



PLEDGE-DODGING A CRIME.

Worse Than Embezzling Money, So Secretary Bryan Says.

In his address to the Legislature at Harrisburg the secretary of State, using forcible emphasis, declared that the man who violates the pledges of the party platform on which he is elected, is a worse criminal than the embezzler of money. This is a cutting arraignment, but it is justified, because such a violation is betrayal of the people by one entrusted by them to perform a sacred duty.

No man has a right to evade the instructions placed upon him by his party. The pledges of the platform become binding the moment they are adopted, and the candidate who is elected thereon and proves recreant to his trust is, to use the secretary's words, "dishonest." He declared that the candidate who believes his conscience will not permit him to support the platform has no business to ask for votes and should get off the ticket.

Is there a Democratic officeholder in Pennsylvania who underestimates the value of this advice? If there is he should have an awakening; if there is a man serving in defiance of his instructions given through his party platform, he owes it to himself and the party he misrepresents to step down and out.

Mr. Bryan's advice at Harrisburg is certain to have good results. It is a lesson in duty that should impress itself deeply on members of the Legislature, no matter to which party they belong, and it should have the immediate effect of bolstering Democrats for the great duty that lies before them. In the future Democrats in the Legislature will stop and think before casting their votes and look at their platform to see what their instructions on the matter are. Then they will be serving the people as their party intended they should be served.

Cigarette Law.

A new cigarette law prohibits the sale or gift of cigarettes to persons under twenty-one years of age, under penalty of from \$100 to \$500 fine. Minors with cigarettes in their possession must tell where they got them. Refusal is a misdemeanor subject to a fine of \$5 or imprisonment of five days if over sixteen years. Under sixteen, subject to juvenile court.

A common pleas court judge has already passed on the new act, and has decided that the boy who picks a cigarette from the ground is a violator of the law. The judge holds that it is a crime for a boy to have a cigarette on his person. This information is passed along for the information of the youths who may wish to avoid being prosecuted under this new statute.

Pennsylvania Bar Meeting.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association will be held at Hotel Cape May, Cape May, N. J., on June 24, 25 and 26.

Justice George B. Orlady, of the Superior Court, president, will deliver the opening address and Robert C. Smith, King's Counsel, Montreal, Canada, will deliver the annual honorary address in the evening of the first day's session. John J. Johnson of Pittsburgh will also read papers.

The annual banquet will be held June 25. Governor Tener is scheduled to speak.

Rebersburg.

Mrs. L. L. Wance, of State College, spent the past week at this place with relatives.

The past week a fence was placed around the unoccupied part of the Union cemetery.

Samuel Shaffer is at present having some repair work done on his stable and other out buildings.

This week the two cemeteries at this place got a general cleaning up and are now in readiness for Decoration Day.

Mrs. J. K. Moyer, who spent the past winter at Baltimore with her daughter, Mrs. Krider, has returned to this place.

Samuel Winters, who was employed for the past three months at Altoona, has returned to this place and is now staying under the parental roof.

Dr. H. G. Kraps this week traded his horse and buggy off on an auto and is now examining the mechanical work of the machine before attempting to run the critter.

Ellas Bron quit recently bought a saw mill from J. C. Kline, of Centre Hall, and is at present busy placing the same on the tract of timber which he bought of C. H. Smull.

Quite a number of people of this place were to Millheim last Thursday to attend the funeral of Wm. Kreamer. Mr. Kreamer was born and raised in Brush Valley and was an esteemed citizen.

O. F. Stover, a farmer living several miles east of here, informed your co-ed that his horses were afflicted with distemper, and that his good neighbors helped him to get his own

MONEY FOR AGRICULTURE

Bills Signed Which Aim to Advance Rural Life—State College's Part.

Pennsylvania will take steps towards improving agricultural conditions through two laws signed by Governor Tener. The first provides that County Commissioners shall appropriate money for co-operative extension work to improve and develop agricultural resources of the respective counties. The other appoints ten experts to give instruction in agriculture.

The first bill of which Representative Gibson, of Lycoming county, is the author, recites the movement of the federal government to co-operate with the Pennsylvania State College with the ultimate object of locating a trained agricultural agent in every county. The federal movement plans that the state authorities shall bear a portion of the cost.

The sum of \$1500 annually must be appropriated by the County Commissioners from the county funds for agricultural extension work in cooperation with Pennsylvania State College to encourage improved methods of farm management and home economics and giving practical instruction and demonstrations in agriculture.

Headquarters shall be provided in the County Court House and the money shall be expended under rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioners.

Under the second law the Secretary of agriculture is empowered to appoint ten expert instructors in the science of agriculture and \$40,000 is appropriated for the purpose. The instruction shall be given at such times and places as prescribed by the Secretary.

Bradford-Meeker.

At the home of John Martz, in Centre Hall, on Saturday evening, Rev. R. R. Jones united in marriage Paul E. Bradford, of this place, and Miss Lydia E. Meeker, of near Potters Mills. The groom is a clerk in the Centre Hall railroad station, and will make railroading his business through life. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Meeker, and is the second of his daughters to marry a Bradford, their husbands being brothers.

Letter from Illinois.

Editor Reporter: Find enclosed \$2.00. The label on my paper needs attention, and this will pay one year in advance, and put the date where it ought to be.

Farmers are busy planting corn. The ground is in good condition, although the spring so far has been very cool and a little too dry.

Very truly, JAS. S. HOUTZ

Kerkland, Ill., May 17.

An automobile party comprised of Messrs. Frank P. Geary, George H. Emerick, D. A. Bozart, and Bruce Arney, with James Fetterolf as chauffeur, left Centre Hall for a swing around the circuit of something like one hundred and sixty miles on Sunday morning, returning in the evening. The principal towns along the route were Lewistown, Newport, Millersburg, Liverpool, Sellingsgrove, Sunbury, Lewisburg and home through the Penna Valley narrows. The roads were in fine shape, and those built by the state were in exceptionally good condition.

"Buffalo Valley Inn" is the name given the temperance house in Millfield managed by Harry B. Young for a corporation made up of citizens of that thriving Union county town. The corporation bought one of the hotel stands and transformed it into a modern Inn, where the wants of a self-respecting man or woman will be denied.

Woodward.

The Misses Wolfe, of Wolfe Store, were visitors in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Paul Kerstetter and daughter, Miss Grace, of Liverpool, are visiting at the L. L. Weaver home.

Ammon Mingle and daughter, Miss Phyllis, of Carrolltown, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mingle.

Mrs. Roy Musser left for Akron, Ohio, Saturday morning, where she will join her husband who is employed there.

After spending a week with relatives in town Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Miller returned to their home in Buffalo, N. Y., Wednesday.

Misses Lida Hosterman and Mary Galswite are delegates to the S. S. Convention to be held at Madisonburg on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Stover and daughter Mabelle, accompanied by the lady's mother, Mrs. Wolfe and sister, spent Sunday with relatives in Rebersburg.

Does your public spirit extend far?

WILLIAM HASTINGS IN TROUBLE.

Assaults Ross Anderson Hickok, Son-in-law of Former Governor Hastings.

Ross Anderson Hickok, member of a prominent Harrisburg family, and a former Yale athlete, was murderously attacked in his home on State street Friday evening of last week by his wife's uncle, William Hastings, a brother of the late Governor Daniel H. Hastings.

Hastings fired seven shots at Hickok from an automatic revolver, during a hand-to-hand struggle in the hallway of the Hickok residence. Only one bullet took effect, penetrating the right side of the abdomen. It is believed to be not serious.

Hickok, who is more than six feet and weighs 225 pounds, saved himself from more serious injury by hurling himself upon Hastings and throwing him into the street. Hastings ran a dozen blocks up town after the attack. Police overtook him at Penn and Verbeke streets.

Forty shots were exchanged here. Hastings was wounded in the left arm. Nine-year-old Louise Knisely was shot in the leg. Hastings fought desperately and the police rushed him and disarmed him. He used the same automatic pistol he had used on Hickok. Hastings is in jail and the Knisely girl in a hospital. Neither is badly hurt.

Hastings, who is seventy-five years old, has been the cause of much annoyance to his family. None of his relatives ever kept close track of him. He spent much time in Europe years ago. About the time his brother's term as governor expired, Hastings attacked the governor in the newspapers, charging him with cheating him in a financial deal. The Hastings family and their friends have regarded him as a lunatic.

He has lived here lately, and since ex-Governor Hastings' death a few years ago, has badgered Mrs. Hickok, who was a daughter of the governor. Some time ago Hickok ordered Hastings never to come near his house again.

During the past twenty years Hastings on various occasions in lengthy letters sent out by the hundreds recited how his brother had cheated him out of large sums of money, and in a general way aired private affairs between him and Governor Hastings.

LOCALS

A registered Holstein cow sold for \$207.50 at the Adam Conard Slefier bankrupt sale, near Woodward. Bull calves sold as high as \$41.50.

Mrs. W. S. Slick, accompanied by her daughters, Misses Nioa and Elsie, of Centre Hall, on Saturday afternoon drove to Millroy to visit Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Reish and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown. They returned Sunday afternoon.

It is no longer Peru, but Rockview that is called out on the local branch railroad below Lemont. "Pen Site" would have been more appropriate for this flag station than Rockview. It would at once suggest the reason for its existence.

The Decker Brothers, who have been making lumbering a profitable business to them, recently purchased a timber tract in Penn township for \$2900. The fact that there are but fourteen acres in the tract indicates that there must be some choice trees on it.

The directors of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company held a meeting in the arbitration room of the Court house on Thursday forenoon. There was a very fair representation of directors there, and the reports received from the various companies were flattering. A special meeting will be held early in June, at which time a distribution of commission funds will be made to the various companies.

Some person whose purpose was mischief, crawled under the ropes and stamped over several blocks of the concrete walk laid last week for D. J. Meyer. The cement had not hardened sufficiently to stand the pressure, consequently several of the blocks were broken, and others left with foot prints on them. On Sunday morning the damage was repaired as far as could be. Since then Mr. Meyer has been watching for a boot to fit the imprints.

Canada appeals very strongly to Dr. J. R. G. Allison, who on visiting Niagara Falls made a tour out through the Dominion for a distance of several hundred miles, Hamilton being one of the points passed through. He was very much surprised over seeing such vast apple orchards, cherries, grapes and fruits of all kinds growing in the north. While across the border line he was introduced to "Lastic Air," a composition substituted for air in automobile tires. He rode in machines equipped with the new "air," and is convinced that the resilience is equal if not superior to the air cushion

REDEDICATION.

Lutheran Church at Centre Hall Rededicated on Sunday.

Aroused from their sleep of neglect the local Lutheran church arose to a higher standard of church pride, and on Sunday celebrated the completion of the work started several months ago. It was on June 20th, back in the last century—1898—that the church was dedicated, under the pastorate of Dr. W. E. Fisher, who remained its pastor until it was entirely free of debt. Since that time—a period of twenty-seven years—the "walls of the temple were neglected;" practically nothing was expended by the congregation in the way of improvements and repairs. In the meantime the personnel of the congregation has very much changed. The large per cent. of the builders have passed away, and a generation then in youth, or entire newcomers, today make up the membership of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Centre Hall. They, as was intimated before, were aroused to their responsibility to retain their respectability as a church, and the work was begun and completed.

One of the pleasant features of this occasion was the presence of the former pastors of the church, and their participation in the ceremonies. The morning sermon was delivered by Dr. W. E. Fisher, and in his discourse dwelt on the church, after a few complimentary remarks on the improvements. The dedicatory services were read by Rev. B. F. Beiber and responded to by the pastor, Rev. F. W. Barry. In the evening Rev. J. M. Reack preached.

The improvements made on the edifice consisted of the erection of a raised chancel with Gothic arches, frescoing, painting, carpeting, concreting vestibule, installation of a Blaugas lighting plant. The only new furniture supplied was a new and exceptionally handsome altar, the gift of the former and present pastors of the charge. A number of new hymnals were placed in pews by various adherents of the church in memory of departed friends. Those remembered in this way were Rev. J. K. Miller, pastor from the latter sixties until the early seventies; Dr. Edward L. Miller, Johnston; Henry and Elsie Homan by Archie E. Homan, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Harpster, by William W. and John S. Harpster, Freeport, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Harpster, by Mrs. Kate Moore and Claude Harpster, Missoula, Montana; Alfred P. Hosterman and Ella Hosterman, by Dr. J. K. Hosterman, of Crystal City, Missouri; Elizabeth M. Smith, by J. Frank Smith, Bellefonte; Dr. John H. Harpster, Missionary, by William and John S. Harpster.

The expenditure in money, aside from the gifts, was about \$1600. No funds were collected at any of the services.

LOCALS

J. W. O. Houseman was appointed tax collector for the borough of Millheim to succeed Frank Knarr, deceased.

L. G. Rearick, who came up to Centre county from his Florida home several weeks ago, was in Centre Hall for a day last week. He and his family are at the home of Mrs. Rearick's parents, in Nittany Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davidson, of Millroy, came to Centre Hall Saturday and were the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. E. R. Luiz. Mr. Davidson returned home the same day, but Mrs. Davidson will spend two weeks on this side of the Seven Mountains, dividing the time between her sister here and her mother, Mrs. John Snyder, at Oak Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Riter and children on Saturday morning went to Muncy where they will visit David T. Raymond, a track foreman on the Penna. Mr. Raymond is a native of Penna Valley and is a brother of J. W. Raymond of near Centre Hall. Mr. Riter is also a track man, and the trip will afford him much pleasure. On Sunday they went to Williamsport, to pay a few hours visit to John Shreffler.

Dr. W. E. Fischer returned to Shamokin on Tuesday morning, much to the regret of his former parishioners here, who are always delighted to have him with them. Dr. Fischer began his ministerial work on this charge, remaining here until going to Shamokin, in the meantime refusing many tempting calls. He has lost none of his vigor in the pulpit, and also retains that buoyant step so characteristic of him. He and Mrs. Fischer are preparing for a great event in June—the homecoming of their eldest daughter, Marion, now Mrs. Keene, who, of course, will be accompanied by her husband, and her four-year-old son. It is seven years since they left home for the heart of China. A promise has been exacted from the Doctor that he will some time during the summer come here with Mrs. Fischer and daughters and the three

DEATHS

Henry Heaton, formerly of Yarnell, but who for the past year had resided with his daughter, Mrs. O. J. Stover, at Blanchard, died Thursday of last week. He was stricken with paralysis on Saturday previous to his death, and remained in an unconscious condition until death ensued. Deceased was aged eighty-three years, and is survived by two sons and two daughters: Frank, of Youngstown, Ohio; George, Renovo; Mrs. Stover, Blanchard; Mrs. George Neff, Sharon. Mrs. John R. Eckley, of Centre Hall, is a deceased daughter. He also leaves one brother, Michael Yarnell, and three sisters, Mrs. Jane Williams, of Lock Haven, and Mrs. Belle Robb, and Mrs. Poorman, of Romola.

Deceased was for many years a zealous member of the Baptist church, and was a man of agreeable manner and integrity, and a progressive citizen, always being interested in the affairs of his home locality.

The remains were taken to Milesburg on Saturday where funeral services were conducted in the Adventist church, near that place, by Rev. Clark, a Baptist clergyman.

Daniel Callihan died at the home of his son Daniel, on the Henry Potter farm, west of Centre Hall, on Saturday, at the age of eighty-nine years, five months and twenty-eight days. Interment was made on Tuesday morning at Centre Hall, Dr. W. H. Schuyler officiating.

Mr. Callihan was born in Ireland, and landed in the states when quite a young man, and many years ago built a home for himself and family on Nittany Mountain, where he lived until the property was taken over by the state to become a part of the penitentiary site.

Seven children survive, namely: Mrs. John Raymond, Bellefonte; Mrs. Anna Forcell, Dugas Mines; Mrs. Hannah Bush, Altoona; John, Sinnamahoning; Daniel, Centre Hall; Mrs. John White man, Snow Shoe; James Centre Hall.

John M. Haley, proprietor of the Moehannon House, Muncy, died Thursday morning of last week at his home in that place, the result of pleurisy and pneumonia, with which he had been ailing for the past ten days.

The deceased, who was thirty-two years of age last month, was born at Snow Shoe. He was for some years a N. Y. C. telegraph operator at Muncy. He went from there to Karlsruhe to engage in the hotel business, and about six years ago returned to Muncy and bought the Moehannon House.

Mr. Haley is survived by three brothers and six sisters, viz: Thomas, Columbus, Ohio; James, of Patton; Joseph, of Warren; Mrs. James Reese, Karlsruhe; Mrs. Michael McCabe, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Catherine Langton and Mrs. William Sickle, of Snow Shoe; Miss Annie, of Pittsburg, and Miss Agnes, who made her home with the deceased.

John Gingery, a native of Pleasant Gap and a well known resident in this section of the county, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Harry Fike, at Rock Forge. Mr. Gingery suffered a stroke of paralysis in Bellevue, Ohio, August 19, 1912, and at that time was brought to the home of his sister, where he lingered until the time of his death. Mr. Gingery was born at Pleasant Gap, August 22, 1857, and hence was aged fifty-five years, eight months and seventeen days. He was a son of George and Mary Gingery and leaves the following brothers and sister: Mrs. Harry Fike, of near Rock View; Jacob, of Madisonburg; and Samuel, of State College. Mr. Gingery was never married, but was an industrious man, generally esteemed, and took excellent care of his aged mother following the death of his father.

Deaths of Centre Countians. Mrs. Anna Virginia Rothrock, in Tyrone, aged thirty-nine years. Her maiden name was Funk, and she was born at Port Matilda.

The Hooven Mercantile Co. Dividend No. 90. The Directors of the Hooven Mercantile Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent on the preferred stock and one per cent on the common stock, payable on June 1st to stockholders of record May 17th. Checks will be mailed.

June 5th will be visitor's day at the

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

F. W. Wingard sold his interest in two tracts of land located in Penn township to Henry Wingard for the sum of \$1700.

Miss Mary Dingus on Saturday went to Tyrone where she will spend the greater part of the summer with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stine.

The Centre County Pomona Grange is in session at Unionville today (Thursday) and is being attended by a number of patrons from the south side of the county.

Charters were issued to two corporations which expect to do business in State College. The one concern is named the Tussey Gas Company. Both have a capital stock of \$5000 named.

Mrs. J. H. McCool, of near Tusseyville, has been a great sufferer from poison on her face. For a time her eyes were almost swollen shut, and her condition was alarming, but at present she is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Emerick and children, of Altoona, came to Centre Hall on Saturday and will remain here for a while at the home of Mrs. Emerick's mother, Mrs. Fetterolf. Mr. Emerick is a fireman on the railroad.

The annual convocation of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Pennsylvania, will be held in York on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The grand commander is Harry E. Buckingham, a resident of York.

Mrs. Jones, wife of Rev. R. J. Jones, returned to her home on Thursday of last week from the Bellefonte hospital in which institution she underwent a minor operation about three weeks ago. Her condition at present is very encouraging.

B. Gardner Grove, of near Penna Cave, was in town on Saturday, and among other places he had business was at the Reporter office. Mr. Grove is fond of good draft horses, and has one particularly fine animal that weighs almost 1600 pounds, which he offers for sale.

Robert Meyer, who just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever and was being cared for in the Altoona hospital, came to Centre Hall the latter part of last week and will remain at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Meyer, until he has regained his former strength.

John D. Lucas with a force of workmen—Milford Luse, Lawrence Runkle and Harry Weaver—are building the Reporter annex, and in a few days will begin the frame work on the Bartholomew building. The same crew just completed the new addition to the residence of William McClennahan.

Bruce Hagen completed a course of study at Pennsylvania Business College, at Lancaster, last week, and after spending a few days at his home at Farmers Mills, left for Youngstown, Ohio, where he hopes to secure employment. His brother, Charles Hagen, is working at the carpenter trade in that bustling city.

The members of the several congregations comprising the Centre Hall Reformed charge will please note that from now on until the close of the year the time for the services at the Union and Spring Mills will not be as scheduled on the regular appointment card. The notice appearing under the proper head in this paper will be the guide.

F. C. Shilling, of Bellefonte, a representative of the Oliver Typewriter Company, was in Centre Hall on Monday, and interviewed a number of persons with a view of interesting them in a purchase of their new model machines. The Oliver, by the way, is one of the most durable machines on the market, and also has all the latest improved attachments.

Over fifteen hundred acres of timber land in Franklin county were purchased by Messrs. C. R. Ruhl, E. Watson, and C. C. Catherman, of Millmont. It is the largest timber tract not operated on in that county, and is covered with oak, white pine, poplar and chestnut. A modern mill with a saw band, tracking, etc., will be constructed as soon as possible. The consideration for the tract is not yet made public.

Early Saturday morning two brooders, which contained seventy-nine fine young chicks, were burned for Henry Breon, in Millheim, says the Journal. Mr. Breon had gone to look at the brooders at mid-night, and the light of one lamp had gone out and he relighted it and went to bed. It is thought the lamp exploded and set fire to the brooder and communicated to the other, and both were in ashes when Mr. Breon made his appearance at 5 o'clock. The brooders were within a few feet of the woodshed, and it is a