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J. Frank Smith For Register.

Mr. J. Frank Smith, whose name upon the Democratic ticket for register of wills helps materially to strengthen and popularize it, is a native of Pennsylvania, and one of its representative citizens. He was born in this valley and has passed his entire life among its honest and industrious people. His father Jacob Smith, Esq., was also a life-long resident of Pennsylvania and was one of its best and most respected citizens. Mr. Smith, who is now asking the support of the voters of the county for register, followed the occupation of farmer until fourteen years ago, when he entered mercantile pursuits. During these fourteen years he has so conducted his business that he now enjoys the esteem and confidence of the entire community. He has earned that esteem by his prompt attention to business, his gentlemanly treatment of every one, and his strict honesty in all transactions. He has been liberal in his contributions to deserving charities, helpful to the full extent of his time and ability, to those in need, considerate with all, and has built himself a reputation for real worth excelled by few in any community.

Mr. Smith has always been a Democrat, but never an offensive partisan. While he has always given of his time and efforts for the success of the Democratic ticket, it has not been in an offensive way to those who differ with him. For this reason his Republican neighbors hold him in just as high esteem, personally, as do his Democratic friends, and but few of the former can be gotten to oppose his selection for the place for which he is a candidate. His entire fitness for the place, intellectually, morally, in a business or any other way, is beyond question and is a matter that every neighbor he has, or any man who knows him, whether Democrat or Republican—will be pleased to assure of.

Mr. Smith will be favored with a tremendously large vote on the South side of Centre county and when he is elected, which he is sure to be, the people will find in him one of the most efficient, courteous and obliging public officials who has ever been chosen to public office.

When Josiah Prichard's friends out in Philipsburg gave testimony that the candidate for county treasurer was actually a citizen of Centre county they ought to have gone into detail and named not only the years—but the months and days. On such a short time the months and days would be an item worth considering. Now with Comly, Dale and Muser it is different, the careless general statement that they were life-long citizens would do. Josiah is just a baby in citizenship compared to that of the trio named.

D. R. Foreman, the Democratic candidate for prothonotary, never got a cent from Centre county in the shape of salary. His earnings come out of the funds that would otherwise be paid to the prothonotary were it possible for him to do all the work pertaining to the office. His salary is a private matter between himself and his chief, and is not paid by the county as is the clerk in the commissioner's office.

History will show that every Republican board of county commissioners left the county in debt. More money under their management was squandered than they could gather in taxes.

History shows again that every board of Democratic county commissioners cleaned up the indebtedness, and left the county finances in good condition. If you want the county debt paid, vote for Noll and Grove.

Who knows what scheme the Bellefonte bar will have to put up to Woodring and Zimmerman if they are re-elected. It might be the rebuilding of the jail, the purchasing of Bernard statury, or a boulevard from the court house to the State penitentiary—no telling! If Noll and Grove are elected no taxpayer need fear of his money being foolishly spent.

Every bit of real estate in Centre county is mortgaged and will be for thirty years, thanks to the Republican board of county commissioners who remodeled the court house, for the consideration of having the "bar" give their support for their re-election. If this is not true, let the commissioners speak for themselves.

It will take some fine figuring to make ends meet in the county finances with a big interest to pay every year, that is unless the county tax is raised. If you don't want the taxes raised vote for Noll and Grove.

What will the locating of the state pen in Centre county do? Hurry the building of the state roads through the county.

Making a Great Campaign.

In referring to the candidacy of A. B. Lee, the Democratic Watchman makes these expressions to which not only the Reporter, but all those acquainted with Mr. Lee can subscribe: Word comes to us that Mr. Arthur B. Lee, the Democratic candidate for sheriff, is making the best and most promising campaign that has been witnessed in the county for years. And we don't wonder. Mr. Lee is the kind of a man who can do that sort of thing. He is a gentleman whom to know is to admire. To shake his hand, crisp and strong from work at the anvil, to look into his clear, bright eye, and receive his kindly, honest greeting, is to make one feel that he has known him for a life time, and known him as the good, manly man he is. It is to tie you up to him for good and make it a pleasure to do for him what you can.

And beside being a good fellow, he is the kind of a man the people want for sheriff. No bluster, braggadocio, bullying or prejudice about him. The unpleasant work that falls to the lot of that office, will be done by him in a kindly, unostentatious and sympathetic manner. The unfortunate will be shown every consideration that official prudence will permit, and he, poor fellow, whose property goes under the hammer will be given every chance that an officer can extend.

Besides, Mr. Lee has earned the good will and hearty support of every Democrat, by his own work and efforts in behalf of his party. He has not been a drone, but an earnest worker for his party's success at all times and under all circumstances. Nor has he ever been offensive to those, who as Republicans opposed his effort. He has treated them in a gentlemanly manner, always recognizing their right to differ with him, in a way that brought no bitterness or cast no reflection on their honesty or intelligence.

In the candidacy of Daniel A. Grove, of College township, one of the Democratic nominees for county commissioner, the people have a man who as a citizen, in public and private life, possesses those characteristics which are bound to insure to the taxpayers freedom from further high taxation. He is a capable gentleman, always inspiring the confidence of the people who know him best. He comes from one of the old industrious families of the county who have always earned their bread by the sweat of their brows, toiling day after day in the fields as farmers. While this is true, Mr. Grove has been a constant reader, and as a business man he has few equals. Few men are better known throughout the county as for years he has been dealing in horses and stock in connection with his farming which has brought him in contact with a great many men who have found that he is a good, clean and able man. Mr. Grove's thoroughness for detail, his capacity for work, and the painstaking manner in which he performs all duties that devolve upon him, combine in making for him an equipment in the performance of the people's business that insures to the important office of county commissioner, an incumbent of whom Centre county will be proud. He has been successful in his own business which is a guarantee that whatever he does while in office will be to the best interest of those whom he will represent. The value of such an efficient man in the commissioner's office cannot be overestimated. Those who will take the trouble of looking up his record will find that his trained familiarity with business in general makes him competent to fill the office to which he is aspiring. He therefore should meet with the hearty support of all taxpayers who believe in the practice of economy in the affairs of the county.

If the reason given by the Bellefonte Republican newspapers why Messrs. Woodring and Zimmerman spent \$255,000 for remodeling the court house is true they could not take the oath of office, even if elected. Their party organs positively state that the agreement entered into to remodel the court house was made for a consideration—the support of the Bellefonte bar and the county officers for re-nomination and election. The wider the publicity of this statement the better, as it clearly shows the extent to which these officers would go to reelect themselves. The one thing they did not consider was that the parties to this agreement represented but a small fraction of the tax payers whose money was spent.

Josiah Prichard, the Republican candidate for treasurer, has been a citizen of Centre county for eight years, two months and THIRTEEN days according to correct calculations. He is considerable of an infant compared with the candidates he defeated who were life-long residents and taxpayers of the county.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

A contribution to this column comes from J. M. Keener, town clerk of Anconda, Colorado. Mrs. Keener before marriage was Miss Nannie Cori, well known about Boalsburg and Pleasant Gap, at which latter place she lived when married, a few years ago. After referring to a remittance for subscription, Mr. Keener says:

A few lines from this section might prove interesting to eastern people. In this particular community we cannot boast of great accomplishments in agricultural lines, but we can say without boasting that we do have the greatest gold mining camp in the world. Gold—what the poor man works for and the rich man fights for! We must not be understood to convey the idea that all who undertake mining make a success of it, for some make large fortunes while others go broke, the same as in all business undertakings.

This camp, until 1891, was known as a cattle range, but since then as the Cripple Creek district. The lowest wages paid for labor around a mine is \$3.00 per day, and from that up to \$5.00. There are some workings that are as much as from 1600 to 1700 feet below the surface, and have fine and extensive machinery. To some this class of mining may be thought hazardous, but where good care and judgment is exercised there is little or no more danger than in other occupations. To carelessness is attributed nearly all the accidents at mines. In quartz mining the formations are nearly always pretty hard, and there is very little danger of the ground caving.

When you become interested in gold mining you are always making estimates of the size of your future lot or bank account. We have a few concerns that find good values at grass roots, and we call them "sunshine" miners. To those not accustomed to seeing gold mining the mines and machinery are a wonderful sight, and while many thousands from the east yearly visit Cripple Creek camp few of them see the details of gold mining. We invite the Reporter readers to come and look over the mines, believing they would be pleased with what they could see here.

The climate in Colorado cannot be beaten anywhere. The evenings and nights are nearly always cool, and during the day it is pleasant.

From the Pacific Coast comes a message from David B. Kline. He is located in Los Angeles, California, and is interested in the Pacific Sash and Door Company, a large manufacturing concern that is proud to say it manufactures everything it sells except the raw material. Mr. Kline says this:

My wife says her subscription to your new paper expired in September, and she says having had it regular she must still have it. Then, too, this is election day to decide whether or not women may vote. I think they won out, and I am glorying over it, so I guess I would better send you the subscription. Mrs. Kline was Ella E. Ross, daughter of David Ross, of Linden Hall, and is just as bright and beautiful as she was when we were married, forty-two years ago, only mature, motherly and a noble woman. Your paper is fine, and is enjoyed by us and other Centre county friends living near us.

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Bathgate-Nees.

At the United Evangelical parsonage, in Centre Hall, Wednesday of last week, Willis B. Bathgate, of Lemont, and Miss Amanda M. Neese, of Bellefonte, R. D., were united in bonds of matrimony by the pastor of the bride, Rev. B. A. Snyder. The groom is a student in the Pennsylvania railroad station at Lemont, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Neese and is a seamstress. The young couple will start housekeeping in the near future.

State Grange to Convene.

United States Senator Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, has accepted an invitation to speak at the opening session of the convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange in Scranton on December 12. Other speakers at the convention will be Congressman David Lewis, of Maryland, and Obediah Gardner, recently appointed United States Senator in Maine. The convention is to be in session from December 12th to 15th.

Installation of Rev. Barry.

On Sunday Rev. Fred W. Barry will be installed pastor of the Centre Hall Lutheran church with appropriate ceremonies. The charges to the people and the pastor will be delivered by Rev. W. D. E. Scott, president of Central Pennsylvania Synod, Loyalsville; and Rev. D. R. P. Barry, of Hartleton, the latter the father of the pastor. The time for services is announced under the head of church appointments.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to John Bodensack, September 19, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$50.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to James I. Yarnell, September 16, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe. \$100.

H. R. Fulton to R. L. Watts, August 31, 1911, tract of land in College twp. \$1.

Leot W. Jones et ux to Abram E. Hahn, December 25, 1885, tract of land in Philipsburg. \$1.

George M. Boal exr to James W. Swabb, January 25, 1911, tract of land in Harris twp. \$2000.

Robert Smith to Ervin E. Zettie, April 1, 1911, lot in Gregg twp. \$150.

Matilda A. Dale to Maude E. Shuey, May 2, 1911, tract of land in College twp. \$150.

William L. Foster et al to Samuel E. Weber, September 15, 1911, tract of land in State College. \$600.

Robert B. Hosterman to Luther Weaver, May 29, 1911, tract of land in Haines twp. \$50.

John S. Bumgardner et ux to C. A. Miller, October 14, 1911, lot in State College. \$7000.

Harry F. Chaney et al to Budd Thompson, October 6, 1911, tract of land in north twp. \$5600.

Laurence L. Miller et ux to William M. Stevenson, October 12, 1911, tract of land in South Philipsburg. \$300.

Harriet T. Kurtz to Michael F. Hazel, October 3, 1911, lot in Bellefonte. \$1200.

Aaronsburg.

Charles Hosterman and sister, of Coburn, spent Sunday with their uncle.

Sara B. Kline, one of the aged ladies in town, was to Logan, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam spent Sunday with the latter's brother, John Haines.

Mrs. Wilmer Stover and daughter Mary spent Saturday at Ingley with a sister.

Mrs. Emma Beaver and daughter Delva, of Millheim, called on their many friends on Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Donat and son Nevin are spending their month's vacation in Reading, Bedford and Jonestown.

Mr. Tiddle, of Akron, Ohio, is spending a few days with his chum, Roy Stover. From here he is going to visit his parents at Millheim.

Lizzie Yarger, after spending a few months in Harrisburg and West Fairview, is back to Aaronsburg and will be at the home of her brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wolf and children Walter and Estella, and Mrs. A. Kessler, of Hollisport, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Luther Wert and Mrs. Effie Weaver.

There is no county office to be filled at this election where experience counts for so much as in the office of prothonotary. It would be almost impossible for any man unacquainted with the work to take charge of the prothonotary's office, and that accounts for the reason that so little is said about candidate Diehl, because it is well known that no one who has business in that office can afford to entrust it to a man whose knowledge of the business is absolutely nothing.

Beat Lee for sheriff. That is the word given out. Now, you Democrats on the South side, will you turn out and see that one of your number is successful in being elected? It is up to YOU.

TIMOTHY LADD.

A Teacher Early in Last Century—Impressions Left from Accounts of a Mother.

How many readers of this paper can recall or have ever heard of Timothy Ladd? Yet if Pennsylvania ever had a man worthy of a monument, that man's name heads this article. When a boy I often sat at the hearth fire and listened to my mother as she related incidents in the life and work of this molder of character, a teacher far in advance of his times.

He was of New England birth, well educated, being a college graduate. I cannot give the exact year of his coming to Pennsylvania, but it must have been about 1820. He was in every sense of the word a teacher, a man of high moral character. From childhood he was a cripple, and was unable to stand upright. On his hands he wore heavy buckskin gloves, or shoes, and walked on his hands and feet.

His school was in Potter township, about half way between Potters Mills and Centre Hill, in a log school house on the bank of Sinking Creek, near what was called the "red bridge," just west of the bridge now also known as the "red bridge." As was the custom then he boarded around with the patrons of the school. Some of the scholars lived three or four miles from the school house. A winter and summer term were taught—the winter for the larger boys and girls, and the summer for the smaller ones. In bad weather horses were used to transfer the children to and from the school, and my mother related that it was an amusing sight to see an urchin astride a horse holding the reins, and Ladd perched on behind, looking more like a big toad than a man. Yet it was a great pleasure and considered a great honor to tote the teacher. In that day school books were few in number, but Ladd's big bushy head was a store-house of knowledge and information, and in the school house or home he never lacked for subjects or material to use in his teaching. My mother said it was their allotment to entertain the teacher one month in the term, and that month all the members of the family were scholars, and Ladd the teacher. In the long winter evenings, from far and near, neighbors would gather in to hear Ladd talk, sing and play the fiddle. He was a great student of history, especially of Revolutionary times, and back to the early days of our country. His personal experiences were often very amusing. He was in no way sensitive as to his deformity and would often tell of his being taken for some wild animal by children and their fleeing from him. He was always cheerful, gentle and kind, "none knew him but to love him."

It is related that at a public gathering Ladd was called upon to make some remarks, and on taking his seat on the platform he forgot to remove his handshoes, and until he discovered his mistake appeared as if he was standing on his head while addressing the audience. My mother said he had a fine delivery, a rich, clear voice. He was very fond of music, and his violin was a source of great pleasure not only to himself but to his friends as well. It is said when moving from one place to another his fiddle was always strapped onto his back as were many other personal belongings.

Timothy Ladd's school was always opened with prayer, reading the Bible was a daily exercise, the teacher giving a short exposition on the passage read. Who can measure the influence of such a life? The impress of this good man's character upon all who came in contact with him could not but be stamped upon other lives, and thus transmitted to generations yet unborn.

J. M. GOODHART,
Lewistown, Pa.

Pennsylvania German Society.

Rev. L. Kryder Evans, of Pottstown, is a member of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania German Society that held a meeting in Harrisburg on Friday. Addresses were made by ex-Attorney General W. U. Hensel, Lancaster; Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry Houck, Lebanon; State Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Schaeffer, Lancaster; E. J. Stackpole, postmaster, and Theodore B. Klein, president of the Dauphin County Historical Society, both of Harrisburg.

At the afternoon session Dr. Schaeffer spoke on the work of the Pennsylvania Germans for the advancement of the state especially that of Governor George Wolf in founding the state school system through his approval of the school act in 1834. Other speakers were Prof. H. H. Reichard, of State College, and Dr. D. W. Need, of Buffalo.

It will take just \$221,000 to pay the county bonds on account of the rebuilding of the court house. And thirty years from now, at which time the bonds will be paid, the tiling in the corridor will be worn out by messengers carrying orders for interest and principal to the Trust Company that receives it.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Moyer Gentzel, in Decker Valley, is a sufferer from whooping cough. The child is but two months old.

Mrs. Nancy A. Summerson is back to Cross Forks, and is now with her daughter in that place. For some months she had been in Galeston.

An item in the Orangeville (Illinois) Courier makes mention of a public sale where corn shocks were sold at ninety cents each making an average of \$39.90 per acre.

Ex-prothonotary W. F. Smith, of Millheim, is acting clerk in the prothonotary's office while clerk Foreman is campaigning, and that insures good service in that office.

William Reish, of Salona, and Miss Annie Neff, of Avis, were married recently. The groom formerly lived with his parents in Centre Hall, and is a nephew of Frank Reish, of this place.

The Pennsylvania grand lodge of Odd Fellows has already contributed \$1000 to the Austin fund for the relief of members of the order and their families. In case of future need a like sum will be forwarded.

One of the first steps being taken by State Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow is to have sign posts erected on the routes of the main highways in the state. These posts will be placed in advance of building the roads.

Mrs. George W. Smith, for many years a resident of Bellefonte, recently sold her home there to Gust Armor and shipped her goods to Waverly, N. Y., where she will make her future home with her daughter, Mrs. George W. Van Nortwick, nee Miss Erma Smith.

One of the best corn fields in this section is sported by Frank Bible, tenant on the Meyer farm, at Centre Hill. William Colyer, below the Old Fort, also has a first-class field of corn, although not planted until June, some of the plowing for which was also done in that month. William Bressler, on the Luse farm, also has a fine crop of the golden ears.

The heroism of three young lady operators of the Bell telephone, who displayed unusual courage during the Austin flood, has been handsomely rewarded by the company, who gave to Kathleen Lyon a check for \$250, and a gold watch with a commemorative inscription; to Miss Lena Binkley, a check for \$100 and to Miss Hazel Knapp a check for half that amount.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Grenoble will again take up housekeeping at Yegertown, where Mr. Grenoble expects to open a jewelry store. During the past six months he was in Philadelphia and gave his time to the study of watchmaking, engraving and optics, and was awarded a diploma. Mrs. Grenoble during this time was at the home of her father, I. J. Zabler, at Spring Mills.

Charles A. Widle, superintendent of Treasler's Orphan Home, at Loysville, together with his wife, daughter and son, were thrown from an automobile that turned turtle, yet the injuries sustained were slight. Mrs. Widle received a fractured rib, and the daughter, who is a school teacher, a lacerated lip and an injury to her ankle. The boy was under the auto when it landed, but was not injured. Superintendent Widle was driving the machine and was making an effort to get it out of soft ground on a steep hill when the accident occurred.

Ray Miller, who was formerly from Millheim, but now in a New Jersey penitentiary serving a year's sentence for having swindled a number of merchants, sent a representative to the men whom the woman had fleeced and settled all bills. The man who performed this service for her is W. F. Slegal, and the Millheim Journal says he is the same man who came to that town last June and claimed a horse and harness that was sold to George Showers, of Wolfe Store, a horse that was sold to P. F. Confer, and a buggy sold to Samuel Weiser by Miss Miller, and made the parties pay for their purchases again.

T. F. Royer and Jonas Bible were in Centre Hall on Thursday evening of last week. The former called to see the Reporter and to say that he was unable to enter the corn cutting contest spoken of several weeks ago on account of blood poisoning that set in on his hand just about that time, but which is now very much better. He is a corn cutter of note nevertheless. At the beginning of the corn cutting season thirty-eight shocks were cut and tied by him in just one hour and fifty-eight minutes. He has the proof that the shocks were of some size for there was husked from them an average of one and one-fourth bushels of corn.