on Wednesday morning, December 22nd, at 10:45 o'clock. Following the preliminary business and the appointment of committees, a short address will be made by the President, Hon. William C. Heiple, and by the County Superintendent, D. O. Eiters. D. F. Fortney will make the principal address of the morning. At 1:45 p. m., an address will be delivered by State Inspector C. D. Koch, who will be followed by Supt. Charles Lose and Prof. H. E. Hall. On Thursday morning at nine o'clock the opening address of the day will be made by Supt. R. M. McNeal, and the closing address of the meeting will be delivered by Prof. O. L. Warren, of Elmira, N. Y. Following the reports of the committees and the completion of routine business the meeting will adjourn in time for the directors to return home on Thursday afternoon.

Pupils desiring to take the eighth grade examination (Public School Diplomas) must have their names sent by their respective teachers to County Superintendent Eiters not later than February 1, 1910. Candidates will enter the class most convenient to their respective homes, having notified the Superintendent of the place selected. Examinations will be held Saturday, March 12, 1910, as follows:

Millheim Committee—R. U. Wasson, chairman, C. E. Toole, F. S. Henneberger.

Boalsburg Committee—H. C. Rothrock, chairman, H. M. Hoesterman, H. C. Musser.

State College Committee—B. H. Battenhorn, chairman, P. A. Noll, M. A. Moyer.

Bellefonte Committee—J. E. Wagner, chairman, S. S. Williams, J. O. Bright.

Howard Committee—J. C. Weirick, chairman, F. M. Pletcher, S. M. Robb.

Port Matilda Committee—J. A. Williams, chairman, G. E. Ardery, J. K. Morrison.

Phillipsburg Committee—B. I. Myers, chairman, Miss Zoe Meek, Ralph Light.

Snow Shoe Committee—B. J. Bowers, chairman, H. E. Leathers, H. G. Hoover.

To Attack All Lawrence Licenses.

Temperance forces of Lawrence county are preparing to fight the granting of all liquor licenses in that county next February in License Court. Judge W. E. Porter practically invited this at the last License Court, and his invitation will be accepted. Evidence is now being secured by detectives of alleged violations of the liquor laws by license holders.

The Sunday-school connected with the Reformed church, in Centre Hall, will render a Christmas service Sunday evening after Christmas.

### MASONS GET DISPUTED LAND.

Committee and Party Holding Option Adjust Differences.

Masons in Penna Valley will likely be much interested in the advice from Lancaster to the effect that a settlement has been made between the committee of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge of Masons and B. F. Graff. Mr. Graff secured an option on seven acres of land, needed by the Masons for the Masonic Home erected at Elizabethtown.

The allegation was that Graff was acting in the interest of residents of Muncy, who wanted the home, and who would have secured it with Elizabethtown out of the road. These allegations have been stoutly denied by the Masons of the down-river town. There were counter bills in equity filed by the Masonic committee and Graff.

Testimony was taken and an opinion was expected in a few days. The counsel for all the parties in interest join in a statement that the dispute has been settled and that the Masons would get the lands.

Surveys are now being made and the erection of the home will be begun in the spring.

### For A Lecture Course.

The committee devising means to secure a lecture course in Centre Hall during the coming winter held a meeting at the home of Dr. W. H. Schuyler. There was a full attendance, except Dr. G. W. Hoesterman, who was out of town. It was decided by the committee that an effort be made to sell one hundred tickets for a course of three entertainments at seventy-five cents. This would yield \$75.00, and the remainder it is thought could be secured by admissions paid at the door. This is the first attempt ever made to secure a course of lectures, and whether or not the plan will succeed depends on the support the people of Centre Hall and vicinity are willing to give to the movement.

It is proposed that one or more of the numbers will be of a musical character, but as yet no selections have been made. The wishes of the contributors will be considered when selections are made.

Subscriptions can be made to any of the local ministers, who will make a canvass.

### Keith's Philadelphia Theatre.

The first vaudeville appearance of the metropolitan star, Mr. Homer Lind supported by a brilliant company, representing Gustave Weinberg's rare musical playlet, "The Opera Singer." Another special feature is the George Bonhair troupe, the world's most wonderful Risely acrobats from the London and New York hippodromes; Willard Simms & Company, in vaudeville's funniest sketch, "Flinders' Furnished Flats." An extra added attraction is Mr. Keith's presenting for the first time here "The King of the Ice Floes," Sam Mahoney, in his wonderful realistic scenic production, "The Frozen North," which is a startling endurance demonstration of exercising and swimming among cakes of floating ice.

Price 25c to \$1.00. All seats reserved except second balcony. Two shows daily—matinee, 1:45 night, 7:45.

### Sold House and Shop.

W. Frank Shutt sold his house and lot as well as the blacksmith shop and lot on which the latter stands, both adjoining and located on Hoffer Street. The sale was made to two parties, one buying the house and lot, and the other the blacksmith shop and lot. The names of the parties making the purchase are withheld at the request of Mr. Shutt.

Mr. Shutt will vacate the premises by the first of the year, and will go to farming near Wellington, Ohio, on a farm owned by his brother, Samuel Shutt. It is about twenty years since he first came to Centre Hall, but later removed to Stone Mill and then to Hubersburg. In 1900 he returned to this place and has carried on the blacksmithing business ever since. He will make sale of his household goods and blacksmith tools, Saturday, 18th instant. See sale register and posters.

### More Delay for Huston.

The trial of Huston, the State Capitol architect, has been again postponed. The date for trial now named is January 17. The reasons given for delay by Huston's counsel were: Seclusion and sickness of an important witness in New Jersey; the approach of the holiday season; pending Snyder appeal before the Supreme Court; other engagements of attorneys in other Courts, and other more or less trivial pleas.

George Thomas, after an absence from Centre county for some few months, returned to his home on Nittany Mountain during the latter part of last week.

### DEATHS.

JACOB SHAFFER.

Sunday evening of last week Jacob Shaffer died at the home of his son, S. H. Shaffer, at Zion. Over a year ago he was stricken with paralysis and had been an invalid ever since, the effects of another stroke causing his death.

Deceased was born in Elk county May 1st, 1821, hence was eighty-eight years, six months and twenty days old. In 1848 he came to Centre county with his father and family and engaged in farming in Walker township and all his life since was spent in the neighborhood of Zion. He was a member of the Reformed church of Zion and a man who had the confidence and esteem of all who knew him.

His wife died a number of years ago but surviving him are two sons, John L., of Jacksonville; S. H., of Zion, and one daughter, Emma Jane Shaffer, of Pleasant Gap. He also leaves one brother, Michael Shaffer, of Centre Hall. The funeral was held from the Reformed church in Zion Wednesday morning following his death. Ambrose M. Schmidt officiated and burial was made in the Zion cemetery.

### JOHN I. POTTER.

When John I. Potter died, Wednesday of last week, one of Bellefonte's best known citizens passed away. He had been confined to the house ever since the beginning of November, being a sufferer from Bright's disease.

John Irvin Potter was a son of Capt. and Mrs. W. W. Potter and was born at Potters Mills, November 23rd, 1844, hence was just one day over sixty-five years old. His early life was spent at home, his parents moving from Potters Mills to Centre Furnace, thence to Hecla, and in 1866 to Bellefonte.

When the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe railroad was built and opened up in 1870 Mr. Potter was appointed paymaster of the road. Shortly afterwards he engaged with others in the mercantile business in Snow Shoe under the firm name Potter Wolfe & Co. Later he returned to Bellefonte and went to work for the Pennsylvania railroad company under his father, who was then the general agent at this place. His adaption to the business brought him recognition and promotion by the company and upon his father's death in July, 1884, he succeeded him as the agent at the Bellefonte station, a position he held continuously until his death.

He was the last surviving male member of that branch of the Potter family and as he never married his only immediate survivors are the two daughters of his brother, the late George L. Potter.

### New Books in Library.

Progress Grange received a new lot of books from the Pennsylvania Free Library Commission, and they may now be had at the local library at Grange Acadia.

- Barry: Barry's Fruit Garden
- Ballard: Open Seams
- Bellamy: Third Century of Charades
- Brown: Diary of a Girl of France
- Byington: Puritan as Colonist and Reformer
- Coffin: Life of Lincoln
- Coppée: General Thomas
- Gibson: Camp Life
- Houston: Electricity in Every-day Life
- Jackson: Tommy Post Office
- Jessie: An Alphabet of Birds
- Kirk: Dorothy and Her Friends
- Longfellow: Out-remer
- Mable: Essays on Work
- Meredith: The Egrotist
- Paderewski: Century Library of Music
- Page: John Marvel Assistant
- Pepper: Panama to Patagonia
- Perry: Hope Benham
- Pierson: Three Little Millers
- Plympton: Black Log
- Q. P.: How to Buy Life Insurance
- Riley: Golden Year
- Saint-Pierre: Paul and Virginia
- Seton: Woodmyth and Fable
- Shaw: Soling Crops and the Silo
- Shutem: Real Diary
- Snow: Practical Species of Wood
- Spurr: Principles of Jesus
- Stanley: Through the Dark Continent
- Stankington: Gentleman from Indiana
- Thurston: Bachelor Maid and Her Brother
- Tomlinson: The Red Chief
- Towle: Vasco Da Gama
- Tribunals of a Princess
- Travels: Tom Sawyer
- Van Dyke: Blue Flower
- Warman: Snow on the Headlight
- Warren: Girl and the Governor
- Watson: Hurricane Island
- Wells: Her Ladyship's Elephant
- Wells: Patsy Fairfield
- Wharton: Descent of Man
- Whitaker: Ladie
- Wiggin: Village Watch Tower
- Williamson: Lightning Conductor
- Wister: Lin McLean
- Wolfenstein: Renegade
- Woodrow: New Missioner
- Woods: Kings Revolve
- Yonge: Helr of Rodcylffe

The library will be open every Saturday afternoon, at four o'clock.

### Widow Long Buys Long Property.

The Isaac Long property, located on the North side of Brush Mountain, in Gregg township, containing over forty acres was sold, last week, by Trustee Frank M. Fisher, to Mrs. Hannah Long, for \$1050. Mrs. Long now occupies the place.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Family jars are frequently caused by jugs and bottles.

Many an alleged stolen kiss is really a voluntary contribution.

Rev. James Potter Hughes, of Bellefonte, was quite ill last week. He is past eighty-two years of age.

Robert Meyer, of Centre Hall, went to Millmont last week and remained until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk.

In The Ladies World for December appears a notable contribution on Woman Suffrage by David J. Brewer, one of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court.

Ex-Judge Love and Mrs. Love are at Clifton Springs, New York, to which place they went for a stay of two weeks on account of the impaired health of the former.

Harry M. Allison moved his family from Pine Grove Mills back to Spring Mills, but Mr. Allison will remain at Pine Grove Mills and continue in the milling business in that place.

A social and festival was held in Pine Grove Mills the other Saturday night, and the proceeds proved to be \$60.00. The money will be used in securing an organ for the High School.

Miss Ray Fleisher, who had been in Baltimore for some weeks, returned to Centre Hall last week. She was accompanied by her uncle, Mr. Hipple, who is the guest of his brother-in-law E. W. Crawford.

The December number of the Woman's Home Companion is a distinctly Christmas issue—bigger than usual—and filled with Christmas stories, Christmas verse, Christmas pictures, and Christmas ideas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Person were at the Strohm home for Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Person returned to Phillipsburg, New Jersey, a few days later, and Mrs. Person remained until the beginning of this week.

Of the seven hundred and sixty-six students at the West Chester State Normal School, four are from Centre county, namely, Ethel G. Grieb and Gertrude A. Welsh, of State College; C. Esther Noll, of Pleasant Gap, and Vera Wynn, of Phillipsburg.

Messrs. Harry and Ralph Musser, of near State College, were in Centre Hall Thanksgiving day and took supper at Grange Acadia. They are carpenters by trade and are engaged with their father, Wallace Musser, who is doing work at State College.

C. C. Sbebold sold his store property and dwelling in Middleburg to O. H. and Reno Bowersox, of Millmont, for \$3500.00. The purchasers now have a store at Millmont and are doing a large business. They will take possession inside of two weeks and fill the room with an entire new stock.

In a statement issued from the auditor general's department in Harrisburg it is shown that the total amount of mercantile tax assessed in Centre county for the year 1909 was \$5,892.79, of which amount \$205.65 was uncollectable. The cost for advertising the mercantile appraisal and collecting the tax was \$748.18, leaving as the net amount paid \$5,008.90.

At public sale, at Millinburg, H. M. Emery, of Yeagertown, purchased the brick building on Chestnut street, late the property of Samuel Getgen, deceased, used as a store room and private dwelling, at \$2,000. He will get possession April 1st, when he will enlarge the store room and otherwise improve the building, his purpose being to conduct a store there. Mr. Emery is a brother of Merchant C. F. Emery, of Centre Hall, and is one of a family of merchants.

A most peculiar experience was had by Mrs. Henry Davis, at Pine Grove Mills. She was milking a cow, which was standing by the roadside, and while so doing a runaway horse happened that way. The lines on the harness were dragging on the ground, and in some way or other they became entangled with the lady's lower limbs and wrapped so tightly around them that she was dragged a considerable distance. The bruises and cuts inflicted were many and some of them quite painful.

Samuel Duret, farmer at Earliestown, is putting up a lime stack. The important part of this notice is that it indicates that lime burning is becoming more general in this immediate vicinity, where for years its use was almost unknown. The agitation of the subject at the farmer's institutes and other agricultural gatherings has revived and brought to the attention of the farmers the beneficial results obtained from liming, and now the progressive farmer is either turning lime in his own pit, or is having it shipped from some of the nearby lime