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NEW ROAD PLANNED.

Connecting Link Between State College and Tyrone, to be built.

The Tyrone Herald expresses itself in this way relative to the improvement of railroad facilities in Centre county:

The inspection of the route of the proposed railroad that when built will connect the Lewisburg and Tyrone branch leading out from Tyrone with the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad proper, some six or seven miles farther north, by a party of Pennsylvania railroad officials Tuesday, has given rise to the belief in railroad circles that this connecting link between the two lines is to be constructed this summer. The inspection party was headed by General Superintendent George W. Creighton, of Altoona.

The branch leading out from Tyrone leads to Scotia, a small town in Centre county. The Lewisburg and Tyrone road extends from Lewisburg on the east to Bellefonte on the west. Some distance east of Bellefonte the upper road crosses within six or seven miles of the branch running out from Tyrone. The nearest points are Fairbrook on the Tyrone branch, and Lemont, a small town on the Lewisburg and Tyrone road.

The proposed connecting link would pass directly through State College and would give that town much better railroad facilities. At present State College is reached by a branch leading out from Bellefonte and the railroad facilities of the town are not of the best.

As Pennsylvania State College is located there, the town, the people of that vicinity claim, is deserving of better railroad facilities. However, it remained for the selection of a site in that vicinity for the new state penitentiary to bring the matter of providing another railroad line forcibly to the attention of the railroad people, and it is claimed that it is because the new penitentiary is to be located in that vicinity, that better transportation facilities will be provided. A large amount of material must be hauled from different parts of the state to the new penitentiary site, and as the work on the institution starts this summer, it will be necessary to rush the proposed railroad to completion and the people of that vicinity look for work to start on the road early this season.

The proposed line would give the people of Blair county better access to State College as well as to Lewisburg and many other towns in Centre and Union counties. Now to reach State College Tyrone people must go to Bellefonte over the Bald Eagle and then travel twenty miles over a jerk-water road to the College. To reach Lewisburg and other intermediate points, it is necessary to go by way of Bellefonte which is a roundabout way. When the branch from Tyrone to Scotia was constructed some thirty years ago, the survey was made to connect the line with the Lewisburg road farther north, but for some reason the link was never built. The proposed road extends through a comparatively level country and the construction cost will not be great.

It is claimed that it was the general understanding that about the new penitentiary to be located near State College the new road would be built as to no other way could easy access to the town from points east and west be gained.

Enlarging the Road Department.

If the bill passed by the house providing that all money appropriated to the state highway department for the improvement of roads be expended in each county in proportion to the total mileage of unimproved state highways in the county, it is passed by the senate and becomes a law, the opposition to the fifty million dollar bond issue will begin to disappear. The country districts had no assurance that this fund would do road building that would be of service to them. If the road department is halted by the measure referred to the country districts will get their fair share of the improvements. Under these conditions the Reporter is in favor of the bond issue.

Dailies and Weeklies to Organize.

Pennsylvania daily newspaper publishers will meet at the board of trade and weekly publishers will meet at the Commonwealth Hotel in Harrisburg, April 15. The idea is to form two distinct organizations, one for dailies and one for weeklies and newspapers of less frequency of issue, but both combined and affiliated with one parent organization.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Daniel Hardy, of Beaver Falls. He formerly lived in the northwestern portion of this county.

Miss Margaret Gillette, of Snow Shoe, in the Altoona Hospital. Her parents live at Snow Shoe where interment was made.

PALMER FOR GOVERNOR.

Newspapers Throughout the State Indorse the Congressman as a Fitting Leader and Candidate.

The Reading "Telegram" nominates Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer for governor, and makes the prediction that "there are enough intelligent voters of all parties, tired and disgusted with present conditions, to land him in the office by a very handsome majority."

This move is seconded by the Pittsburgh Post in this language:

"We agree with our contemporary that the election of Mr. Palmer to the gubernatorial office would be a notable victory, not only for the Democrats, but for the State as a whole. If the party should nominate him it would be taking advantage of an opportunity to gain prestige. I would be an invitation to all honest citizens, and we believe it would be accepted by them. The Democratic party in Pennsylvania is growing, and we do not overlook the important part performed by Mr. Palmer in rescuing it from wreck and building it up on a solid foundation.

By his work in Congress Mr. Palmer has attained national prominence. In politics he stands high and has a record that is unassailable. He was the leader of the Pennsylvania delegation at Baltimore that made the nomination of President Wilson possible. In every line of action he has proved his capability, and by force of character has achieved distinction. The people are tiring of the old methods and are showing a disposition to recognize men like A. Mitchell Palmer.

The Post wants the Democrats of Pennsylvania to elect the next governor, and is confident of their ability to be successful if they continue to solidify their forces so as to be ready when the time comes."

The Centre Reporter can consistently indorse the sentiment of the Reading Telegram and the Pittsburgh Post. To show the editor's opinion of Mr. Palmer it reprints here an editorial that appeared in the Centre Reporter on May 19th, 1910, when the congressman was a candidate for re-nomination, and the foolish idea of rotation was agitated by some. The editorial follows:

"The 26th Congressional District composed of the counties of Monroe, Pike, Northampton, and Carbon has been from time to time most ably represented in Congress by men of superior qualifications—men who, though their terms were cut short by the adherence to the old unwise and foolish policy of county rotation in office—have nevertheless won recognition in the halls of Congress in one short term. Such men as Hon. Judge John B. Storm, a Dickinson College graduate, a brilliant lawyer, and scholarly man; Hon. Howard Mulcher, of Easton, and others, have represented that district with credit.

Today Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer, of Stroudsburg, Monroe county, a graduate of Swarthmore College and a law student of the late Judge Storm, and law partner, has for one term most ably and satisfactorily represented the district. He is a man of exceptional ability, high ideals, sterling qualities and integrity. Already he has won recognition as a leader in Congress. It is not often a newly elected member has commanded the respect of Democrats and Republicans in the House to the extent Mr. Palmer has. The opposing side has complimented him upon his speeches and pays close attention to his utterances, for Congressman Palmer always says something when he speaks. He will make a great record in Congress. If the short-sighted policy of his district does not turn down an honest and brilliant man because of the absurd idea of giving some other county its turn. The 26th District has just reason to be proud of Mr. Palmer, and he should be returned. It is the wish of the thoughtful that the state had many more representatives in the halls of Congress as brilliant and as faithful to duty, so that the best interests of the common people would be taken care of."

Fair and Solid.

Agriculture is not engaged in to as great an extent in Centre Hall as it is in most towns of its size, yet a few located here do farming on the side on a larger or smaller scale. With the view of extending their farming operations, Messrs. J. W. Mitterling and John C. Rossman purchased all of the land comprising the Arney homestead lying south of the Brush Valley road, owned by Benjamin H. Arney. There were twenty-six acres in the tract, Mr. Mitterling taking sixteen acres, and Mr. Rossman the remainder. The price paid was \$100 per acre. Mr. Arney retained all of the land north of the road and the splendid buildings on it.

The Old District School.

"The Old District School," a farce in two acts, will be rendered by the members of the Y. P. B. in Grange Arcadia on Saturday evening. The young people should be given encouragement in their efforts to entertain. There will be plenty of music and fun. Admission ten and twenty cents; reserved seats, 25 cents.

One of Centre Hall's greatest needs: A play ground.

FUNDS FOR STATE.

Legislature May be More Liberal in Its Support of Pennsylvania's Greatest Educational Institution.

A new era in agriculture in Pennsylvania seems to be dawning. Although the Legislature has been for many years generous in making appropriations for the support of the public schools, it has been quite the reverse with relation to education in agriculture, on which human life absolutely depends and which is the basis of all prosperity.

At the last preceding biennial session of the General Assembly, \$15,000,000 was given to the public schools besides \$115,000 to the Department of Public Instruction for salaries and expenses making a total appropriation for two years of \$15,115,000. At the same session the total appropriation for the School of Agriculture and Experimental Station at State College, for general maintenance, the construction of buildings, repairs and the purchase of equipment, was \$230,000, or \$115,000 a year—this is less than one-fourth the amount appropriated for the same purposes in Ohio and less than one-fifth that given in the State of New York.

But a better spirit appears now to prevail. In his message to the Legislature, Governor Tener, after a personal visit to the institution strongly recommended generous treatment of State College, especially emphasizing more adequate appropriations for the School of Agriculture.

Bills along the lines of the Governor's recommendation were introduced in the Legislature which it is earnestly hoped will be passed, and on Monday of this week another, designed to meet a long-felt need in agricultural education, was introduced by Representative Jones, of Blair county.

It provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 to continue and improve the Extension work of the School of Agriculture—carrying instruction to the farmer which he cannot go to college to get—which has been made possible heretofore by the professional pride and enthusiasm of the under-paid faculty of the school, the enterprise of the great railroad companies, local associations and private individuals.

If Pennsylvania is to hold its own in the race with the other great agricultural States in the East, the Legislature must begin now to treat the farming interests much more liberally in matters of agricultural scientific education than it has in the past, and must keep it up. Governor Tener appears to realize this. We hope the Legislature does also.

Want P. O. Name Changed.

The continued annoyance in shipping occasioned by having different names for the postoffice and shipping address has induced many of the citizens of Spring Mills to petition the Post Office Department to change the postoffice name from "Spring Mills" to "Rising Springs," the latter being the name of the shipping point. On one of the Pennsylvania lines in Montgomery county there is a "Spring Mills" railroad station, and this obliged the railroad company to change Spring Mills to Rising Springs. Many packages find their way to Spring Mills (Montgomery county) that should be sent to our neighboring village, and while the railroad company corrects these errors, there are frequent delays in doing so.

Of course, there is something about a town name that the average citizen dislikes to part with, but in many cases the advantages gained by a change overbalance these sentimental objections. Some years ago an effort was made to straighten out the Spring Mills—Rising Springs tangle, but there was much opposition. This has largely passed away, and between the government, the railroad and the people in that community the question will no doubt be settled to the advantage of all, and loss to none.

Movings.

Bruce E. Runkle, who since his marriage has lived with his parents east of Old Fort, is now located in the Snyder property in the Keller district; William B. Bressler from the Luse farm east of Old Fort to the farm near Spring Mills vacated by J. M. Heckman; and Bressler is followed by Wm. M. Houser, who came down from Nittany Mountain; N. B. Shaffer is followed by Charles T. Crust, which farm lying east of Old Fort, was purchased by his mother, Mrs. W. E. Crust, Nelson Marshall from the Gregg farm to succeed A. P. Leister, who retired from farm life, and George B. Slack began farm life on the place Marshall vacated. Aaron Lutz from the Bener farm to the Mrs. Hannah Smith property west of town.

The Pink Label.

The Pink Label appears this week, which indicates that all who paid subscription between March 1st and April 8th have had the credit placed on their labels.

RAZING LANDMARK.

Blacksmith Shop, School House, Tin Shop, Postoffice Occupied Same in Early History.

Charles D. Bartholomew began razing the buildings next to his residence, and will use a part of the old material in building up a new structure to be used for offices, etc.

The shops being torn away were erected many years ago by Samuel Harpster, and in them was carried on in the early history of Centre Hall, general blacksmithing and wagon building. After the death of Mr. Harpster, in the beginning of the seventies, the blacksmithing was closed out, and since the structures have been used for various purposes. Before the present school house was built, a primary grade of the township schools was quartered for several terms in the rear portion and later the postoffice was located there when the late J. A. Resman was postmaster, as was also the tin shop conducted by him. When B. D. Brisbin was appointed postmaster the second time the postoffice was again located in that building, but in the front instead of the rear portion, and there it remained until Postmaster Boal removed it to its present quarters.

In 1856, or shortly thereafter, the Harpster brothers—Jacob, George and Samuel, all blacksmiths and wagon builders by trade—were casting about for suitable locations to build smith-shops and establish business places. They went to the Old Fort and made overtures to the late George Olenkirk to secure lots opposite the Old Fort hotel with the above view in mind. Mr. Olenkirk refused to entertain their proposition, and then the lot now occupied by the buildings being razed, the two dwelling houses next to it and the present quarters of the Reporter, were purchased by two of the brothers—Jacob and Samuel. The first Methodist church, a log structure east of Centre Hall located on the site now known as Pennington's cemetery, was purchased, and this material used in the construction of the buildings named.

When the Harpster brothers went to the Old Fort to purchase business sites, the postoffice was located there and George Olenkirk was the postmaster. That was in the days of the stage lines, when four-in-hands carried the mail over the mountains to Lewisburg. It was not long after these shops were erected here that a movement was on foot to remove the postoffice from Old Fort to this section. And this was done, William Wolf being made postmaster, and the office was located in his store room now occupied by D. A. Booz's saddlery. When Mr. Olenkirk discovered what was happening, he first realized that he failed to take advantage of an opportunity. The postoffice name was also changed and Old Fort lost its place in the postoffice list and Centre Hall was added.

At this period in the history of Centre Hall, there were few buildings here. Beside the Harpster shops stood the dwelling house occupied formerly by the writer; the building razed by Dr. Bitner stood opposite the present Reporter site; the Witmer property, the Wolf property, the hotel, the J. D. Murray home now occupied by S. E. Ripka, the Harpster property, the home of the senior George Harpster, now occupied by B. D. Brisbin, the Wilson property, the Felmele hotel, where the Lutheran church now stands, were the only improvements to these quarters.

This is a bit of history fittingly related as these old landmarks pass away.

WHY HE DOES IT.

Druggist Murray & Bitner Gives 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, said druggist 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.

The Pink Label appears this week.

DEATHS.

Howard E. Grove, a well known resident of College township, died at his home at Houseville on Monday afternoon of last week, after a prolonged illness with tuberculosis. He was a son of William and Rosetta Grove and was born near Houseville, and was aged forty-two years, one month and thirteen days. He was a farmer by occupation and his entire life was spent in College township, where he was universally esteemed by all who knew him.

On March 21st, 1893, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Margaret Houser, a daughter of David and Martha Houser, who survives with seven children, namely: Mae R., Charles D., Clara M., Bessie, Frederick B., Hannah and Paul, all at home. He also leaves four brothers and one sister, namely: William E., James M. and John Grove, of Lemont; Mrs. John W. Grove and David C., of Bellefonte. Funeral services were held in the United Brethren church in Houseville by Rev. Johnson, burial being made in the Houseville cemetery.

Miss Mamie Mariz died Wednesday evening of last week at the home of her brother Samuel in Pine Grove Mills. She was in good health up until that morning when she was stricken with paralysis while helping with the breakfast. She never regained consciousness and died the same evening. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Mariz and was born at Shingletown sixty-eight years ago. Her early life was spent at that place but for many years she had been a resident of Pine Grove Mills. She was a member of the Lutheran church from girlhood and was a good christian woman. She is survived by one sister and six brothers, namely: Mrs. Edward Moore, of Pine Grove Mills; George Mariz, of Lemont; Daniel, of Shingletown; Isaac, of McAlevy's Fort; John, of Centre Hall; William and Samuel, of Pine Grove Mills. The funeral was held from her late residence on Saturday morning, burial in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

Samuel Bailey, a hardware dealer, in Morrisdale, died Wednesday evening of last week at his home, aged eighty-six years and twenty-three days.

He was born at Baileyville, but most of his life was spent in Clearfield county. At one time he drove the stage between Lewisburg and Bellefonte, and no doubt will be recalled by many of the older readers of this paper. His wife, nee Miss Elizabeth Neideriter, of Clarion county, died eleven years ago, but there survive these sons and daughters: Samuel, of Chicago; Charles and Mrs. F. I. Forst, of Juniata; Miss Lia, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Mary Burrows, of Harrisburg, and William and David, of Morrisdale.

Mrs. Amelia Michaels, a native of Centre Hall, this county, died at the Blair county hospital, Friday, aged eighty-one years. She was the widow of J. C. Michaels. Two sons, Harry, of Tyrone, and H. Jesse, of Drifton, survive, together with two brothers, John Quick, of Altoona, and Thomas Quick, of Julian.

[The above is copied from the Philadelphia Journal. Inquiry among the older residents of Centre Hall fails to establish the fact that Mrs. Michaels was ever a resident here.—EDITOR.]

Mrs. Esos Hess, a one time resident of State College, died at her home in Grantham, Lancaster county. Funeral services were held at Grantham. The body was taken to the Cross Roads church where additional services were held and interment made at Florin. The deceased is survived by her husband, who from 1894 to 1901 was assistant director of the experiment station at Pennsylvania State College. A small son and three sisters survive.

Miss Mary Stewart died at the home of her nephew, Thomas H. Wiggins, in Altoona, of disease incident to her advanced age. She was the youngest member of the family of William and Jane Stewart, and was born in Pennsylvania, this county, on June 19th 1827, hence was in her eighty-sixth year. Her only survivors are a number of nieces and nephews. She was a member of the Presbyterian church all her life. Burial was made at Williamsburg.

Andrew Jackson Quigley died in Williamsport, aged eighty-six years. He was born and raised in Woodward township, Clinton county, and later moved to North Bend. He served as commissioner in Clinton county, and also represented that county in the legislature. He located in Williamsport twenty-eight years ago.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Keep in mind the "Old District School," in Grange Arcadia, Saturday evening.

The trout season opens next Tuesday, and then the industrious fisherman will be out early with rod and hook.

Milford Luse, Thomas L. Smith, and Dr. A. G. Lieb contracted with the Bell Telephone Company for telephones.

Harry Alters, who for some time conducted a tobacco store in Bellefonte, is now a traveling salesman for a tobacco firm in South Carolina.

Robert M. Way, of Half Moon valley, well known to many of our people, recently had his right arm amputated at the shoulder as a result of blood poisoning.

A. J. Tate, of Pine Grove Mills, has opened an undertaking establishment at State College, and will also repair furniture. He is assisted in his work by George E. Harpster.

John H. Runkle, east of Old Fort, was a pleasant business caller on Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Runkle like all Peone Valley farmers, is busily engaged in farm work.

Allen A. Orr has been indorsed for the appointment for postmaster at Lewisburg by Congressman Dershem. Orr is the present Democratic chairman and president of the Lewisburg school board.

James Swabb, at Tusseyville, and John Ream, at Farmers Mills, had telephones placed in their homes. Both are connected with rural lines, under the system of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company.

Mrs. Druella Hess, of Linden Hall, on Friday of last week, suffered a paralytic stroke. For a time her condition was quite serious, but since she has improved very much, and is now able to sit up in bed.

The mild weather during the past winter has raised great expectations among the peach growers in Snyder county. They are looking forward to the largest crop of the luscious fruit obtained since peach growing in that county has become a business.

The Philadelphia Daily Journal claims to be well seasoned on its twenty-fifth anniversary, and is enjoying prosperity. The paper has been under its present management during the whole of the quarter century of its life. The Reporter wishes its contemporary continued success.

The snow machine was in operation on Sunday and performed just as good as ever. The ground for several hours was covered with the beautiful, but not deep enough to hide the onion tops, wheat plants, grasses and clover. Monday was also a cold day, although the sun peeped through the broken clouds.

Rev. R. R. Jones, pastor of the Centre Hall Reformed church, has just issued No. 3 of the "Reformed Church Bulletin." This paper covers the true scope of a parish paper and is devoted exclusively to the local affairs of the various congregations composing the charge served by the editor. The Bulletin is issued whenever occasion demands, and in this way needed information is disseminated just at the right time.

Henry E. Rearick, of Altoona, and John F. Stover, of Berryburg, two former Centre Hall boys, met for the first time in twenty years at the latter's home one day last week, and talked over the happenings in and about Centre Hall when they were the kiddies at Old Fort. Mr. Rearick is now an Altoona railroad shopman of means, and Mr. Stover is a general merchant and postmaster at Berryburg, and, like his chum, has made good.

Mrs. W. L. Musser, of Altoona, who before marriage was Miss Pearl Weaver, a daughter of the late Prof. John A. Weaver, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Irvin Bloom, of Williamsport, and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher, of Penn Hall, were invited guests at the Centre Hall hotel on Friday. Mrs. Musser and Mrs. Bloom are nieces of Mrs. J. W. Runkle, and the former is a cousin of Mrs. Fisher. The company spent the day in a most delightful manner.

If B. D. Brisbin, the lumberman, had the control of roads he would not only have them made smooth and hard, but the width in proportion to length would be about two to one. This is simply a guess as to his opinion, and it is based on the fact that when the other evening he was practicing to guide a gasoline-driven machine, the fence alongside the road was too close for his convenience. He expects to be able to run just as straight as occasion demands by the time the new Ford he is quoted as having ordered reaches here.

Died Jan 20, 1917 - aged 93 + years