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REORGANIZERS ARE TRIUMPHANT.

Allegheny Judge Throws Out of Court Ritter's and Old Guard's Attempt to Strip Powers of Democratic State Chairman Guthrie.

The Guffey-Donnelly-Ryan-Ritter party machinery in Pennsylvania, in defiance of the will of the majority, received a bump from the courts of Allegheny County. Judge John D. Shafer handed down a decision in the case brought by Walter E. Ritter, of Williamsport, and others to restrain George W. Guthrie from acting as State chairman, declaring that the courts had no jurisdiction in the matter and refusing to grant the injunction asked for.

Judge Shafer criticised Ritter and his associates for bringing the action so close to the date for the certification of officers to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and county commissioners, and declared that no irreparable damage would be done by refusal of the injunction. The court could not see where there was any damage to Ritter's interests, and practically held that it was up to the Democrats themselves who they wish to recognize as State chairman. The court indicated plainly that it did not propose to be used to keep the Guffey machine in control of the Democratic organization against the wishes of the great majority of the party.

Progress in Church Consolidation.

Within a week I have received from William B. Kerr, formerly of Centre Hall, now of Omaha, Nebraska, a copy of the World-Herald giving an account of the federation of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches in a small village of Nebraska, under a plan which enables each church to keep up its connection with the natural body of its own faith and contribute to its benevolence, while for local purposes they have one pastor whom they can support without outside aid.

A church paper of the same date reports the union in another small Nebraska village of a Presbyterian, a United Presbyterian, and a Methodist church into a Congregational church; also a case in Ohio where two weak rural churches, Presbyterian and United Presbyterian, unite to form a church of the latter denomination. It also reminds me that the Home Mission Boards of the various protestant bodies of the United States have formed a Home Mission council one of whose objects is to prevent the unnecessary multiplication of churches in new territory and to see that churches are so distributed as to reach all parts of any section. These instances, coming to the notice of one person within a few days, doubtless could be greatly increased had one full knowledge of all that is going on in church circles in our land, and show that the heaven is working. The three cases given illustrate three different methods of consolidation: by federation, in which each church preserves its natural ecclesiastical relation, by combining into a church of a denomination different from that of any of the constituent members, and by one church absorbing the other. They also indicate the willingness of Christians to sacrifice the non-essentials for the sake of the greater growth of the essentials, as the love of Christ constraineth them to do.

W. HENRY SCHUYLER.

Michigan Deer for Penn.

Sixty deer will be shipped in the very near future from the Grand Island game preserve, east of Marquette, Michigan, to points in Pennsylvania, the annual trapping of the fleet footed deer is now being in progress. In addition, some twenty deer will be shipped to New York state.

The sixty deer for Pennsylvania are to be shipped in two consignments, one to the game preserve in New Germantown, Perry county, and the other to the preserve at Ligonier, Westmoreland county, each consignment to consist of twenty five does and five bucks, the deer to be used for propagating purposes.

The deer were ordered by the Pennsylvania state game commission, through its secretary, Joseph Kalbfus, and preparations are being made to make the first shipment early in February.

Farmers Meetings.

Farmers and all others interested in agriculture are invited to a series of meetings to be held in Penna and Brush Valleys at the places and the dates named below. Thursday evening, February 1st, in Millheim; and Friday evening, February 2nd, in Aaronsburg. Hon. E. B. Dorsett, Lecturer of the State Grange, and Instructor at Farmers' Institutes, will address the meetings.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings similar meetings were held in Madisonburg and Rebersburg.

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THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

Like All Other Institutions They Are Imperfect, Not Beyond Criticism, But Not as Bad as the Critics Make Them.

No country in the world possesses a system of education comparable to the public schools of the United States. They are the great Americanizers. They are open to every child in the land, whether native or foreign born and their influence has been particularly healthy in forming good Americans out of the children of refugees who never enjoyed the inspiring experience of personal freedom until too late in life to understand it.

The public schools are not perfect. No human institution is. Even the church, a divine institution, is marred and speckled by the frailties, the prejudices and the passions of the human beings who are charged with carrying on its work. The schools have their imperfections. Nevertheless they are by no means as bad as their critics make out, and they are infinitely superior to those of other lands as well as to the American schools of a half century or even a quarter century ago.

Those who were students of the public schools in childhood, who were teachers twenty-five or thirty years ago, who are patrons of the present day schools, are inclined to believe that the fierceness of the modern critic is usually in exact proportion to the sum of his personal ignorance concerning the actual work of these schools. The majority of the critics did not attend the public schools, never patronized them and base their critical opinions upon inborn prejudices instead of exact knowledge.

Modern conditions are scarcely ideal. Nevertheless there is no country on the planet in which intelligence is more generally diffused or where the children of the humble and the poor have more abundant opportunities. In spite of the uproar raised about public inefficiency here, it is likewise true that in no other country are the public offices filled by more faithful or careful officers; nowhere else are the rank and file of the people more courteously treated by their servants from the president of the nation down. It is an ideal land, God's country, loved by both native and foreign born, the home of a free church in a free state, the great republic of the world, largely the product of its common schools.

These schools have done much in the past; they are doing more today than ever before; they are going to command the future. Our local schools are not beyond criticism, but they were never more efficient than they are today.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Ira C. Harpster to George E. Rider, tract of land in Half Moon twp. \$45.

John L. Holmes et al to Irvin L. Foster, lot in Ferguson twp. \$250.00

Robert Cook et ux to Matthew Rodgers, Jr., tract of land in Howard twp. \$800

Mary Ellen Bryan et bar to Andrew Curtin Bryan, tract of land in Taylor twp. \$300.

Henry A. Garner admr. to Daniel Gvrner, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$3200.

Mary J. Peeling et al to H. F. Keesinger, tract of land in Liberty twp. \$60.

John Workman et ux to William J. McHugh trustee, tract of land in Walker twp. \$275.

Cyrus Gordon et ux to William J. McHugh, tract of land in Walker twp. \$1250.

Isaac Strunk et ux to William McHugh, tract of land in Walker twp. \$1500.

Fred M. Rogers et ux to Julius H. Selbert, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$100.

Kate A. Rogers et bar to Julius H. Selbert, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$100.

Zachias Fulton to Emma May Fulton, lot in Phillipsburg. \$1.

John F. Beck et ux to Catharine Beck, tract of land in Miles twp. \$1.

Berjamin Beck et ux to John F. Beck, tract of land in Miles twp. \$1.

Harry Fulton et ux to Zachias Fulton, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$1.

Days to be Remembered in February.

February 2nd is Candlemas Day, also "Ground Hog" Day; the 12th is Lincoln's birthday; 14th St. Valentine's Day; 21st is Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent; 22nd is Washington's Birthday. The month has twenty-nine days this year, because it is Leap Year.

Sedentary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.

POMONA GRANGE MEETS.

Installation of Officers, Conferring of Fifth Degree, Reports of Committees the Order of the Day.

The first meeting for 1912 of the Centre County Pomona Grange was held Thursday last week in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall. The attendance was quite large, every section of the county being represented.

The installing of officers was done by E. B. Dorsett, Worthy Lecturer of the State Grange, who performed his work admirably. The fifth degree was conferred on a class of eight or ten by the newly elected master. Mr. Rich and Mr. Ohl, representatives of the Continental Condensing Milk Company, at Mill Hall, the latter a member of the Order, were given a period after the noon hour to tell of the company's methods of dealing with the milk products.

The committee appointed to visit the condensing plant made its report, which was ordered printed for distribution among the members of the order.

The Grange Encampment and Fair Association committee made its report in detail, as did also the secretaries of the fire insurance and telephone companies. There was also much other business transacted.

MEMBER PRESENT.

H. H. Laird	John S. Dale
Mrs. Clyde Dutton	Thomas Barages
Mrs. Rebecca Cummings	Mrs. Mary Ross
Mrs. Ellen Frazier	Mrs. Richard Brooks
D. M. Campbell	Thomas Shaffer
Edward Homan	Charles Bryan
Oyer Greve	Mrs. Milford Luse
Paul Shaffer	J. S. Meyer
A. C. Grove	H. W. Dinges
Austin Dale	G. L. Goodhart
E. B. Dorsett	W. A. Kriss
Leonard Rhone	W. E. Smith
J. C. Goodhart	Mrs. John White
Mrs. George Shook	Anna Houser
Erma Dutton	Ruth Callahan
Glenda Thomas	W. H. Sinkabine
Ray Moore	Russell Grove
A. J. Shook	J. H. Bowman
W. H. Hettlinger	James Keller
D. W. Gorman	J. P. Grove
J. K. Bitner	Mrs. J. E. Campbell
Grace Carper	Mrs. Alfred Durst
George W. Gierich	John A. Heckman
Mrs. W. F. Keller	Mrs. Samuel Durst
Edie Moore	Christ D. Keller
Mrs. R. D. Foreman	Nina Slick
Helen Luse	Anna Durst
Mrs. C. B. Neff	P. A. Auman
Ralph Dinges	Ray Durst
David George Meek	Carl Auman
Lena Brossier	Bertha Jamison
John J. Arney	Mr. Rich
Mr. Ohl	Mr. and Mrs. John Luse
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dale	Mrs. Jennie Hazel
Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Keller	
Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Luse	
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace White	
Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Grove	
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shaver	
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dale	
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gierich	
Mr. and Mrs. James Summers	
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis E. White	
Mr. and Mrs. Luther K. Dale	
Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Sankey	
Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Brooks	
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barages	
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Muser	
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gobbie	
Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bradford	
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Frantz	
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mark	
Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Wiser	

The Allen Farm Sold

What is known as the Allen farm, west of Colyer, containing one hundred and forty acres, was recently purchased by P. Edward Mersinger, of Centre Hill. Mr. Mersinger is now teaching school at Pine Stump, but after the first of April will engage in the effort to make two blades of grass grow where heretofore but one grew. By applying the best known methods of soil improvement, Mr. Mersinger will be able to teach a valuable lesson to farmers in his locality, and the Reporter wishes him abundant success. The price paid is said to have been \$1200.

Announcement.

We wish to announce to our many friends and customers that after a long period of years as manufacturers of doors, sash, moldings and general building supplies, we have sold our entire business to the Zittle Brothers. We wish to thank our customers for the many favors extended to us and solicit for our successors a continuance of these favors. The change of firm will be made April 1st.

A. P. LUSE & SON,
Centre Hall.

To the Dairyman.

I have recently received a car of Suorene Dairy Feed. This feed has proven to be one of the best dairy feeds on the market, one of the feeds that brings satisfactory results. Try it and be convinced. It is also an excellent feed for calves and young heifers.

R. D. FOREMAN,
Centre Hall.

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and immense sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

Monday was McKinley's birthday.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers Correspondent Column—New Department.

BENTON, Wis., Jan. 21, 1912

Dear Mr. Smith:

You will find enclosed check to advance my subscription another year. Of course a newspaper does not need money but it will be pleasant to surprise them occasionally. Hope the check will not be too severe.

We always enjoy reading the happenings around the old home country in the Reporter and wish your correspondent at Spring Mills especially would be more elaborate and sling a little more ink. Newspapers make the world small by telling us the happenings many miles away. To demonstrate how small the world is I might add when I came to this country I did not expect to find any body I knew and was surprised to find your old townsman Thomas Wilson living about four miles from here, and have since learned one of my next door neighbors worked on a farm here. It was one of the Neese boys. Of course we knew the old friends living south and east of here but did not expect to find anybody so close.

We enjoy living here and excepting the extreme weather, the high cost of fuel, and the miserable roads we congratulate ourselves on our westward move. The old rock ballast roads and turpikes of Centre county look awfully good to me, and I often wish we had them here. Also it would be a good thing for this community if some Pennsylvania farmers would locate here and practically demonstrate fruit growing. The land is so good here to raise corn, hogs and cattle that the farmer has never been compelled to resort to raising fruit or truck gardening, though the mines employ sufficient men to make an elegant home market, and the few trees planted do so well that it would be difficult to believe an attempt would be a failure.

Respectfully Yours,

P. W. LEITZEL

The letter from home, the Reporter, still comes. It tells us much about the old home and those we reverse.

Sunday morning, 14th ultimo, was the coldest in the fifteen years we have lived here. It was twenty-three degrees below zero. In low places it was two degrees colder. It is seldom below zero is reached here. The potato crop was almost a total failure here and a large part of the few that people had froze, as well as considerable canned fruit.

Because of the many rains in October and the mild weather in November, wheat looks very promising. We had five inches of snow but most of it is now gone. The thermometer registered fifty above today.

The wheat and corn crops were large. Hay, usually plentiful here, is so scarce that it is almost impossible to find a load for sale. Baled hay shipped here costs us \$24.00 per ton. Apples were so plentiful that dealers started at \$1.50 and came down to \$1.00 per barrel for the best quality. One grower had 9000 bushels, and just across the river in West Virginia, they had hundreds of thousands of bushels. They planted scores of thousands of trees last year and will plant as many more this year.

Around Hancock, Maryland, in the hilly section adjoining Fulton county, Pa., most of the land has been bought by fruit growers, and some of the orchards have many thousands of trees. It is the same character of soil as is found in the hilly portion in the counties of Fulton, Huntingdon, and Centre. The orchards bring in large returns, and they would pay as well there as here.

Considerable of the land in the upper portion of the "Loop" and about Woodward, near and back of the first mountain, is better adapted to fruit growing than the richer limestone soils. The fruit colors better on the former soils, and color has much to do with the market value of fruit.

Many peach orchards are also being planted. These bring returns the third and fourth year. Raspberries bring large returns in two years and are ready sale in the city markets, especially in Pittsburg, to where most of the crop from here is shipped.

Mountain land a few miles from here was bought for ten dollars per acre. Peach trees were planted on it and when they were three years old the land was sold for \$75 per acre.

I congratulate you on the success of the Democratic ticket in Centre county, and that a community very near the "Loop" furnished the man for sheriff. Some of the pictures of candidates were an interesting study to me. John R. and William Lee were companions of mine. In the picture of A. B. Lee I saw a resemblance to William Lee in his younger days, and concluded that the sheriff was his son.

In the picture of Commissioner Grove there is a resemblance to Michael Grove, with whom I boarded when I taught school at Dale's Summit. "Dannie,"

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Teacher Training Class.

One of the largest Teacher Training Classes, and one doing most excellent work, is the one composed of the Lutheran, Reformed and Evangelical Sunday-schools of Aaronsburg. Its organization dates from August of last year. Weekly meetings have been held since. The class at first met in the Lutheran Sunday-school room but at the coming of the cold months convened in the public school building and later at the home of Miss Mazie Foster whose hospitality has helped much to make the meetings successful and the members comfortable. The class is studying "Preparation for Teaching" and has covered very thoroughly the first two sections of the book, having taken one examination and being ready for the second one. The examinations are prepared and papers examined by the State Superintendent, Charles A. Oliver. It is seldom that so many citizens are interested in the welfare and success of an undertaking as has been manifested by the good people of Aaronsburg. It is seldom that the class is without one or more visitors and interested spectators. Among those who have dropped in to see the class at work and to enjoy its inspiration are: H. E. Crouse, Emanuel Gulswite, Mrs. Luther Wert, Rev. Donat, E. H. Ziegler, Miss Mabel Crouse, Mrs. R. U. Wasson, Mrs. James Houser, of Lemont, Mrs. John Krape, Mrs. William Gulswite, Mrs. E. A. Bower, Miss Edith Houser, of Bellefonte, John Foster, Fred Stover, W. B. Krape, W. H. Phillips.

The class is composed of the following members: H. D. Krape, E. A. Bower, W. F. Ziegler, W. B. Mingle, Henry Mingle, Jonathan Krape, Mrs. W. H. Phillips, Mrs. H. E. Crouse, Mrs. H. C. Hill, Misses Meda and Verna Bower, Nellie Burd, Annie Eisenbower, Mazie Foster, Jennie Hull, Susan Lenker, Maude Hosterman, Rebecca Snyder, Mary Stover, Flossie and Helea Stover, Estella Stem, Sarah Gulswite.

Business Changes.

There will be several business changes in Centre Hall on the first of April, or thereabout. A. P. Luse & Son have sold their planing mill plant to the Zittle brothers, of Spring Mills; George Ishler, of Tusseyville, is to open a meat market; and as already announced, J. Frank Smith will be succeeded in the general merchandise business by some one.

WHY HE JOES IT.

Druggists Murray & Bitner Give Reasons for Selling at Half-Price.

It isn't often that we have faith enough in the medicines put up by other people to be willing to offer to refund the money if it does not cure, says druggists Murray & Bitner to one of their many customers, but we are glad to sell Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia on that plan.

"The Dr. Howard Co., in order to get a quick introductory sale authorized us to sell the regular fifty cent bottle of their specific for half-price, 25 cents, and although we have sold a lot of it, and guaranteed every package, not one has been brought back as unsatisfactory."

We are still selling the specific at half-price, although we cannot tell how long we shall be able to do so. Any person who is subject to constipation, sick headache, dizziness, liver trouble, indigestion or a general played out condition, ought to take advantage of this opportunity. If the specific does not cure them, they can come right back to our store, and we will cheerfully refund their money.

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as his good father and mother called him, was a pupil.

In the picture of the State's attorney there is a resemblance to Col. D. F. Fortney, who was a pupil when I taught school at Pine Stump. I concluded the former was the latter's son.

Success to all of you, boys.

A. A. KERLIN.

HICKORY, N. C.

January 28, 1912.

Dear Editor Reporter:

Enclosed find check, which please to my credit for the Reporter.

Thirty-eight years ago I first saw the light of day in good old Centre county. I enjoy the weekly visit of the Reporter very much and through it keep posted on the local events.

I have spent almost eleven years in Piedmont, N. C., and consider it the best of all the world's favored spots. I am serving a charge as pastor and also teaching in and managing Claremont College. We have eighty-two on the roll and thirty-two boarders. So you see I am busy.

With best wishes to all the friends of the Reporter. I am, Yours truly,

JOHN H. KELLER.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A large number of members of Progress Grange will visit Victor Grange, at Oak Hall, Saturday afternoon.

Arber Cummings, of Linden Hall, will turn farmer again, having rented the Houtz farm above that place which will be vacated by Edward Cunningham.

J. Miller Goodhart, of near Spring Mills, was one of the Reporter's callers the latter part of last week. He is living quite comfortably in his new home erected a few years ago.

The public sale season will begin about two weeks earlier than heretofore. Many sales in Centre county are advertised for the last half of February, and some few even earlier.

The letters from the Reporter's subscribers found grouped each week under a proper head are interesting reading. There is every assurance that this column is closely read and appreciated.

Mrs. Agnes Meyer, of Linden Hall, is offering her home at Linden Hall for sale or rent. She and her daughter, Miss Bertha, expect to make McElhattan their home, at which place the former's son, George Meyer, who is employed by the Pennay, lives.

While returning home from visiting a neighbor, Mrs. Samuel Long fell on the ice and broke one of the bones in her right arm near the wrist. Mrs. Long is housekeeper for Louis Korman, near Penns Cave. The accident happened Thursday of last week.

The February number of The Ladies' World bears a new imprint—The McClure Publications, Incorporated—but an announcement by the editor states that the only editorial change will be in the way of improvements, and giving even greater value to the subscriber.

One of the prettiest and daintiest calendars to reach this office was forwarded by Charles H. Hamby, jeweler and diamond importer, whose place of business is 19 South Eighth Street, Philadelphia, and it indicates that he has a trade among the best class of people in this city.

Paul Musser, the Millheim baseball pitcher, has put his home town on the map of the baseball fans. Mr. Musser signed with the Washington, D. C., club, American league. He is about twenty-three years old and has plenty of time to develop into a star before age will retire him.

The manufacturers and vendors of oleomargarine are hard at work endeavoring to persuade congress to repeal the bill imposing a tax of ten cents a pound on colored oleomargarine. The butter makers are opposing the scheme, alleging that it is meant to aid in increasing the sale of oleomargarine as a substitute for butter.

The solicitor in Bedford county is standing the constables off in the matter of costs for making returns to the court. The solicitor claims that under the act of 1909, which allows constables \$2.50 per day, they are not entitled to the six cents mileage. Before the passage of that act, constables received but one dollar per day and six cents mileage.

There are not nearly as many sales in Penna and Brush Valleys this spring as were last year. This indicates that there is less inclination to shift from the farm in these valleys now than there was a year ago. The same is evidently true all over the county, as a correct summing up the numbers of sales will doubtless show a decided falling off compared with a year ago.

George Ishler sold his home at Tusseyville to Mrs. Tillman Klinefelter for \$1400. Mr. Ishler, last week, purchased an acre of ground next to the Grove property, at the station, from George Bradford for \$100, and on this he expects to erect a dwelling house, a meat market and slaughter house. During the building of his home, Mr. Ishler will, according to present plans, occupy a portion of the Logan House.

Phillipsburg, like many other boroughs, found itself doing business on ordinances that had not been formally recorded and advertised and was obliged to do so in order to accomplish the end desired. There are many ordinances passed by the Centre Hall borough council that have not been properly recorded, and there is no record of them having been advertised, although most of them no doubt have. The legislature at its last session passed a measure providing for such conditions in boroughs by authorizing the transcribing of ordinances and the publishing of those not heretofore properly advertised. It might be that the neglect will never cause any inconvenience or distress to the citizens of Centre Hall, and then it might.