



HOUSE ROBBERS

Visit Centre Hall Thursday Night and Enter a Number of Homes.

Not in a long while, until Thursday night of last week, were there attempts made to rob in Centre Hall. On that night, however, a number of homes were entered by burglars who evidently were in search for nothing but hard cash. The total reward for the whole night's work was seventy cents, which no doubt disgusted the robbers to such a degree that they will not return.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Boal entrance was gained by removing the screen from a window. Mr. and Mrs. Boal sleep down stairs, their sleeping room was entered and Mr. Boal's trousers were taken to the back lot and the pockets turned to the weather. It was from these receptacles that the reward for the night was found.

At the Centre Hall hotel a screen was also removed from a back window. The house was evidently searched, but nothing was missed by the owner or boarders.

At the home of T. L. Moore the robbers ransacked the house on both first and second floors. The sleeping room, where a lamp was burning, was entered and several pairs of trousers were taken down from the wall and examined. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and the children slept through it all, thus not even losing sleep.

An effort was also made to enter the dwellings of D. J. Meyer and Mrs. Lillie Alexander and perhaps others. A litter of burnt matches indicated that the invaders had resorted to the customary method of lighting their way while searching. At no time were the robbers molested, except, perhaps without intention, for it was only when morning came that it was found strangers had been within.

The Party Square.

If the "party square" upon the ballot has one honest advocate remaining his allegiance should be shaken speedily by the disgraceful exhibition now given throughout the state by the politicians who are scrambling for the "pre-emption of party names." The provision of the ballot law under which this is made possible was probably designed to afford the fullest liberty for independent nominations, but it has been shamefully diverted from its legitimate purpose by tricky politicians and used for the express purposes of making independent voting difficult and of throwing obstacles in the way of independent political action.

Without the party square upon the ballot these manoeuvres of dishonest tricksters would be of no avail, but with the existing provision for party voting a premium is placed upon knavery and fraudulent "parties" are multiplied at the will of the machines or the ingenuity of petty leaders. With the candidates grouped simply by offices, all classes of voters are placed upon an absolute equality with respect to the ease of voting, and it is a matter of indifference how many party designations are tacked on to the names of candidates. For then the machine voter and the independent voter alike are compelled to make a choice for each of the offices to be filled, and no group of voters enjoys an advantage over any other group.

Masonic Home Plans.

Announcement has been made by the committee on homes of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the prize competition to obtain plans for the new Masonic Home, to be located near Elizabethtown, Lancaster county. The first prize, which carries with it the privilege of carrying out the work, and a special prize of \$800, was awarded to C. C. Dantziger, C. L. Borie and M. B. Medary, of Philadelphia.

The plans of the committee call for the erection of about eighty buildings on a tract of 240 acres. The committee will spend about \$352,000 in the erection of the building, of which the architects fee will be six per cent. The jury, consisting of Professor Westra P. Laird, of the University of Pennsylvania, and two architects elected by the thirty-three competitors, Walter Cook, of New York, and Frank Miles Day, of Philadelphia, congratulated the committee on the exceptional merit of the design selected.

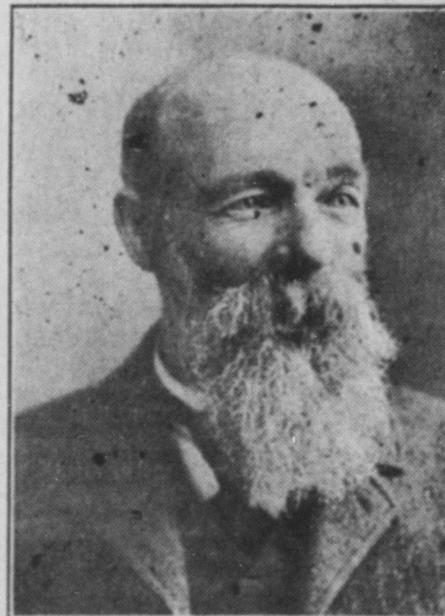
The general style of the buildings which will compose the home will be English Domestic Gothic, and the design will be worked out in stone.

Dysentery is a dangerous disease but can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has been successfully used in nine epidemics of dysentery. It has never been known to fail. It is equally valuable for children and adults, and when reduced with water and sweetened, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Murray and Bliner.

DEATHS.

James A. Keller died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank M. Fisher, at Penn Hall, Thursday morning. He had been ill for about three weeks. Death was due to paralysis, which at first was thought to be slight, but later his throat became paralyzed, after which time he was unable to take nourishment in the natural way. Without enduring pain of much consequence, or at least he never made demonstrations indicating such conditions, Mr. Keller gradually wasted away. At first he was given nourishment through a tube, but for almost a week previous to his death, his bowels appeared to be paralyzed, and unable to assimilate even this bit of food. During his illness Mr. Keller was conscious at all times, although weak and able to converse but little. Death came without a struggle.

Interment was made at Centre Hall, Sunday forenoon, the funeral being conducted by Rev. Daniel Gress,



THE LATE JAMES A. KELLER

pastor of the Reformed church, which denomination and church the Keller family has supported for many years. The pastor was assisted by Rev. W. Donat, of Aaronburg, and Rev. S. H. Deitzel, of Pleasant Unity, both Reformed ministers. Short services were held at the home of the deceased's daughter, where the death occurred, at Penn Hall, and after the interment, services were conducted in the Reformed church, at Centre Hall. The services at both places were largely attended, and the remains at the cemetery were viewed by a large number of people. The four sons of Mr. Keller acted as pallbearers.

The first of the Keller family who located in Potter township was Jacob Keller, born in 1753, in Dauphin county, and came here in 1806. He was a soldier during the Revolutionary war, and was discharged at Lebanon, November 2, 1777. He purchased what is now known as the Red Mill property. The sons of Jacob Keller were Jacob, John, Christian, Philip and Peter.

Christian Keller, grandfather of the late Mr. Keller, was a miller by trade. He secured a tract of land from the Potters in 1828. On his way by this farm, when but a boy, in company with a number of companions among whom was Catharine Haney, his future wife, he remarked to the young girl, "If you and I had that place, it would be all I'd wish for." The maiden smiled but said nothing. Twenty-five years later the wish was realized; he came into possession of the Dillman farm and had won the girl for his wife. This farm comprised the farms now owned by William Hoffman, the James A. Keller homestead and that of John W. Conley.

The Christian Keller family was composed of these children: William, who died while serving as county commissioner; John H., the father of our subject; Elizabeth, wife of Amos Alexander; Catharine, wife of John Boxer; Lydia, wife of Peter Hoffer; Rebecca, wife of Watson Pennington; Sarah, wife of Isaac Pennington; Leah, wife of John Hoffer; David C., and Christian (II).

The father of the late Mr. Keller was John H. Keller, and his mother before marriage was Rachel Alexander. The mother died in 1878 and the father in 1895.

From the Commemorative Records of Central Pennsylvania published in 1895, these paragraphs are reprinted: "James A. Keller, whose name introduces this sketch, first attended the Plum Grove school, which was then taught by J. H. Shoemaker, and later pursued his studies in the Tuscarora Academy and Dickinson Seminary. At the age of seventeen years he obtained a teacher's certificate, which he held for eight years, and for a short time engaged in teaching in Boggs township, Centre county; but after his return from Dickinson Seminary, he aided his father in the work of the farm as the war was then in

SNAPPY DOCUMENT OF KEYSTONE PARTY.

Pennsylvanians are face to face with necessity for desperate battle for the preservation of representative free government.

A political trust managed by cunning politicians threatens the Commonwealth.

Some of the conspirators are labeled Republicans and some Democrats; but they are all in league against the people and act in harmony with the treasonable purpose and under the orders of one head.

Their power is based upon the illegal and unwarranted use of public property and office; upon force, fraud and election crimes.

Police protected dens of vice are made to furnish enough illegal votes to overwhelm respectable citizenship.

Both of the tickets nominated and both of the platforms adopted, it is well understood, were dictated by the same authority, and were intended for the delusion of the voters and the further confirmation of the power of the political machine.

The evidence is convincing that both tickets were made in the interest of those identified with the liquor business.

Political control by any particular business interests is a peril to just government.

Regardless of former party affiliations, we call on the citizens of Pennsylvania to join for the defeat of the political partnership of the Boss and the Saloon.

The public enemies know no party ties.

Let good citizens defeat them by an equal disregard of partisanship.

The men nominated this day for the chief offices of the State must be of such a character, ability and record that if elected the public interests to them entrusted will be cared for with regard solely to their obligation to the whole people under the Constitution and the law.

In making these nominations we declare the following principles and purposes:

ELECTIONS.

The election laws should be so revised and amended as to deprive the boss and his tools of their present inordinate advantage. The party square should be abolished. No person under any pretext should be allowed opportunity to know the ballot cast by any voter, except an official assistant, after due proof of physical inability to prepare the ballot.

SHORT BALLOT.

The Long Ballot is the opportunity of the Boss. We accept the principle of the Short Ballot and believe that the number of elective offices should be reduced wherever practicable, so that the plain citizen can really elect officers and not simply ratify the selection of the bosses.

CIVIL SERVICE.

Appointment and promotion in the purely administrative service of the public should be only to best perform the duties required.

The laws should be so framed and so sincerely enforced that no position in the public service may depend upon loyalty to any faction or upon the favor of any boss.

HOME RULE.

The sale of intoxicating liquor is peculiarly a matter affecting each community. It is in accordance with true democracy and the right of self-government that citizens be granted the opportunity to control the business of liquor selling in accordance with the will of the majority of each locality.

This principle does not interfere with, but is a safeguard of personal liberty.

SCHOOL SYSTEM.

We are in favor of generous appropriations to the public school system suitable to the municipalities and communities of the State and free from domination that may have sufficient schools for all the people.

UNITED STATES SENATORS.

We favor the selection of United States Senators in accordance with the will of the people as expressed by popular vote.

TAXES.

A careful revision of the tax laws is necessary to equalize the burden, and to encourage individual industry and enterprise.

All values resulting solely from the growth and improvement of communities ought to be assessed at least their full share for the public expense.

The laws should be so framed and so administered as to prevent evasion of taxation by either individuals or corporations.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

We insist upon the enactment of a comprehensive law for the control of public service corporations. We therefore demand the establishment of a fully equipped commission in Pennsylvania similar to the agencies that

have been successful in New York state, such commission to stand as just mediators between the people and their privileged agents, due regard for popular rights and for proper return upon invested capital.

GOOD ROADS.

The highways of the State should be improved, constructed and maintained in accordance with a scientific system impartially and honestly administered, and in this end we declare for a reorganization of the State Highway Department. We favor State aid for township roads.

We favor legislation to the end that the government of cities be simplified so that power and responsibility for the conduct of municipal business, now widely scattered, be concentrated in fewer officials, who may be removed by the voters for due cause.

MINOR JUDICIARY.

We advocate the institution of a modern system of minor judiciary, administered only by men learned in the law, such as will expedite business, so that there may be prompt, equitable and final disposition of a character that will tend to improve the conduct of mercantile affairs and prevent injustice to the citizen of small means, to whom the law's delays and other injustices are peculiarly oppressive.

CHARITIES.

We favor just and liberal appropriations for charitable purposes, but believe that the charitable system of our State should be carefully revised, in order that it shall be honest, efficient and equitable. We are opposed to appropriating money from the State Treasury to private charitable institutions for the purpose of securing property; and we demand that all money granted to such agencies for maintenance purposes shall be based upon a per capita service rendered to the poor and needy of the State, instead of upon the basis of political influence. We call for an unbiased investigation of the State institutions, and particularly of the scandal of the Rittersville Hospital for the insane.

LABOR.

We favor judicious laws impartially enforced for the better protection of labor, and the establishment of an equitable system whereby the victims of the risks of business operation shall be insured prompt and just compensation; reducing the uncertainty and needless loss of damage litigation, and protecting the community from the charge as charity of the injured and their dependents which should be born by the business in which the earning capacity of the worker has been destroyed.

The movement for conservation of national resources and to the rescue of the heritage of the whole people from the craft and greed of unworthy public officials acting in treacherous subservience to dishonest wealth. We invite the support of the patriotic, the true and the brave in the battle for honesty, justice and righteousness in our great Commonwealth.

Mrs. Snyder Speaks on Missions.

The service scheduled for the United Evangelical church, Friday evening, at which time it was the pleasure of those present to hear one of the most gifted, fluent and entertaining female speakers before the public today, Mrs. Sarah Ernest Snyder, of Pittsburg. Her subject for the occasion was "Consecration." The speaker held the very attentive and appreciative audience spell bound for the period of an hour.

Young, of magnetic personality, with a command of language not excelled by many, and, withal, unmistakably the bearer of a divine message, she impressed the audience with the sincerity of her individual consecration and their need of absolute surrender. Naught but words of appreciation were expressed with a desire for a return date.

We have noticed the indifference on the part of members of the various churches to avail themselves of the opportunity and thus benefit by services similar to the one above mentioned. We recall a similar service held in a sister church, when an able divine speaker from New York City, in eloquent and unmistakable language appealed for greater missionary zeal, only the faithful few benefited, yet the invitation was general.

We also recall the service held in the recent past when Mr. Shurtle, of Philadelphia, addressed the audience in the interest of the Christian Endeavor, a most excellent address, enjoyed by only a few. Christian friends, sustain the moral and religious tone of your town, as evidenced by the (five) churches erected to the glory of God, by attending these special services, irrespective of the church in which they are held.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers Correspondent Column—New Departm. of.

From Clarno, Wisconsin, came these lines written by H. E. Sweetwood, brother of I. A. Sweetwood, of Centre Hall: " * * * We are having a very dry summer here, and have not had a thorough rain since the fourth of June, and only a few local showers. Small grain yields fairly well considering the weather, and corn looks remarkably good, most of it being out in tassel. There are exceptional fields that look poor, owing to the ravages of out worms early in the season. The pasture is nearly dried up. Quite a number of farmers are feeding their cattle hay, while others are selling off a portion of their stock. Milch cows have fallen off nearly fifty per cent. of their milk yield.

This is a dairying country, the cheese factory being largely patronized. I have shipped you a block of Switzer which I hope you will enjoy. June cheese was sold at eighteen and one-half cents per pound, but it is predicted by buyers that the prices will drop.

Wish you success with your paper, which is a very welcome weekly visitor in my home, and brings the news from the old home state.

Union Lad Gets Mitherling.

A short time ago a youngster down at Collegeville, bowed his arm and made a knot on his muscle about the size of a walnut, threw out his chest like a pigeon, looked square into Will Mitherling's face and asked for a job. Now Collegeville is the place where Drover Mitherling sells the large number of milch cows and other stock and hogs purchased in Centre county, and it is the custom there for the man who sells stock to also deliver it, and this is the reason every kid in that section hails Mitherling for a "job."

Just at the time this particular youngster accosted the dealer, there was nothing doing for boys—there were no cows to deliver—but since the youth was in such great earnest and had stood by Mitherling when he was in need of help, he began to think, and everybody who is acquainted with Mitherling will agree that he thinks fast, when fast thinking serves to relieve him when in a predicament.

"Over there in that lot under those trees I have a bunch of hogs," Mitherling said to the boy, who was already planning with which confectioner to make his deposit. Continuing the jolly drover said: "I want them to be in the pink of condition for the sale tomorrow. They are all right with but one exception, they have the tail curl and if you will straighten the appendage, so they go on the auction block with drooping tails—twenty-five cents for each pig!" "I'll take the job," was the quick response. Although he had had no experience in massaging, the boy left for the lot, and Mitherling went after his business.

An hour later the stock dealer happened by the hog lot, and was met by the boy, who declared that a union had been formed, and that the new regulations did not permit of piece work, and that unless the demands of the union were acceded to, the hogs would have to go to market with the peculiar twist. There was a low undertone discussion, at the conclusion of which Mitherling agreed that the freckle-faced youth should put in the remainder of the day at the union prices. The two are friends today.

Bonner Township Teachers Elected.

The following teachers for Bonner township were elected at the regular meeting of the school board of that district held on Saturday, July 30th:

High school, A. H. Robb, Howard; primary school, Vienna Grove, Bellefonte; Peru, Raymond Brumgart, Robersburg; Roopersburg, Anna Gumm, Lemont; Knox, Charles Robb, Howard; Armozost, Grace Hoy, Bellefonte; Valley View, Ralph Struble, Bellefonte; Rock, H. A. Deitrick, Hublersburg; Clark, Margaret Woods, Bellefonte.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Annie Garbrick et al to Oliver Witmer, lot in Spring twp., March 25, 1910. \$400.

Francis Alexander's heirs to Alfred Krape, April 5, 1907, tract of land in Centre Hall. \$300.

Daniel Ripka et al to William B. Ripka, tract of land in Gregg twp., May 12, 1910. \$1200.

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It is true that most of the every-day maxims are men's maxims, written about men and for men. I should like to come back to this world in about a hundred years and read some women-made maxims, says Erman J. Ridgway in The Delineator for September.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The borough tax was reduced to the extent of two mills. That will be good news to the taxpayers.

The week started in with a shower early Monday morning, which continued throughout the day.

The saw and handle mill of Harvey Wetzel, at Howard, together with a quantity of lumber, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night of last week.

Charles D. Bartholomew and George Breen had the misfortune to lose a cow, and Dairyman Will Smith dragged out a three-hundred-pound hog.

Miss Emily Alexander has leased her home to Dr. J. V. Foster, and will continue to live with her sister, Mrs. Mary Ross, where she has been staying for some time.

Robert Hunter, the Bellefonte insurance man, came to Centre Hall the other day to deliver a check of over \$1000 to D. W. Bradford, the same being for insurance on the endowment plan.

Miss Klise will again hold services in Moyer's grove, near Colyer, Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening. Please note that there will be no services Sunday morning.

Dr. J. V. Foster has leased the home of Miss Emily Alexander, and will occupy the same. He will also have his office in his residence, which is almost immediately opposite the residence of the late Dr. J. F. Alexander.

The Gettysburg Cavalry Commission is depending to some extent on Col. John Taylor, of Redsville, for its supply of young horses. Col. John P. Nicholson, the other day, purchased the fifth col. from Col. Taylor, the price paid for the last one being \$175 00.

Charles Van Gordon, a farm hand, fell from the hay mow in the barn of Harvey Geiser, near Hublersburg, and was injured very badly. He was unconscious when picked up, and remained so for several days. He was mowing hay, and accidentally stepped into a hole, falling through it to the barn floor, alighting on his head.

Dr. Miller, of Milroy, made a business trip to Centre Hall last week. He is the owner of "Allen Chide," the road horse that has stood in the valley during the past three seasons and has a bunch of fine yearling and two-year-old fillies and colts to his credit. The horse is offered for sale, and Dr. Miller found several prospective buyers in this section.

From the Keystone Gazette: Commissioner John Dunlap and assistant commissioners' clerk, J. Homer Decker, returned home on Monday from a pleasant trip to Erie, where they attended the dedication of a handsome new home of the Moors Lodge. From Erie they went by boat to Buffalo, and visited Niagara Falls, Toronto, Canada, and Crystal Beach before returning home.

The crops being harvested will put on edge the keen wits of the schemer who taps the farmer on the back and induces him to sign a contract of some kind that turns out to be altogether different than it appeared on first reading. Before signing a contract in the hands of a stranger, sleep over it, and discuss it with your wife. If the same contract were presented by your neighbor, you would be off-nided. Learn to say No to a stranger.

Clarence L. Peaslee, a Republican candidate for congress, had printed on the franked envelope of Senator Penrose, "compliments of Clarence L. Peaslee, candidate for congress," and mailed through the Williamsport postoffice thousands of government documents with a view of aiding him in securing votes at the approaching election. The Williamsport Sun called the attention of the postoffice department to this grave violation of its rules, and the result is that candidate Peaslee will be asked to pay up the postage.

Three bull dogs attacked the horse driven by Mrs. Charles Sellers, of Waddies, and Miss Ermatra E. Bricker, of Bellefonte, while driving in the vicinity of Waddies, where Jacob Cass, the owner of the dogs lives. The brutes made several attempts to jump into the buggy, but the horse was kept on a good trot, which prevented them from doing so. The dogs kept on biting the horse, and finally the animal rushed into a barnyard. Two of the dogs were beaten off with clubs, but the third had closed its jaws on the horse's head, and would not let go until shot and killed. The ladies were uninjured but almost scared to death. Mrs. Sellers being so nervous that she could not be taken to her home until the next day.