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## THE PRIMARIES AND ELECTION.

Nominations for Township and Borough Offices to be Made Under New Primary Law.

The late amendments to the constitution of the state and several new acts of assembly have caused a number of changes in the length of terms of county and municipal offices, so that it is deemed advisable to publish the information at hand to acquaint the voters with their duties at the coming primaries on Saturday, September 30th and the general election, on Tuesday, November 7th.

All nominations for offices will be made under the new primary law, the party caucus passing away. The nominations for county, borough and township officers will therefore be made at the same time, on the last day of September, and will be conducted by the regular election officers.

In the boroughs and townships of the county five directors constitute the school board; two of these will be elected for two years, two for four years and one for six years, and the certificates of nomination must set forth the number of years for which the candidate is running.

All constables will be elected this year, in boroughs and townships for four years.

All assessors will be elected this year, in boroughs and townships for four years.

One supervisor will be elected this year for four years.

Two overseers of the poor will be elected in every township and borough for two years.

A judge of election and two inspectors of election will be elected in every voting district in the county for two years.

The county offices to be filled are sheriff, treasurer, prothonotary, district attorney, three commissioners, recorder.

Petitions, where candidates are nominated on petition, must be in the hands of the county commissioners at least twenty-one days before the primaries.

### Aviator Kreamer Killed.

Daniel Kreamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kreamer, and nephew of the late Johnathan Kreamer, of Millheim, an amateur aviator, was killed at Chicago Thursday of last week. He was a resident of Freeport, and for two years had studied aviation and made a number of successful flights, and just the night before his death had made a four-mile flight by moon light.

Mr. Kreamer was using a Curtis biplane, and had made one lap, when the engine failed to work properly. He fell a distance of seventy-five feet, the engine (50-horse power) falling on him. His death was almost instantaneous.

Mr. Kreamer was a man of daring character, and had been granted a pilot's license. He had made twenty or more successful flights. He was very popular in Freeport, his home. His age was forty-one years. A widow and two small children survive.

Bud Mars, who fell at Erie the day following, witnessed the death of Kreamer. The two were close friends. Kreamer's fall seemed to weigh heavily on Mars, and probably partially unnerved him.

### Woods' License View Sustained.

It will be recalled that Parks Murtiff and R. K. Nolan, applicants for liquor license in Millin county, appealed to the superior court from Judge Woods' decision that Millin county be dry. The appeals were based on legal technicalities, that the court erred in considering remonstrance in the making of its decree and that it did not exercise a proper judicial discretion.

The superior court handed down its decision in both cases, affirming the order of the lower court and dismissing the appeals at the cost of the appellants.

It therefore seems to be fully and finally settled that the courts have full power to refuse all liquor licenses, in accordance with the sentiment of the people as expressed in the petitions and remonstrances presented and that Millin county will remain without liquor licenses so long as the present laws are in force and so long as the people themselves desire it and so express themselves at the polls and in their remonstrances.

### Progress Grange.

At the next meeting of Progress Grange, July 22nd, at 2 o'clock, the following questions will be discussed: "Early and late sowing for wheat." To be opened by the lecturer.

Recitations by Irma Dutrow, Guyer Grove, James Keiler, Nina Slick.

Discussion: "What is good custom for public occasions." To be opened by Mrs. D. W. Bradford. This question is intended to be especially in the interest of the younger members of the Grange.

## NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Odd Fellows Will Erect Addition to Orphans' Home Near Sunbury.

The lodge of Odd Fellows in Penna Valley help to support the Odd Fellows Orphans' Home near Sunbury, and the members of the order here will therefore be interested in the following from the Sunbury Daily Item: Most important of all the business transacted by the representatives of the lodges supporting the Odd Fellows Orphans' Home near Sunbury, at their annual meeting at the institution Tuesday was the unanimous adoption of a resolution to build a new school building without delay.

Architect Lee, of Shamokin, presented plans for a two-story brick building which were adopted. The building will contain a general assembly room and four school rooms, providing accommodation for 200 pupils without crowding. The building will be modern in every particular and will be erected near the administration building at an estimated cost of \$17,000. There was \$6000 in the building fund and \$2500 was added to this amount by subscriptions. The building and property committees were authorized to advertise for bids in accordance with the plans adopted and proceed with the erection of the building as soon as possible.

### Aaronsburg.

Earnest Stover has gone to Akron, Ohio, to visit friends.

Mrs. Nora Bower Kreamer has been under the doctor's care for the past week.

Mrs. Stover, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, is the guest of James Roush.

Mrs. William Summers and children, of Clearfield, are guests of Mrs. Sara Litzell.

William Hamley, of Boalsburg, spent the Sabbath at the home of Benjamin Stover.

Mary Stahl attended the funeral of her brother at Milton. She returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Albright, of Penn Hall, spent some time at the home of her son-in-law, Thomas Stover.

Miss Ruth Crouse spent part of the Sabbath with her friend Stella Stamm, living at Wolfs Chapel.

Misses Jennie Gramley and Jennie Ream, of Millheim, were guests of Mrs. Effie Weaver on Sunday.

Miss Ardenna Harmon and Mrs. Miriam Coldren spent a day last week with friends at Feldler.

Owing to the illness of Rev. W. D. Donat there was no service in the Reformed church on Sunday.

Mrs. Emanuel Musser died last Thursday at her home after being a patient sufferer for many years. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and five children, all of whom were to the funeral on Monday to pay their last tribute of respect to an affectionate wife and loving mother.

### Woodward.

Miss Lydia Williams, of Monessen, is visiting relatives and friends in town.

L. L. Weaver and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Emma Musser on Monday.

A number of young people from this place attended the festival at Laurelton Saturday evening.

A. M. Yearick, wife and children, Virgil and Miles, spent the Sabbath with the lady's parents at Laurelton.

Misses Bessie Eutlinger and Elsie Boob, of Fiedler, were entertained at the home of Daniel Benner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hosterman and sons, Harry and Stewart, of Ekins, West Virginia, are spending their vacation under the parental roof.

Rev. Carl, pastor of the United Evangelical Association church, on Sunday evening preached a very interesting sermon to a large congregation.

Mrs. Harvey Brungard and daughters, Misses Helen and Miriam, of Millinburg, spent last week very pleasantly with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Boob.

Those visiting at the hotel are: J. Willet Hosterman and son Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hosterman and son Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hosterman and children, Grace and Milton, and Mr. Jackson, all of Buffalo, New York. The trip was made in two touring cars.

### Livery.

The undersigned having opened a livery is ready to accommodate all in need of service. Attention given to local trade and commercial men. Rossman store building. Call over Bell telephone.

### IRVIN BURRIS

Miss Ada Meiss, the daughter of George R. Meiss, of Colyer, who has been so sorely afflicted during the past weeks, is improving, and at present is able to sit in a chair.

## HEAT-CRAZED MAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Shoots Himself at Foot of Japanese "God of War" in Fairmount Park.

The readers of the Reporter will read with regret the sad ending of the life of William J. Eccles, husband of Zora Heckman, formerly of Centre Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Eccles were married about two years ago, and in the beginning of July made their first visit to this place, spending the time with Mrs. Eccles' brothers and sisters, and her mother, Mrs. William Heckman. Mr. Eccles won the greatest respect of his wife's relatives. His visit to the Reporter office revealed him a quiet, unassuming man. He owned a home at the address given below, and is also said to have had considerable life insurance. The couple are childless. The Philadelphia Press of last Thursday gives this account of the man's death:

William Eccles wandered around Fairmount Park yesterday morning until he came before the Japanese Shrine, which stands apart from the other buildings, and then at the very pedestal of a high and gawky Japanese "god" of war he blew his head off with a revolver because he could not stand the heat.

When his body was found by Park Guard Furman it was lying across a bench which stands before the entrance to the sacred Temple of the Japanese.

Hundreds have gone to Fairmount Park and ended their lives inside the vast area, but Eccles is the first who chose to die in the shadow of the great images of the shrine, which are sacred to the Japanese. Just before Eccles pulled the trigger of his revolver he must have seen the Japanese "God of War," for it was right before his eyes.

Any where inside the borders of the Park it is lonely and it is easy to find some secluded spot, but the Japanese Shrine is the one place which seems entirely apart from all earthly things.

Eccles must have wandered some distance in the Park before he came to the temple, surrounded by the "Gods" and "Devils," for it is a long way from any of the entrances to the Park. It stands alone and always causes comment among those who do not know what it is. It is one of the places at the Park which is seldom visited. The crowds stay away from the temple and remain near the buildings which are more familiar to them.

When Eccles, who lived 3907 Olive Street, and was 40 years old, walked out of the United States Custom House, where he was employed, he had evidently made up his mind to commit suicide. He bought the revolver and put it in a shoe box. Then he wrote a note to his sister, Miss Mae Eccles, of this city, in which he said the heat was too much and that all he had should go to his wife, Zora.

As he drew near the place where he had decided to end his life and stepped inside the Park, his relatives believe he was under great mental strain and wandered around seeking a place to end his life. It was then he came upon the secluded shrine and sat down before the Japanese "God of War" and blew his head off.

The letter which he wrote to his sister said:

"Have William Nugent settle up my estate and see that Zora, my wife, gets everything."  
WILLIAM J. ECCLES,  
3907 Olive Street.

"P. S.—There is a will in my desk and \$25.00 in my pockets. Give it to my wife. Tell Zora, my wife, to rent the house and go home to her people. She has been a good wife, too good for me.

"This hot spell has got the best of me. I hope that you will all forgive me for this act, but I can't shake this spell off. Have me buried in mother's grave and then forget me. Love to all."  
"Zora, go home to your people and forget and forgive me."  
WILL.

The suicide's widow is prostrated. His relatives say there is nothing to be said further than what Eccles wrote in the note he left.

Miss Mae Eccles said her brother had been perfectly happy until the heat wave came to Philadelphia and drove him mad. He could not sleep. He had often complained of the hot weather, but he never intimated that he intended to kill himself. When he left his house yesterday morning to go to work he was perfectly sane.

### Reporter Register.

T. W. Smith, Morgantown  
Mable E. Homan, Spring Mills  
W. E. Detweiler, Spring Mills  
Mrs. George L. Lee, Centre Hall  
Frank Wion, Bellefonte  
S. V. Harter, Tusseyville  
George Harter, Tusseyville  
J. B. Showers, Youngdale  
Mrs. J. W. Conley, Centre Hall  
Wm. B. Kerr, Omaha, Nebraska  
S. W. Moore, Centre Hall  
Florence Stover, Berea, Ohio  
Helen Lutz, Centre Hall  
Ruth Smith, Centre Hall  
W. B. Duck, Spring Mills  
B. H. Shook, Spring Mills  
Thomas Lingle, Cherokee, Iowa  
Bruce Arney, Centre Hall  
Charles D. Frazier and Master Elsworth Frazier, Colyer  
Olive K. Love, Bellefonte  
J. S. Housman, Colyer  
J. R. Lemon, Ostraburg

## LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

Editor of the Reporter:

My last letter was written from Cleveland, or the Forest City, as it is nicknamed. Many things impressed me very strongly after leaving the hills of western Pennsylvania. One was the change from hills to land as level as a floor which continued all the way to Chicago.

Cleveland is noted for its cleanliness and abundance of shade trees. While here I went out of the city and saw one of the township brick paved roads. A concrete curb is placed at the side of the road and another along the middle. The road is ballasted and concreted, then covered with several inches of sand and then paved with red brick. Lastly a thin grout is made with which the road is scrubbed. The grout filling the interstices between the bricks makes the road a solid mass. The other half of the road is left a clay road to be used in winter when the hills on the brick side are too slippery for teams to draw heavy loads on.

After a week's stay in Cleveland we started for Marcellus, Michigan, 137 miles from Chicago, via Toledo, Jackson and Battle Creek across the state of Michigan. Several things impressed me very much on this part of our journey. One thing was the fine fields of corn just bursting into tassel. Not a single field of poor corn did I see. Next was the many fields of wheat with shocks almost touching one another. Another thing that attracted my attention was the absence of barns, and the smallness of houses. In Toledo and Sandusky, outside of the business centers, I saw very few two-story houses, and very few in the country. All the way across Michigan I did not see a farm house or barn that would bear any comparison with the buildings on the farms surrounding Centre Hall. Small one-story houses and sheds for stock and implements, with occasionally a barn about the size and shape of the implement shed on the Shearer farm below Centre Hall, were all the kinds of buildings to be seen.

From Jackson westward the corn crop began to look poor, some fields being very poor. West of Battle Creek the cornfields began to improve in appearance and by the time we reached Marcellus we again saw fields of tall corn.

Marcellus is a pretty town of about 1000 population, and so level that should a spring burst forth from the ground the water would be puzzled to know which way to run. Here we met our hottest weather, old Sol sending down 102 degrees in the shade. Cousin Philip Krise gave me a drive through the country as I was anxious to see some hills to relieve the monotony of the journey, or rather to keep me from getting homesick for the hills of old Penna Valley. Well, I could hardly call them hills but they call them out there. He also took me to see a peppermint farm. It was owned by an old German who was just beginning to thresh out his wheat crop. Farmers club together here just as they do in butchering time in Penna Valley, and help one another to thresh out their grain. They draw in the grain, (the word haul is not used in Michigan), thresh out the entire crop, and then market it. Three cents a bushel is charged for threshing since the season lasts only a month. Marcellus is in a grape raising district. My cousin took me through his twelve-acre vineyard and in the evening to his huckleberry marsh where I gathered a bucketful of large berries and brought them along to Chicago the next day as a present for my little grandson.

I wish your readers could see the huckleberry patches in Michigan. The bushes grow to a height of six or more feet, and the berries hang in clusters nearly like grapes. They call them blue berries here, but they are the genuine Pennsylvania berry. The ground being moist and rich the bushes grow taller and the berries larger.

We reached Chicago, July 7th. As Miss Freda says in her letter that a description of New York City is beyond her ability, I beg the same excuse for saying very little about this place. Paul Murray and Ralph Booser called to see us Thursday evening. Mrs. Krise was at home but I had gone with a friend to visit a lodge at one of the Masonic temples of which there are many in Chicago, besides the twenty-story temple, and where a big banquet was to be held, so I failed to meet the boys. As country life is most interesting to farmers, many of whom are your patrons, I have devoted most of this letter to a description of farm life as I saw it during my journey across the state of Michigan.

### W. A. KRISE.

Sprains require careful treatment. Keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. It will remove the soreness and quickly restore the parts to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

## DEATHS.

Death is always accompanied by sadness, but it is especially so when it removes from the home a child without scarcely any warning. This was the case in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Glenn, of Altoona, whose youngest daughter died after an illness of a few hours early on Thursday morning. The child, whose name was Sarah Ellen, aged two years and two months, was put to bed in apparently good health. During the night the parents were awakened by the restlessness of the little one, and on investigation she was found to be in convulsions, from which she never recovered, death claiming her at five o'clock in the morning.

The body was brought to Centre Hall and was buried from the train on Friday afternoon. The father accompanied the remains, but the young mother, who before marriage was Miss Elsie Foreman, daughter of Frank A. Foreman, of near Centre Hall, was not physically able to do so. The officiating minister was Rev. Harnish, of Lemont, a Presbyterian minister. The interment was largely attended by relatives and friends of the parents. A sister four years old survives.

George Nevel, a native of Colyer, died quite suddenly at Huron, Ohio, on Monday of last week after a brief illness of typhoid fever. Only two weeks prior to his death he had written to his mother, as was his weekly habit, and at that time was in good health, and the news of his death on Monday was naturally a great shock to his friends.

He was a son of the late Jacob E. Nevel and was born at Colyer about twenty-five years ago. During the past year or so he had been in the employ of the Chicago Iron and Bridge company. He was a sober, industrious young man and his death is sincerely mourned by his friends. Surviving him are his mother, one sister and four brothers, all living in the neighborhood of Colyer. The remains were taken to his old home in Colyer from where the funeral was held Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Emanuel Musser died at her home at Aaronsburg, Thursday of last week, after an affliction covering several years, at the age of sixty-nine years, one month and twelve days. Interment was made at Wolf's Chapel, Rev. D. M. Geesey, pastor of the Lutheran church, officiating. Her sufferings were due to paralysis, and for the last twenty months or more she was confined to bed, and for some time was speechless.

Mrs. Musser's maiden name was Elizabeth Shirk. She is survived by a husband and five children, namely, Clayton Musser, Aaronsburg; Mrs. Seymour Winkleblech, Feldler; Mrs. William Winkleblech, Coburn; Mrs. Ceden Burd, Millheim; Mrs. William Homan, South Dakota. These sisters also survive: Mrs. Sara Kleckner, Millinburg and Mrs. Emanuel Kerstetter, Colurn.

Miss Mary Jacobs, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jacobs, of near Pine Grove Mills, was almost instantly killed in a runaway in Clearfield county. For some time past she had been living at Osceola Mills and in company with a young man went for a drive. Their horse frightened and ran away. Miss Jacobs was thrown from the buggy and so badly injured that she died in a few minutes. She was about twenty-five years of age and is survived by her parents, one brother, John, and two sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth, all living near Pine Grove Mills. Burial was made in the Philadelphia cemetery.

Rev. Newton S. Bailey died at his home in New Paris, Bedford county, after an illness of but one day. He is well known in Centre county, having been editor of the Bellefonte Daily News, and was connected with several of the Bellefonte weeklies at various periods. He is survived by a wife, one brother and two sisters. Interment was made in Williamsport.

Rev. Emory T. Swartz, a well known superannuated minister of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the M. E. church, died at the home of his son, C. E. Swartz, in Scranton, aged seventy-five years, survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Mable, and the son at whose home he died.

Mrs. W. T. Twitmir, an invalid for eleven years, died at her home in Bellefonte, aged sixty-six years. Her maiden name was Frances Alexander. She was prominently connected with church work in her home town, and was also much interested in the W. C. T. U.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The editor of the Centre Democrat has an heir—a son.

The children of Capt. George M. Boal had a home gathering on Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Person, of Philadelphia, is at the home of her parents in Centre Hall, and expects to remain for some time.

The former Centre countians now residing in Blair county will hold a reunion at Lakemont Park, the last Saturday in this month.

Silas Gibboney, father of Mrs. E. L. Kidder, of Boalsburg, died at the home of his son Oliver Gibboney, at Boalsburg.

The local W. C. T. U. is discussing the question of erecting a drinking fountain in Centre Hall. The move is a laudable one, and no doubt will be carried to completion.

The 11th annual reunion of the Reformed people of the Lock Haven, Bellefonte, Nittany Valley, and Hublersburg charges, will be held at Hecla Park, Thursday of next week.

J. S. Showers, of Youngdale, was a caller on Saturday, and stated he had several prospective buyers for his farm, located near Tusseyville. The farm is advertised at private sale.

R. B. Spangler, of Barnesboro, who is interested in a large milling business and other industries in that place, last week was in Centre Hall to visit his mother, Mrs. Susanna Spangler.

Under the new school code school directors must submit plans of new buildings to B. F. Willis, of York, who was recently appointed advisory architect to the school commission.

Mrs. Ellen Wisner is at the home of her son Edward Wisner, east of Centre Hall. Just before coming here, Mrs. Wisner fell from a chair and broke one of the bones in her arm. She is now getting along nicely.

George Smith, who holds a position at the Morgantown Reformatory, near Pittsburgh, came home last week for a short vacation. He has been with this institution for several years, and is getting along nicely.

Nelson Robb is up north again. He had been connected with a telephone company in Mississippi, but the south was too sluggish for him. He and his family are now at the home of Dr. P. S. Fisher, his father-in-law, at Zion.

William Rossman, farmer west of Centre Hall, had the misfortune to have a valuable horse die for him. The animal was hitched to a binder and was overcome with heat and died right by the machine. Mr. Rossman purchased the horse last spring and paid \$230 for it.

Constable Charles D. Frazier, accompanied by his son, Master Elsworth, were in Centre Hall on Tuesday, and favored the Reporter with their presence. The result was the tag on the constable's paper will continue to keep in line with the requirements of the postal regulations.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. George O. Benner, of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, of Spring Mills, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ripka, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hazel, of Bellefonte, formed a party who last week camped in the mountains in the vicinity of Paddy Mountain.

The Millheim journal complains that chicken thieves have been busy in that community. Thirty chickens and a number of rabbits were stolen from M. L. Breen and R. S. Stover was also relieved of a portion of his flock of birds. There are two remedies for the chicken thief—the shot gun and the penitentiary. The application of either remedy makes the "colleagues" awfully sly, to which the residents of this community can testify.

The territory assigned D. W. Bradford, agent for the De Laval cream separator, has been extended, and now covers all of Penna Valley, or rather the whole of the south side of the county, and also through Nittany Valley. He is doing a splendid business, and puts out a number of machines each month. But then it is comparatively an easy matter to sell a machine that so far exceeds others as does the De Laval.

"You're my huckleberry," is the song sung by many men, women, and children in the mountains in Central Pennsylvania. The mountains bordering lower Penna Valley, are especially a profitable field for berry pickers, and dealers in Coburn, Aaronsburg, Millheim and Spring Mills have orders for all the berries that can be gathered. It is not unusual for a single merchant at one of these points to purchase in a single day as many as twenty-five or thirty bushels of the berries.