



NEW PRIMARY BILL.

Organization Measure Gives New Parties Place on Ballot—Preserves Conventions.

A New primary election bill, which has the backing of the Republican organization leaders, was presented in the Senate by Samuel Salus, of Philadelphia. This measure is to be substituted for the primary bill drafted by the State elections commission. It provides for a primary ballot for new parties and eliminates nominations by nomination papers.

In odd numbered years, the Fall primary is to be held on the last Tuesday of September and in even numbered years there is to be a spring primary the second Tuesday of April, under the new bill. The present system of electing delegates to National and State conventions is left unchanged and the same is true of the system of nomination by convention of all State officers. The new bill does not contain the present provision permitting candidates for delegates to have printed the name of the man they will support for nomination printed after their own names on the ballot.

GET BALLOT BY PETITION

The provisions under which independent parties could get a ballot in primaries follow:

Before January 1, in even-numbered years, and before June 1, in odd-numbered years, any body of electors, who otherwise under the proposed law would not be permitted to have an official ballot in the primary, may obtain exclusive use of a party name by filing a petition in the Dauphin county court. In the petition, must be set forth the appellation desired and the political district in which it is to be used. At least 5 per cent of the largest vote cast in that particular election district for any files in the last preceding election in which any officer was voted for or for electors at large must sign the petition.

PARTY NAMES PROTECTED.

A hearing on a petition for a party name must be granted by the Dauphin county court within 15 days after it is filed. Any body of electors obtaining the right to use a party name must organize by electing a State chairman and the necessary county chairmen as soon as convenient after receiving the title.

The withdrawal of a candidate later than 15 days prior to a primary election is prohibited. He cannot withdraw, under any circumstances, unless two-thirds of the members of the political committee, which, under the rules, would be charged with filling the vacancy, should, in a special meeting called for that purpose, consent to the withdrawal. Candidates of parties, patented by the Dauphin county court, can withdraw only when two-thirds of the signers of the original petition give consent and three of the signers make affidavit to the correctness of the signatures. Filling of vacancies also must be participated in by two-thirds of the signers.

SIGNATURES CLASSIFIED

Five hundred signers are made necessary to petitions to place candidates on the ballot for Congress, judgeships and all other officers to be voted for by the electors of an entire county. All petitioners must be registered lawfully and enrolled as members of the party for which the petition is filed. Candidates for State senators and representatives must obtain 300 signers to their petitions: State and National delegates, 100, and all other candidates 10. All candidates must be lawfully enrolled as members of the party on the ticket of which they desire to be placed. Also each candidate must file a certificate consenting to the use of his name. Candidates are prohibited from having their names on more than one ticket.

A voter in the primaries would be granted assistance in marking his ballot, if he makes affidavit he cannot read the names on the ballot or that by reason of physical disability, he cannot mark his ticket. To vote in the primary, an elector must be enrolled as to his party affiliations. If challenged as to his affiliation, the voter must make affidavit he voted for a majority of the candidates of the party for the ballot of which he asks.

The common pleas court must order the county commissioners to open any ballot box and recount the ballots, when five qualified electors of any election district on information considered reliable, present a petition alleging a specific act of fraud.

The Senate elections committee reported the bill with an affirmative recommendation shortly after it was introduced.

After holding appointive offices for twenty years and more, it is hard to realize that others are entitled to a suck or two at the teat. It was just fine for Republicans to get the plums while their party was in power, and why now is it not just as fair to give the long persimmon pole to Democrats?

FARMERS WILL GO TO WILSON.

A Million Dollars for Study of Markets, Federal Loans to Farmers, Extension of Parcel Post Will be Asked.

No farmer need depend on persimmons and woodchucks for a livelihood, 'tis said, if Congress grants the favor asked for by the National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits, held in Chicago. A special committee will lay the request before President Woodrow Wilson. They include:

A million dollars for a study of markets, crops and cost of transporting foodstuff.

Federal loans to farmers.

Extension and improvement of the parcel post, so as to cheaply distribute onions, cabbage and other farm products.

Co-operative credit associations for both farmers and wages earners, also co-operative long-time land mortgage associations, as well as joint stock, long-time land mortgage banks.

The committee will complain to President Wilson that, though facilities for transportations never were more ample, yet it is costing more than ever before to get farm products to the consumer.

The President also will be asked to withdraw secrecy from Government crop reporting, so that farmers may know at all times as to the amount and sources of the food supply. This it is asserted, is the best remedy for a condition of congested markets in one part of the country and scarcity of the same foodstuff in another.

In Business 56 Years.

The Freeport (Illinois) Bulletin announces that Joseph Emmert sold his drug store in that city. Mr. Emmert is a native of Pennsylvania, and located in Freeport in 1855, and on Christmas day entered the store he sold, as a clerk. The store was then owned by John S. Emmert, a brother, who established it in 1846. Later John Burrell became a partner, and in 1859 Joseph Emmert purchased his brother's interest, and until 1930 the firm name was Emmert and Burrell. In that year Mr. Emmert became the sole proprietor. This gives Mr. Emmert fifty-six years connection with the drug business, and almost unprecedented record. He is now eighty-two years old, but continues excellent health and in full mental vigor. He is also connected with other business interests in Freeport, and is one of the oldest directors of the First National Bank. In concluding his article the Bulletin says: "He is one of the oldest directors of the First National bank. He is active in the affairs of the First Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. His long residence here has given him a large fund of information in regard to the history of the county and its inhabitants which newspaper men in search of information, often appeal to. No man enjoys the confidence of the people of Stephenson county to a greater degree than Mr. Emmert, a confidence that he gained and has held by unswerving probity. His judgement in business matters is of the best and is frequently sought by others."

Mr. Emmert has long been a reader of the Centre Reporter, and on his occasional eastern trips never fails to pay his respects to this office.

The License Question.

A liquor license has been granted the Millheim hotel by Judge Orvis. The license was held up, and Millheim was dry for five days.

Upon petition of a number of citizens, the Union county court reopened the argument on license petitions in the cases of Reish's distillery and the Dickard House at Millheimburg, and the Hotel at Glen Iron. The latter was granted a license, but the other two were again refused.

What Might Have Been.

President Wilson's address to the joint houses of Congress has added to his popularity. The country is beginning to realize that the bold stroke of the President in shattering precedent has "hit the nail on the head." Instead of arousing disfavor it has had the opposite effect. In lapping the more than a century old breach the President has got to close touch with Congress and inspired the plaudits of the country. It is regarded now as the exercise of a farseeing act that reveals the chief executive's sagacity.

Now that the ancient custom has been relegated to the rear the newspapers of Washington are referring to the radical departure as a "lost opportunity" for a former occupant of the White House, who is at this moment, no doubt, biting himself for dullness in not realizing his chance for "making a hit."

No use crying over spilled milk. The colonel was not keen enough to take the legislative bull by the horns right in its own arena.

BUILDING STATE ROAD.

The Lewisburg and Old Fort Turnpike to be Rebuilt by State—Work to Begin at Once.

The Lewisburg and Old Fort Turnpike between the boroughs of Centre Hall and Millheim is to be rebuilt at once by the state. J. Russell Gephart, a superintendent employed by the state, is now on the grounds and is making preliminary arrangements for the work. In another column will be found an advertisement asking for teams and laborers. The work will be commenced at Spring Mills, and the section between Centre Hall and that point will be built first. It will require at least the whole of this summer to complete this portion of the road, and the following summer the lower section between Spring Mills and Millheim will be built.

The road we will get through Pennsylvania is not what is known as a contract state road. Mr. Gephart will superintend this work for the state, and his judgment is the law in the case. Mr. Gephart was a caller at this office on Saturday, and gave the Reporter an outline of the character of the work that will be done. He is a man of experience in road building, having done his last similar road work for the state in Lancaster county. The crowns of the larger hills will be cut down, the sides of the entire road ditched and a bed of crushed stone sixteen feet in width laid. The thickness of the covering of crushed stone will depend on the condition of the road bed as to smoothness, etc. Stone crushers, a steam roller, and sprinkler will be some of the machinery the state will furnish. When the work is completed, Mr. Gephart assured the writer, the road will give almost the same service that a contract road would give, and the expenditure would be very much less.

The Old District School.

The play bearing the above title was rendered on Saturday evening in Grange Arcadia by the members of the Y. P. B. The house was well filled, and the audience gave its best attention. The play was a success financially and otherwise, one of the strong points being the singing.

As the title suggests, the play was a rehearsing of the school of many years ago, or the school of that day as it was thought to be by the present generation.

Although a number of the pupils performed well, the reciting of a dream by Ida Sweetwood, a member of the primary class, was much above the average. When it comes to make-ups, Buster Brown (Bud Stahl) had a long lead on his associates. The teacher was William Kerlin, whose originality on a number of occasions was used to advantage. The participants in the play were these: Savilla Reasick, Bertha Strohmsier, Ida Sweetwood, Mary Kennedy, Elsie Moore, Mary Dinges, Mary Whiteman, Besse Breen, Freda Bailey, William Kerlin, Bruce Stahl, William Garis, William Showers, Orvis and Willis Weaver, William Luse, John Whiteman, Roy White, Fred Stover, William Bailey, Roy Puff, Rose Bushman.

Opportunity to Secure Pennants.

The latest fad among young people is the collecting of college flags and pennants. Nothing equals the varicolored emblems of colleges and schools for decorating the den, smoking room, clubs, etc.

Through a favorable arrangement with one of the largest manufacturers in the country, The Philadelphia North American is enabled to give these to their readers at a fraction of their regular cost. There will be a different pennant each week. Commencing with Pennsylvania and followed up with Princeton, Lafayette, Yale, Harvard, Army and Navy, Cornell and other state schools and universities.

Get started at once and secure the entire set. A coupon from the Sunday North American and 20 cents secure each one. No extra charge for mailing.

To avoid disappointment give your order for the Sunday North American to your local dealer at once.

Why do Saws and Sear Buck get so many orders for goods? The answer is simply this: They advertise; they get right into the homes and make their appeal. There is a suggestion in this for our business men. The local business man can also appeal for new trade by advertising, and if he don't do that he has no right to equal because others do and get the business that ought to remain at home.

Reporter readers who are receiving a salary of less than \$4000 will not need to worry about the income tax, and those who do receive that much and more ought not to worry either, because of their ability to pay the small tax imposed.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. E. G. Hoffer Writes Memorial Verse on Miss Emily Alexander—Other Communications.

Editor Reporter: Noticing in the Reporter received yesterday an account of the death of my cousin Emily Alexander, for whom I was named, I enclose a few lines in memoriam. As we are far away, I will be somewhat late, but not too late, I hope.

We are in our usual health, Mr. Hoffer still teaching. Snow almost gone, but no plowing done as yet, the season being very backward. Great interest in cattle and hog raising is manifested in this section at present. Fruit prospects said to be good. There are many new settlers arriving weekly.

EMILY ALEXANDER—IN MEMORIAM.

And she is dead, Ah yes asleep; No tons can thrill her more. Her way was long, and often steep. As she trod life's pathway o'er. Yes, she is dead, the life beats still'd; Too tired for longer staying. The warfare o'er, the heart is chill'd, The form in death now laying. Hearts are soft'nd and fear subdued, As they gaze on that calm, still face; And know that in the life renewed, With His own shall find her place. Her life was filled with earnest deeds, And love for the little ones. Her hands were quick to fill their needs, As she smoothed away their frowns. But life is o'er, she is resting there, In that calm dreamless sleep. But above, His own with tender care, God doth a watch guard keep. So we say good bye, on earth today. But we'll meet in that other land. "Where sorrow and sighing flee away." And the pure in his presence stand.

MRS. E. G. HOFFER.

Bossburg, Wash., April 3rd.

Editor Reporter:

I hope to interest my many friends and readers of the "Reporter" by this letter, but perhaps it will prove one of less interest because the region in which I live is not one in which agriculture is the chief occupation.

West Brownsville is about fifty-five miles south of Pittsburgh, on the Monongahela river. This valley is so thickly settled that from Pittsburgh to this place towns are hardly a mile apart. This town is an important railroad centre through which a great amount of coke and coal passes west. The three railroads which come through here are the Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie and the Monongahela railroad. It is on account of these railroads that we came here; my husband being employed on the Pennsylvania railroad. This town may not at first appeal to our aesthetic sense but one learns to like it. It is very old and has a little history connected with it. James G. Blaine was born here and we have the honor of living now in the same house in which he spent his boyhood days. Across the river are its two sister towns—Brownsville, South Brownsville. Brownsville is much older than Pittsburgh. When the first settlements in Pittsburgh were made people shook their heads and said "It won't be a big place because it is too far away from Brownsville." This seems ridiculous to us today. The Old National Pike runs through these towns, and in Brownsville is the oldest iron bridge in the United States.

There are good schools and churches of about all denominations here. Our most important paper "The Clipper-Monitor," is edited by a lady. Just two miles north of here, at California, is located the Southwestern State Normal School, where my niece, Miss Marion Zerby, is a student.

We live only a square from the river but the recent floods did not affect us.

Your paper is always a welcome friend here. I have spent the greater part of my life in Centre Hall, and am interested in the town's welfare, and the happenings there. Through the Reporter I am able to keep in touch with my friends whom I otherwise would not hear from.

Most respectfully,

MRS. W. H. HACKENBURG.

April 14, 1913, West Brownsville.

Editor of the Reporter:

From the label on my paper I discover that another year has passed by, and that a year's subscription is now due you if I want to keep my label in advance as has been my custom. An order for \$1.00 is inclosed.

I have passed my seventy-fifth birthday, and I have been a reader of the Reporter since 1868, in which year it was first published in Centre Hall. Ohio was badly flooded, and there is much suffering on account of it. Half the bridges were torn out. The mail service was very much interfered with, but our town was damaged little. A great many people lost their lives, and many others all or a part of their property, and, as is always the case, the poor are feeling the loss the most. In years gone by,

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DEATHS

The Joliet (Illinois) Evening Herald contained this death notice of a former resident of Potter township:

Samuel D. Spangler, died at his home, 123 Second avenue, Sunday evening, April 6, from Bright's disease, after a prolonged illness. He leaves besides his widow, one daughter, Mary M. Spangler. The funeral was held from the house at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, of last week, Rev. Charles Dutton Jacobs officiating.

The deceased was a son of the late Samuel Spangler, Sr., and was born on the Spangler homestead, west of Tussey's school house, now owned by James Wert. He left Potter township many years ago, first going to Lewistown where he engaged as a clerk, and it was there he married Miss Van Zant. Later he went to Illinois, and at one time engaged in the grocery business with a Mr. Armagast, also from Potter township. At the time of his death he lived retired, having attained the age of about seventy years.

He was the last member of the Spangler family, the brothers and sisters were these: Isaac, Ezra, Aaron, Mrs. Mary Dillman, Miss Fannie, Mrs. D. L. Keir, Miss Elmira.

Samuel F. Kline, of Howard, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George D. Robb, in Altoona, Friday morning of diseases incident to old age.

Deceased was born on October 26, 1820, was reared and educated and had spent practically all his life at Howard. Early in life he entered the mercantile business at Howard and this he followed until a few years ago when he retired from active life. He had served as a school director for many years and was also at one time during his late life a justice of the peace. He had enjoyed good health until six months ago and since then his decline had been rapid. He is survived by his wife and seven children: Mrs. Clara M. Robb, of Altoona; Mrs. H. T. McDowell, of Howard; Eugene E., at home; Mrs. Owen Hicks, of Williamsport; Mrs. Isaac Cornwell and Mrs. Richard McNally, of Northumberland, and Miss Nellie L., of Sunbury. The funeral took place Sunday, interment at Howard.

John C. Lingle died at his home in Gregg township, of heart disease and dropsy, aged seventy-nine years. He was a veteran of the Civil war and a member of Company A, 148th regiment, and served until the close of the war. He leaves to survive a widow and the following children: Jonathan, of Gregg township; Harry, of Penn township; Samuel, of Potter township; William, Burnham; Mrs. Lydia Oxenrider, and Mrs. Lizzie Bechold, of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Mrs. Louisa Confer, of Renovo. Funeral services were held last Thursday forenoon, conducted by Rev. F. H. Foss, of Centre Hall, and interment was made in the Mountain cemetery.

Martin H. Mackey, vice president of the Union bank in Altoona, and born in Milesburg, in 1832, died in Altoona.

In 1862 he enlisted in Company F, 148th Regiment, P. V. I., serving until the close of the war. He then returned to Milesburg, where he remained until he moved to Altoona in 1872. For many years Mr. Mackey was engaged in the planing mill and casket factory business in Altoona. Of later years he followed the general contracting business. Mr. Mackey served two terms as county commissioner of Blair county. October 6, 1857, he married Miss Sarah Swanger, whom he leaves with six children: J. A., LeRoy B., William E., Edmund M., Edith G., and Mrs. William Taylor, of Tyrone.

A bill now before the appropriation committee calling for \$100,000, to cover a period of two years, to aid Pennsylvania State College to bring before the farmers in a direct way the benefits of its experiments, ought to become a law.

James A. Gleason, of DuBois, the Democratic candidate for congress in this district last fall, is hopeful of securing an appointment under the Wilson administration, and may be named a United States court judge in the Panama Canal Zone.

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Very truly,
SAMUEL CONDO.

Jewett, Ohio, April 12, 1913.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Schaeffer-Hazel reunion will be held August 20th, in Deitrick's grove, near Madisonburg.

R. P. Campbell, the genial proprietor of the Penns Cave House, was a caller at this office Saturday.

Miss May Rhone spent Saturday and Sunday with her father, Hon. Leonard Rhone, in Centre Hall.

The "Old Maids Club" will render their play in Millheim on Saturday evening. The proceeds will be divided between the Progress Grange and the Ladies' Literary Club in Millheim.

C. W. Booser on returning from Wilkes Barre states that W. Gross Mingle and family are now nicely quartered at 54 South Main Street, a delightful section of the city.

Harry Koch and family, of near Pine Grove Mills, have taken up their residence in State College, Mr. Koch having taken over the undertaking business of H. D. Grabe.

The Centre District of Ministerial, Sunday-school and Keystone League of Christian Endeavor will meet in convention in the St. Luke's United Evangelical church, Millheim, May 20-21 and 22.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of James C. Furst, Esq., of Bellefonte, to Miss Adele Harrar, of Williamsport, at the First Presbyterian church in that city, Wednesday evening, April 30, at 8 o'clock.

A hog pen and three large hogs, the property of J. H. Neidigh, at Struble, were burned. How the fire originated is unknown. It required active work on the part of a bucket brigade to save the surrounding buildings from destruction.

Asher Stahl was here from Altoona for a few days, returning to that city on Saturday. He is employed by the Penns Valley in the shops, but has such an attractive offer in a meat market that he thinks he will go back to cutting thirty-five cent steak.

The W. L. Foster store building, residence and the house to the apartment building, in State College, was purchased by Perry Homer Gentzell, of Sunbury, for the consideration of \$27,900. Mr. Gentzell was formerly a resident of State College.

Register J. Frank Smith was in Centre Hall on Saturday night, and attended a meeting of the I. O. O. F., in which organization he is very much interested. He was accompanied by his son Calvin, who went on to Spring Mills, where, it is said, he is always able to make some one happy by his presence.

Thursday's issue of the Harrisburg Patriot contained a picture of Dr. G. H. Widder, who has been elected president of the board of health of the Capital City. His election was unanimous. Dr. Widder is a frequent visitor to Centre Hall, which place is the home of Mrs. Widder, who will be recalled as Miss Anna Harpster.

The Luther League connected with the local Lutheran church has assumed \$200 of the \$600 it will require to put a carpet in the auditorium and Sunday-school rooms of the church. The Sunday-school also contributed over \$400 in cash toward the repair fund. This indicates that these two divisions of the church are well alive.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Weaver, who a few weeks ago moved from near Linden Hall to Lock Haven, were in Penns Valley last week visiting among friends located between Aaronsburg and Pine Grove Mills. They returned to Lock Haven on Saturday. Mr. Weaver was a caller at this office, and reported that they liked their new home and surroundings very much.

Much of the lumber in the shops torn down by C. D. Bartholomew is one hundred years old. It will be a hundred years this summer that the first Methodist church in this valley was dedicated, and a part of the lumber in this church was used in the construction of these buildings. The plank and frame work are in a first class state of preservation, and will do service for another century or more. This old lumber is all white pine, and were it to be bought today would give a builder a chill to see the lumberman's statement.

In the last issue of the Reporter mention was made of the intention of William Rossman, of near Centre Hall, to go to Lock Haven and undergo an operation for gall stones. The day set was last Thursday, but on that morning Mr. Rossman was suffering greatly from a slight wound on his hand, and was unable to make the trip. At present his condition is somewhat improved. Some time ago Mr. Rossman accidentally pricked his hand with a thorn. The wound seemed to have healed, but later excruciating pains followed, and it appears blood poisoning developed.