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THE SENATE CHANGES.

Democratic Ascendancy in the United States Senate is well Assured for Several Years.

How wide has been the political revolution of the past two and a half years is shown by a comparison of the roll of Senators at the end of 1910 with the roll of the Senate made up on March 4. At the earlier date there were 59 Republicans, 32 Democrats and one vacancy. In the new Senate there are 49 Democrats, 44 Republicans and three vacancies.

Including two States, Arizona and New Mexico, that have come into the Union since 1910, there have been changes in the Senatorial representation from eighteen States. Arizona sends two Democrats and New Mexico sends two Republicans. This fact is especially interesting, because the Republicans kept New Mexico out of the Union for many years lest it should send two Democrats. The effort, strongly backed by Theodore Roosevelt, to admit the two as one State rested on the hope that the Republican voters of Arizona would swamp the Democratic voters of New Mexico.

Colorado, which had one Democratic Senator, now has two. Delaware had none, and now has one. Indiana had one, and now has two. Kansas had none, and now has one Democrat. The same is true of Maine. From Maryland there is only one Democrat instead of two, but another Democrat will come next year. Missouri has two Democrats instead of one. Montana had no Democrat, and now has two. Nebraska had none, and now has one. Nevada had one, and now has two. New Jersey has changed two Republican Senators to two Democrats. New York had no Democrat, and now has one. North Dakota had one Democrat, and now sends two Republicans. Ohio had no Democrat, and now has one. Oregon had one, and now has two Democrats. West Virginia had no Democratic Senator, and now has one.

Of the three vacancies, two from Illinois and one from New Hampshire, the Democrats will get one, and possibly two. Next year they will get a Senator from Maryland, and two years hence there is hardly a doubt that they will replace the Republican from Kentucky with a Democrat. Democratic ascendancy in the Senate is well assured for several years.

LOCALS

One of Centre Hall's needs: a play ground.

Faints and varicelles, all kinds—Goodhart.

Samuel Shoop has his new home on church street about completed and will occupy it in a short time.

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Oris Smeltzer. The pair are a boy and a girl, and, of course, the parents are very proud of them.

All the hotels except the Central, in Phillipsburg, were granted licenses by Judge Orvis. William H. Hindle is proprietor of this hotel.

Brislin & Company, lumbermen, continue to cut some nice timber on the Wolf tract, on Egg Hill. A stick sawed the other day was twelve inches square and thirty feet long.

Former Sheriff Cyrus Brungart is devoting considerable time to spraying fruit trees. He uses a hand power sprayer, but with the assistance of a man he is able to do very thorough work.

Owing to the fact that the president of the borough council was out of town, that body did not hold a meeting on Friday night of last week, the regular time for the monthly meeting. Mr. Daup, at the time stated, was in Lewisburg, as a delegate to the United Evangelical Conference.

Mercantile Appraiser R. W. Young was in Centre Hall the latter part of last week, calling on business men in his official capacity. He thinks Centre a pretty big county when one is obliged to travel to all points in it when sales are made of the character that the seller becomes subject to a mercantile tax.

C. A. Weaver, who about three years ago moved from Coburn to Illinois, and later to New Kensington, in the Pittsburgh district, came to Centre county on Monday, and will again become a citizen of Coburn. His family will be here in a short time. Mr. Weaver will devote his time to the sale of aluminum ware, having secured the territory covering the south side of Centre county.

Charles B. Neff, west of Old Fort, is reaping the benefits of the silo. A large quantity of corn was put into a silo last summer, and this winter Mr. Neff is keeping a dozen or more cows in good flow of milk by judiciously feeding the ensilage, cotton meal and grain. His herd of cows is in fine condition, and proving profitable, the cost of production of milk being much less than producing it without the ensilage.

DUOHMAN WORKS TRICK.

Passes as a Road Contractor and Beats a Number of Short Acquaintances at Laurelton.

The Lewisburg Journal in a two column article tells how a Pennsylvania Dutchman worked a trick on a number of short acquaintances about Laurelton. The swindler gave his name as G. Myers, and said he came from Berwick. He claimed he had the contract to build the old Lewisburg and Old Fort turnpike between Laurelton and Woodward. He deposited a draft for \$32,000 in the Millinburg Farmers' Bank, but, as he put it, it would require some time to have the cash transferred, and in the meantime he would be obliged to borrow from his friends, and he did so. The new friends he made nearly tumbled over each other to accommodate him during the period the contractor claimed to be short.

Myers told some wonderful tales. He stated that he had seventy-five horses weighing 1400 to 1600 pounds; carts and wagons, a twelve ton roller, crushers, and a wonderful manager, Mr. "Boots." Two hundred Italians had been engaged to go to work on the job according to Myers. Myers made ample preparation for the work on the road. His first draw was to order 12,000 feet of lumber from James K. Reish, the lumberman, and set to work a lot of carpenters to construct a large stable to house his horses. Merchant Pursley ordered a car load of tar paper roofing in order to catch the trade of the "contractor", and John J. Showalter, with the same thing in mind, secured a car load of buckwheat coal to be used in the crusher engine.

Mr. Pursley also accompanied the "contractor" to Freeburg, where the latter bought a horse, giving his check in payment, but borrowed cash from Mr. Pursley. He also borrowed cash from every one he thought safe to make demand on.

The landlord at Laurelton was Myers' undoing, because he had told him some stories that did not fit concerning Jersey Shore. He became a doubting Thomas. The Millinburg bank also began making inquiry about the drafts, and they proved worthless.

When halted about the drafts, Myers said "Boots must have made a mistake in the names of the banks" in which he had his cash, but it was only a short time thereafter until he boarded a train at Millinburg, without leaving word as to his destination.

Pine Grove Mills

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sunday spent Saturday in Bellefonte.

Miss Bertha Dietrich, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday with Miss Leoda Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Myers spent several days last week with relatives in Centre Hall.

Capt. W. H. Fry was among those who attended the inauguration of President Wilson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sunday, of Fair Brook, spent Sunday at the Everts home on Water street.

Miss Maude Decker returned home on Wednesday after spending several weeks in Altoona.

Miss Florence Musser returned to her home in Freeport, Illinois, after spending five weeks here with her aunt, Mrs. Clara Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Koch, of Boalsburg, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Kocis parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Keiser, on Main street.

MURRAY & BITNER SUCCESS

Great Popularity of Plan to Sell Medicine at Half Price and Guarantee a Cure.

Murray & Bitner the enterprising druggist rather than await the ordinary methods of introduction, urged the Dr. Howard Co. to secure a quick sale for their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia by offering the regular 50c bottle at half price.

In addition to selling a 50c bottle of Dr. Howard's specific for 25c Murray & Bitner have so much faith in the remedy that they will refund the money to anyone whom it does not cure.

When your head aches your stomach does not digest food easily and naturally when there is constipation, specks before the eyes, tired feeling, giddiness, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, heart burn, sour stomach, roaring or ringing in the ears, melancholy, and liver troubles Dr. Howard's specific will cure you. If it does not it will not cost you a cent.

This latest achievement of science is of great value in curing sick headache. Thousands of women are to day free from that painful disease solely through the use of this specific.

Uncle Tom's Cabin will be at Garman's opera house on Friday evening. You will want to see it, of course.

"DRY" BUTLER COUNTY.

Judge Galbraith Says Hotel Men Have Not Shown Necessity for a Single Bar.

Liquor forces met their Waterloo in Butler county on Friday when, interpreting the Brooklaw as having a real local option principle, Judge James M. Galbraith refused the twenty-eight retail and two wholesale applications for liquor licenses. The judge held that the question of necessity of a single place to sell liquor in the county had not been proven under the method set forth in section seven of the law.

Hotel men were stunned by the decision and are debating closing their hotels. Only two licenses were held in the county the past year, one at Zellenople and the other at Evans City, all others having been refused for alleged law violation. The "dry" is jubilant tonight and will hold a monster mass meeting soon.

Outing of the saloons is traced directly to the evangelistic campaign a year ago, when thousands of voters got off the fence and came out boldly against the open bars.

Judge Galbraith declares that the law requiring that the court have due regard for the number and character of the petitioners for and against the necessity of license left him no other course to pursue. He reviews the testimony of more than 100 prominent citizens against the necessity of a place of obtaining intoxicating liquors, comments on their views of better order and better morals with license and declares that even were a manufacturing plant injured by a "dry" community it could not influence his decision. He holds that the amount and character of the demand for liquor in any neighborhood is to be determined by the people in that neighborhood, thus reading a clear local option element into the Brooks law. More than 11,000 persons signed the remonstrances and of these 5000 were voters. Judge Galbraith scored hotel men for asserting they cannot run hotels without a license and declared the eaters and lodgers should pay for the value of the service instead of having a part of the expense borne by purchasers of liquor.

"The hotel must be run as a business distinct from the bar," said the court.

HUNTINGDON DRY, TOO.

All Licenses Against Which Remonstrances Were Filed Refused by Judge Woods.

In a written decision President Judge J. M. Woods refused all applicants for liquor license in Huntingdon county, except that of H. V. and W. K. Shaffner, of Obolonsis, against which no remonstrances had been filed or other opposition entered.

The decision was a surprise, as it is said Huntingdon hotel men had been told by Associate Judge Harris Richardson that all applications in the county seat had been granted.

The decision is signed only by Judge Wood, but it is not considered likely that the associate judge's opposition to the ruling, if there be such opposition, will have any weight or legal standing.

The licenses in Huntingdon county expire April 1 and after that date there will be only one saloon in the county. A total of ten applicants had been filed, five retail and two wholesale applications in the county seat alone.

Berry to be U. S. Treasurer.

It will be highly gratifying to the large majority of Democrats in Pennsylvania to learn that William H. Berry, former state treasurer, is likely to be appointed United States treasurer, with a salary of \$8000 per year.

Charles R. Kurtz, of Bellefonte, is well in line for the position of surveyor of the port of Philadelphia, a place he has sought since Democratic success in the nation. His appointment is very likely.

"Tidbits" 25 Cents a Copy.

A copy of "Tidbits" or Scraps for the Scrapbook, in both prose and verse issued by the West Bay Publishing company, Cleveland, O., reached the Reporter's desk. The booklet contains a hundred pages of most interesting reading matter from various authors and numerous sources and its perusal is a genuine delight. The price is 25 cents a copy by mail and it is worth it and more.

The question of increasing the salaries of the members of the legislature is to be pushed at the present session by Representative Carter, of Pittsburgh. He is having a bill prepared to provide a salary of \$2,000 for each member, with weekly mileage allowance to and from their homes. This is an increase of \$500 in salary. At present, mileage is allowed only for one trip.

Keep in mind that Friday and Saturday a Farmers' Institute will be held at Spring Mills. Every farmer who possibly can do so should attend every session.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

S. G. Shannon Dwells on Reminiscences of Early Years in Centre Hall.

Editor of the Reporter:

I have been thinking it was about time for me to remit something to help along the good work you are doing. I herewith send you a small check (\$3.00) I know you will fix the account right.

It affords me much pleasure to look over the paper every week but there is a sense of loneliness come over me when I read of the many old friends who are leaving this shore. I would like to take a walk over the old stamping ground once more, but I fear I shall never have that pleasure. I just saw the light of day about one mile east of Centre Hall, on what was known as the Robert Pennington place. My earliest recollections of an old man was of "Daddy Bowersox," and Robert Pennington, and the first black man I ever saw was "George Blake," who used to drive six horses in a wagon with the old style English bed, or body. He was a kind hearted black man, entirely trustworthy, and you never saw a prouder man than he was when he would mount the saddle horse, and crack the big black leather whip above his head. I used to think the horses understood just what he said for they seemed at least to do just what he wanted them to do; well, now, just think that was away back when they had bells on the horses' harness. To see George Blake, with his six horses, with bells on, and the big English wagon bed, coming along was as inspiring as a brass band of today. You scribe can recall those days readily, and the names of the men that lived in that day were such as David Mitchell, Eli Croppier, Robert McLellan, George Hapstner, David Felmale, John Keller, Andrew Gregg, Alexander Kerr, Uriah Slack, Samuel Davis, Michael Wieland, Peter Ruble, and a score more. But why should I go back over this list? It only increases the loneliness, and will bring sadness to other hearts, who are still living, and think back over the past.

We live in the present, and must think, talk, and work in the present. How much more we enjoy than what our fathers did. They never saw a trolley car, never heard a phonograph. Many of them never saw a steam engine, or heard of a telephone. Now we live in an age of wireless telegraphy, flying machines, etc. What a blessing it is to live in this age.

But when I started I only wanted to say I herewith enclose my check for a certain amount then stop, but the temptation to write about bygone days was too strong. Forgive me this time I will not write so much next time. Your old friend and your father's friend,
(R.V.) S. G. SHANNON.
Norwood, March 8.

I am sending you a few lines to tell of the very nice winter we have had at Orangeville, Illinois. We have had fair sleighing, but it looks very much as though warmer weather would come and take away the snow.

The first of March in Illinois is like the first of April in Pennsylvania. That is moving time, and there was a great deal of it done among the farmers. Those who moved are pretty well settled now and are preparing for spring work. Sales also come a month earlier here than in Pennsylvania. There was one every day during February in this locality. Cattle, horses and hogs are selling very high. Cows sold for \$127, horses for \$230, and brood sows for from \$25 to \$40.

We are confidently expecting a good administration through President Wilson, and we believe he will also practice economy wherever possible to do so.

I am sending you an obituary notice of my uncle, David O. Price, which please publish.

Very truly,
J. H. JORDAN.
Orangeville, Ill., March 8th.

State College Will Get \$75,000.

During the last hours of Congress the bill providing for an appropriation of \$75,000 for a Federal building at State College was passed, and later was signed by President Taft. Just when the money will become available is not known, but State College, some day, will get a Federal building. Centre county never got next to the pork barrel heretofore.

Lewisburg passed a dog-tax ordinance, providing for taxing male dogs one dollar and females two dollars each, the tax to be paid before July 1st of each year. A similar ordinance in Centre Hall would enrich the borough treasury by about one hundred dollars per year.

The sum of \$19,000 was paid by the Jennings Brothers, the Buffalo (New York) stockmen for the 100-day property, just north of Bell Co. and comprising twenty-six acres.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Elaborate Program for Meeting at Spring Mills, March 14-15.

The last of the three Farmers' Institutes will be held at Spring Mills, Friday and Saturday, March 14th and 15th. The program is printed in full below:

FRIDAY MORNING—9:30
Essentials of Success With Potatoes, by M. H. McCallum. Discussed by Noah Corman and David Bartges.
Breeds and Feeding, by Prof. H. P. Davis. Discussed by Gross Shook, W. E. Bair and S. G. Walker.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—1:30
Music and Query Box.
Alfalfa, and Forms and Uses of Lime, by M. H. McCallum. Discussed by J. K. Bitner and S. W. Smith.
Chestnut Blight, by C. E. Martin.
Propagation, Planting and Care of Fruit Trees, by Fred W. Card. Discussed by Prof. W. P. Hosterman and Cyrus Brungard.

FRIDAY EVENING—7:30
Music and Query Box.
The Call of the Land, by Fred W. Card. Agriculture in the Public School, by Prof. C. R. Neff. Discussed by C. E. Royer.
Economic Maintenance of the Productive Power of the Soil, by J. T. Campbell. Discussed by W. P. Hosterman.

SATURDAY MORNING—9:30
Nature's Laboratory, The Soil, by Fred W. Card.
Poultry Farming as a Business, by J. T. Campbell. Discussed by Mrs. F. M. Fisher and J. S. Meyer.
Silage Corn for Centre County, by Prof. W. H. Darst. Discussed by L. E. Stover and W. E. Bair.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—1:30
Music and Query Box.
Things Worth While on the Farm, by M. H. McCallum.
Pigs and Pin Money, by Fred W. Card. Discussed by William Rishel and Robert Campbell.

SATURDAY EVENING—7:30
Music and Query Box.
The Modern Country Home, by J. T. Campbell. Discussed by Miss Florence Rhone and Dr. A. G. Leib.
Lawn and Garden, by Mrs. C. P. Long. Discussed by Mrs. J. K. Bitner and Dr. A. G. Leib.
Feeding and Care of Little Chicks, by Mrs. John Dauberman. Discussed by J. S. Meyer.

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

A. J. Shook, Chairman,
J. P. Grove, Building,
Dr. A. G. Leib, Decoration,
J. K. Bitner, Advertising,
J. S. Meyer, Music.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mrs. Lydia Ann Witherite, in Boggs township, aged eighty-three years. She was the widow of A. C. Witherite.

Mary A. Lucas, widow of the late Roland Lucas, of near Beech Creek, aged sixty-eight years.

Samuel Thiel, at the home of his brother near Howard, aged thirty-three years. He was a resident of Stone Lake, Iowa, and died while on a visit to Centre county.

Mervin Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ode Watkins, of Pleasant Gap, died after a brief illness with congestion of the liver, aged seven years and twenty-three days.

Miles Renard Watson, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Watson, in Buraside township, aged twenty-eight years. Death was due to Bright's disease.

Samuel McGinley, at Julian, aged sixty-seven years. His wife and several children survive. The deceased spent much of his time reading the scriptures, and is credited with reading the bible through eighty-six times.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Jeremiah Way to Alvin J. Way, tract of land in Half Moon twp. \$5000.
J. B. Irish et al to Wasil Sura, tract of land in Rush twp. \$46.

C. P. McCaleb et ux to C. L. Dumm, tract of land in Walker twp. \$1500.
J. C. Nason et ux to John E. Bodle et al, tract of land in Huston twp. \$10.

Margaret Glenn to Jerry Glenn et al, tract of land in Howard twp. \$1.
A. S. Musser et ux to Emanuel Wetzel, tract of land in Haines twp. \$1700.

Mary B. Bogert et bar to William W. Rupert, tract of land in Walker twp. \$2100.

Christian Sharer et ux to George W. Zeigler, tract of land in Rush twp. \$8000.

Martha E. Roan et bar to George S. Herkimer, tract of land in College twp. \$250.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been surprised and delighted with the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in ten requires any internal treatment whatever. This liniment is for sale by all druggists.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Dainty Easter cards and Easter post cards at the Reporter office.

Religious services will be held in the Pine Stump school house Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Hackenburg, of Potters Mills, will be employed by J. H. McCool, near Centre Hall, on his farm.

The weather has gotten back to the moderate kind, just what the man holding a public sale had been wishing for.

Clay W. Roeman, of Thorofare, N. J., on his way to Pittsburg, stopped at Centre Hall last Saturday and remained until Monday.

The State College Times says scarlet fever broke out in that town among the students, but the physicians hope to prevent an epidemic.

Thursday evening of last week, Miss Nancy Yeager, of near Centre Hall, lost a gray double shawl. The finder will please notify this office, or the owner.

Howard I. Faust, who for two years farmed the McCool place, between Centre Hill and Tusseyville, will move onto the Strohm farm, at Centre Hill, now owned by J. C. Goodhart.

In another column appears a letter from Rev. S. G. Shannon, of Norwood. Rev. Shannon is now engaged in the real estate business and holds a notary public appointment and is also a justice of the peace.

Last Thursday was an exceptionally stormy day. In the forenoon there were frequent blizzards, and by night mercury hugged the zero point pretty closely. During Thursday night the thermometer registered two above.

Rev. Edward Zschman, of Ohio, will today be officially received as a member of West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed church, and as pastor of the Nittany Valley Reformed church. The Classis is in session in Howard.

Reuben Garis was accompanied to his home from Altoona by Stephen Deroksy, and remained here from Saturday until Monday. The former is employed in the boiler shops and the latter in the blacksmith shops of the Altoona car works.

The Centre Hall planing mill is kept busy these days. Two of the members of the firm are building dwelling houses for themselves, and expect to occupy them by April 1st, and this work together with the custom work on the mill is making them bustle.

The appropriation committee of the house of representatives visited Pennsylvania State College last Friday, and inspected all the buildings, the purpose being to get a better idea of the needs of the institution. The senate committee made a similar visit there a short time ago.

Madisonburg and Woodard, provided the present plans are carried out, after July 1st, will have but one mail delivery each day, instead of the two mails now serving those localities. This has been the Hitchcock method of economy—lessening the efficiency of the mail services to make it appear that his department has been run on business principles.

Mrs. Phoebe Brungart is probably the oldest lady in Brush Valley. She lives in Rebersburg, and a short time ago celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday. Millheim also has a lady who has attained her eighty-seventh year, and her birthday found her in a most cheerful frame of mind. Reference is made to Mrs. Lydia Musser, who before marriage was Miss Strohm, an aunt of the late James B. Strohm, of Centre Hall.

A new insurance firm was organized in Tyrone by James L. P. Gregg and A. A. Vincent, who are representing "The Girard Fire and Marine Insurance Company", of Philadelphia. Mr. Gregg was in Centre Hall on Saturday, but he was here more in the interest of the Misses Gregg, of Milesburg, than the insurance business. He has become manager of the Gregg farms, west of Centre Hall, and leased both of them—the one to George B. Slack and the other to William S. Walker, the latter living on an adjoining farm.

One of the prettiest homes in Spring Mills is just being completed, and was erected by Jacob C. Lee, the station agent at that point. The location is east of the railroad station, where Mr. Lee owns several building lots. The structure is of buff brick, made by the Centre Clay and Brick Company, at Orviston, and is the only structure of that class of material on the south side of Centre county. The interior is finished in natural oak on the first floor and chestnut on the second. The exterior architecture presents a fine appearance, and the interior is conveniently arranged.