



KEEP CONGRESS DEMOCRATIC.

Chairman Doremus Beginning Campaign Early to Keep Control of Lower House.

The Democratic congressional campaign committee is justified in its determination to begin work early. In order to insure complete success the administration must be backed by a Legislature in harmony with its policy, and it would be unwise to take chances of the loss of a single district. History shows that it is easy for a big majority in one Congress to be reversed at the next election, a contingency that the Democrats propose to meet with a well organized front. This policy meets the approval of voters throughout the country, and is an assurance of a continued Democratic majority in the Lower House.

Chairman Doremus is a fighter as well as an organizer, which he demonstrated in the last campaign. He believes in being prepared for the work, for preparation is half the battle. It is to be expected that the opposition will make a vigorous contest next year in the hope of wresting control of Congress from the Democrats, and thus paving the way for the next Presidential campaign, but with a solid Democratic line there will be little danger.

The present Congress is making a record that will merit the approval of the country; it is fulfilling Democratic pledges, meeting the demands of the people and will justify popular vindication. It is the duty of individual Democrats everywhere to lend their support to the party organizations and to strengthen themselves in every district.

If the policy outlined be pursued, the Democrats can contemplate a long lease of power. Workers, however, must not remain idle and depend on the national committees. They must arouse the voters on whom the responsibility for success depends. Elections are won by work.

Haines Twp. Real Estate Sold.

Messrs. C. C. and L. D. Orndorf, of Woodward, executors of the late John J. Orndorf, of Haines township, sold a number of tracts of land at public sale, as noted below:

A farm of sixty-seven acres, one-fourth mile north of Woodward was purchased by C. C. Orndorf for \$94 per acre.

A farm of fifty-three acres, adjoining the above, was purchased by Daniel Benner for \$74 00 per acre.

The nine tracts of timber land containing from five to eight acres, were bought by these parties: Isaac Orndorf, Luther Weaver, Luther Kreamer, Mrs. Sarah Orndorf, L. D. Orndorf, Warren Hosterman, Annie Benner, the aggregate paid for all being \$1,075.50. The sum total of all the real estate was \$11,513.75.

Small Girls Injured at Reedsville.

The first accident incident to the early celebration of Independence day occurred at Reedsville Sunday, when little Ivy Fultz mistook a torpedo, dropped by some careless celebrant, for a piece of candy, which she began chewing. The explosion which followed knocked out several teeth, burned and lacerated her mouth, tongue and throat.

Claire Wolff, two years old, is at the Lewistown Hospital in a precarious condition from scalds received Sunday morning when she pulled a kettle of boiling water from the stove.

Ferguson Twp. School Teachers.

At a recent meeting of the Ferguson township school board the following teachers were elected for the winter term: Pine Grove, George R. Dunlap; primary and High school not elected; Branch, H. F. Reed; Pine Hall, Gertie Keichline; Krumrine, Edith Dunlap; Oak, Mary Grace Elder; White Hall, Ed Matz; Glades, Viola Burwell; Baileyville, grammar, Clarence Weaver; primary, Helen Ward; Gateburg, Fred B. Tate, Center, Tadpole and Marengo, not elected.

Gregg Townships School Teachers.

The following teachers were elected to teach the Gregg Township schools for the coming term: Spring Mills, primary, Gertrude Musser; intermediate, A. L. Duck; grammar, vacant; primary, Fred V. Rockey; Polk Hill, M. T. Zubler; Cross Roads, Mable Neese; Farmers Mills, J. E. Zettle; Murray, Anna McMurtre; Decker, Ed. Hosterman; Beaver Dam, E. Wood; Pike, Ruth McCool; Hoy, K. Goodhart; Penn Hall, Herbert Goodhart; Logan, C. E. Royer.

Teachers Elected in Harris Twp.

Boalsburg—High school, Margaretta Goheen; grammar school, E. H. Williams; primary, Mary Homan; Linden Hall, Mr. Johnsonbaugh; Walnut Grove, H. M. Hosterman; Shingletown, Ralph Thomas.

It takes a middling good man to make both ends meet.

BREAKING PRECEDENT.

President Wilson Will Promote the Deserving in Army and Navy.

The opinion of the attorney general that the President is not required to adhere to the rule of seniority in promoting officers of the army and navy will result in a stirring up that will be good for the service. Under the old system the officer in line for promotion would be advanced without regard for his fitness. The man who started at the bottom of the ladder would be enabled to reach the top round, while capable men were compelled to stand aside and wait for their turn, which might not come for years.

Seniority gives the incapable officer an equal chance with the one who has distinguished himself. This is wrong. The best men in the army and navy ought to be at the top at all times, and those who are not worthy ought to be kept where they can do no harm.

The new order will be an incentive to military and naval officers to earn promotion, rather than to wait for it to come to them through the slow process of the grades, in which the bad keep pace with the good. In every line of business the best man has the best chance. It is no more than right that the same rule apply among those on whom the country relies for protection. With the best always at the front and in the positions of responsibility the value of the army and navy will be increased.

Additional State Roads.

In addition to the several state roads provided for under the general road bill of two years ago, Centre county will get five roads provided for in a bill just passed by the legislature. These roads, under the present arrangement, will not be taken over until 1915, at which time the state will need to make additional appropriation for maintenance. The routes referred to have all been heard and referred to this in these columns. They are again reprinted:

From Centre Hall to Millburg by way of Madisonburg, Rebersburg, Wolfs Store, and Cowan, the latter point in Union county.

From Potters Mills to State College by the "Loop" route, via Tusseyville and Boalsburg.

From Philipsburg to Kylesstown, via Morrisdale.

From Huntingdon Cross Roads, in Huntingdon county, via Petersburg, Charter Oak, to Pine Grove Mills.

From Huntingdon via Spruce Creek and Stormstown to Bellefonte.

J. T. Potter Farm Sold.

Land in Penna Valley is being picked up by those wanting desirable homes, the last to come into the valley to buy a home being Roy M. Garbrick, who lives near Zion station. He purchased the J. T. Potter farm, west of Centre Hall, tenanted by Charles Burris. The farm contains one hundred and three acres, and the selling price was \$5600. Mr. Potter retained a tract of timber land containing fifteen acres.

Almost thirty-four years ago Mr. Potter bought these two tracts of land from the late Lafayette Neff, who then lived on the place.

Centre Mills.

Cherries are a scarce article this summer.

Minnie Kline and Edna Bailey are visiting at Altoona at present.

Charley Coble was made a happy father by the arrival of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Brungard spent Saturday at Spring Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller were visitors at Wolfs Store on Sunday.

John Stover was a pleasant and welcome visitor at the J. A. Kline home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaffer were visitors at the Shaffer home over Sunday.

Eva Bailey and Earl Cann are spending their vacation at Centre Mills.

George and Arthur Kline and family expect to spend the "Fourth" at their parental home.

Sheriff Lee and Arthur Kimpfort autoed down through Brush Valley one day last week.

The Millburg orchestra furnished the music for the festival at Rebersburg on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Edward McAlees, of Chicago, spent several days at the home of her brother, Arthur Cummings, last week.

Mrs. Norman Duck and Mrs. Chas. Miller drove from Millburg on Monday, and are staying at the Edward Miller home.

Did you ever know that dog wood was used almost exclusively in the manufacture of shuttles for cotton mills, and that the supply of wood is not equal to the demand?

Farm machinery—Weber, Centre Hall.

P. O. DETECTIVE HERE.

Reported Fraudulent Use of Mails Brings Detective and U. S. Marshall to Centre Hall.

There was a bit of commotion on Wednesday afternoon of last week when it was learned that a detective working in the interest of the U. S. Post Office Department, accompanied by a United States Marshal had come to town. Of course, these men were strangers to everybody, but it was soon observed that there was something doing in which Postmaster G. M. Boal was interested as an employee of the Government. Neither the detective, marshal nor the local postmaster gave information to the public, and our readers must therefore depend upon street talk, for there is nothing in this article that is official.

One of the rumors is that a patron of the Centre Hall post office is under arrest and was obliged to give bail for appearance at a session of the U. S. Federal Court to be held in Scranton next October, or thereabouts. The charge is said to be fraudulent use of the mails, but the specific charge is not known to the public, nor is the informer known.

Another rumor is afloat that these same officials were here to investigate another violation of the Post Office Department, entirely separate from the above. Some time ago the Reporter called attention to the fact that several prominent citizens of Centre Hall and another town in Penna Valley had received anonymous communications containing threatening language, and in one instance, rumor has it, that the taking of life was intimated. In the majority of these letters the subject matter, so it appears, was the same, and it is believed that all came from the same source. Another reason to believe that there is only one person in Centre Hall who would commit such a diabolic crime is that the writing was similar in all the letters in question. The anonymous communication that found its way to this office was pen-written, the letters being uniform, with no attempt to disguise, indicating that a free hand performed the work. The style of the writer was fair, and grammar correct. The matter these letters contained left no questioning the fact that the author was a he or she devil.

The Post Office Department would do the community a great service if this individual, the anonymous letter-writer, would be singled out and punished. A community is not safe with such a person in freedom. It would only require the assurance of the same secrecy for he or she to commit arson and murder. The acts are but a step apart.

Centre Hall Scores Decisive Victory.

Boalsburg and Centre Hall baseball teams met in a return match on Grange Park Saturday afternoon, and the contest resulted in a victory for the home club. Score 11 to 6. The defeat at Boalsburg two weeks previous to Saturday's game stirred the local team with a strong desire to avenge themselves, and this was plainly evident by the way they went after the opposing pitcher from the umpire's call of "Batter up" in the first inning, and drove him from the box before the second inning terminated. Ross took up the work where Rupp left off, but he met with little better fate, for the home team's bats were full of base hits, a total of eighteen being amassed during the game.

Bradford pitched well for the locals and Boalsburg was helpless before his delivery in the first half of the game. Their work on the offensive became better in the latter part of the contest, and with some efficient stickwork got into the run column to the extent of six runs.

Robert Meyer held the indicator and there were not more than the usual petty disputes over his decisions. The following shows the score by innings:

Boalsburg—0 0 0 0 3 2 1 0—6
Centre Hall—4 0 1 2 3 1 0 x—11

At Milroy, on Saturday afternoon, The Beaver Club, of State College, again met defeat at the hands of the Millin county team. The score was 9 to 1.

Children's day was observed in both the Lutheran and Reformed churches in Centre Hall on Sunday, the former occupying the morning and the latter the evening hours. The exercises were highly appreciated by the respective audiences. The children, without exception, performed their parts well. This is a service that is too largely neglected in many churches. If the church is for any purpose it is to develop the young, and rightly conducted the children's day service can be made the greatest inspiration to the little ones and entice those of more mature years.

Some people believe all they see, and imagine the rest.

CHURCH AND FARMER.

Danger of Overworking Church—Should Not be Held Responsible for Evils.

Isn't there a little danger of overworking the church when it is held responsible for everything that goes wrong in society, business and politics? If the children are growing up to be hoodlums, it's the fault of the church. If wages are too low, it is the fault of the church. If there's graft in politics, again the church is to blame.

And yet those who are loudest in blaming the church for everything that is out of order are the first to belittle the influence of the church, and to point to thin congregations as evidence that the church has lost its hold upon the community.

Where ethical questions are involved no doubt a certain amount of responsibility rests upon the church, though even here it is worth while to ask whether the church is not doing all it can, or at least a good deal, on the side of better things. But when writers insist that the church ought to teach the farmer how to raise more stuff and get a better price ought not the line to be drawn in behalf of the overworked church?

The farmer is the most helped individual on earth now. Everybody is ready to teach him his business. The Federal Government, the agricultural colleges, the State experiment stations, and railroads send college professors around to teach farming to the farmers, bankers who offer prizes for the best specimens of farming, seventeen varieties of "ologists," and the extensive assortment of agricultural periodicals, are all trying to hammer a few elementary ideas of farming into the heads of the farmers. When Mr. Roosevelt was President he created a commission to solve the problem of "how to be happy on a farm," and while President Taft did not continue this effort for agricultural uplift he fostered a commission to teach farmers how to borrow money, and that commission is in Europe now, studying all the ways whereby a farmer can run in debt.

If any person is familiar with the feeling of the average farmer for the professional classes, and especially his estimation of the practical value of the knowledge possessed by the pastor of the country church, he will not envy the rural minister who attempts to teach farming to the farmers, and justify the existence of a place of worship by utilizing it as a depository of improved seeds, and a centre for education in methods of cultivation.

It is true that the country church has not been useful to the farmer in improving his stock or showing him how to get a little more butter from a gallon of milk. But there are so many agencies determined to do this, and the farmer's consciousness of his needs is so undeveloped, that suggests that the country church will be wise if it proceed very cautiously in making an Agricultural Bureau of itself.

No Paper Next Week.

There will be no paper issued from this office next week, in accordance with a custom to omit one issue during July of each year. This custom gives the Reporter force an opportunity to enjoy a few days away from the cases, presses and desks. The next issue will appear July 17th.

Transfer of Real Estate.

David G. Beightol to Thomas McCarty, 2 tracts of land in Howard twp. \$1450.

F. W. Cridler et ux to Theodore D. Boal, tract of land in College twp. \$3700.

Sarah Goodrich to Thomas Davis, tract of land in Rush twp. \$32.

Sallie M. Hayes et bar to Horatio S. Moore, tract of land in Spring twp. \$500.

Robert P. Confer et ux to G. P. Thomas, tract of land in Howard twp. \$50.

Wm. L. Foster et al to John Henderson, tract of land in College twp. \$1.

John Henderson to Paul B. Brene-man, tract of land in State College. \$500.

H. P. Sankey's heirs to Marcellus A. Sankey, tract of land in Potter twp. \$7000.

Joseph T. Bridgen et ux to Adolphus D. Porter, tract of land in Mar- ton twp. \$300.

Jacob Craft et ux to S. S. Craft, tract of land in Burnside twp. \$1.

D. L. Zerby exr. to Adam Corman, tract of land in Millheim. \$720.

Anna Eliza White to Henry Clay Hall, tract of land in Rush twp. \$1200.

The U. S. Postoffice Department has contracted with Adam Brungart, of Wolfs Store, to carry the mail from Livonia to Rebersburg, and with W. E. Stover, of Livonia, to do a like service between Loganton and Rebersburg.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

G. L. Goodhart Writes Interesting Letter Concerning His Sojourn in the Northwest.

Dear Editor Reporter:

I would ask a little space in your paper to comply with a request of many of my friends to give a short description of our western trip.

We left Altoona on June 11th and arrived at our destination, White, South Dakota, on the 13th, traveling nearly 1300 miles. The weather was all we could desire and it was certainly a delightful time of the year to travel. We stood the trip very well and enjoyed it, traveled through seven different states. It is certainly a delightful sight to look over the vast level space, thousand upon thousand of acres planted in corn and other spring crops, Iowa especially you might say is a vast corn field. We passed through parts of Iowa and Minnesota, which have many beautiful lakes and which are ideal summer camping places where fish and game are plentiful.

The climate at this time of the year is fine—nights are cool, always a nice breeze going. We have been sleeping in a tent and it is just delightful.

Farmers are busy working their corn. Wheat, oats and barley are just shooting heads and as you travel along cannot distinguish them apart. Crops of all kinds are looking well and the farmers are hopeful of having a good crop although they say the straw will be short, on account of the cold, late spring. White, S. D., where we are staying with our daughter, is a little country town about the size of Centre Hall. The C. R. I. railroad passes through the place. It is forty-eight miles south east of Watertown, the terminus of the road, and sixteen miles from Brookings, the county seat. It is located in a fine farming country and the majority of the people are engaged in agriculture; even many who live in the town go out to work their farms. They are all interested in the farmer and as he prospers so do all. They tell me they have had but one miss crop, which was two years ago on account of drought, which was general.

The town is a little over thirty years old. The business enterprises include a National Bank with deposits of \$250,000, quite a number of stores, five grain elevators, two lumber yards, a creamery that makes on an average 1400 pounds of butter per day. Last year they shipped 65 car loads of potatoes; one of the elevators handled 160,000 bushels of grain. You can see they do some business. The principal crops raised are wheat, oats, barley, corn and potatoes. Many of the farmers plant twenty or more acres in potatoes; they are a profitable crop. The soil is a black loam, easily cultivated. The farmers are prosperous and happy; many of them have their autos and come to town with their families. You don't hear any panic howlers among them. They have five churches, a high school with six teachers, one hotel (no license), one printing office. Bonds have been voted in the sum of \$18,000 for an electric light and power plant and [waterworks] system which will be constructed soon. Land is advancing in price and sells from \$40.00 to \$85.00 per acre with no improvements. The people are intelligent and well-to-do, and all mingle together in a social way that is noticeable and to be commended.

We expect to remain here for a couple of weeks and will spend the rest of the time in Illinois. We get the Reporter on Sunday and are anxious to get the news from home.

G. L. GOODHART.
White, S. D., June 27, 1913.

Lightning Killed One, Injured Three.

A bolt of lightning struck a railroad track and running into a mine near Clarence, killed one man and knocked three others unconscious one day last week during one of the most severe storms ever experienced in this vicinity.

The dead man is Aaron Eiters, a nephew of County Superintendent Eiters. Thomas Chambers, Ralph Eiters and Francis McGowan, who were with him in the mine, were stunned, but will recover.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mrs. Nancy J. McKinley, wife of James McKinley, near Bellefonte, aged fifty-five years.

Mrs. Mary F. Hall, wife of John D. Hall, in York. Interment in Bellefonte.

Mrs. J. M. Brower, nee Miss Nancy Glenn, in Benner township, aged seventy-three years. Interment in Bellefonte.

The Snyder County Tribune, edited for thirty years by Joseph Lumbard, was sold to Harry Coryell, Esq., a graduate of Bucknell '05, and G. J. Phillips. They have been in charge of the paper since the first of this month.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Rev. M. I. Jamison, of York, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Zerby, in Millheim.

Charles H. Frankenberger, of Penn township, and Charles Rachau, of Miles township, each lost a valuable horse, death being caused by colic.

Guy Brungart, who has charge of the National Biscuit Company's office at Oakland, Cal., is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. F. Stover, near Wolfs Store.

Messrs. Wm. F. and James Swab, of Linden Hall, were callers at the Reporter office on Friday, having come here to attend the funeral of their uncle, Henry Swab.

J. Roy Shaffer, one of Potter township's young farmers, was in Centre Hall on Friday. He is tenant on the Cyrus Brungart farm, and reports conditions very favorable over there.

James Lietzell, who for some time has been making his home with his son Dr. P. W. Lietzell, at Benton, Wisconsin, is at his old home in Spring Mills, and will remain in the valley with friends for much of the summer.

The stork hovered over the eastern section of Harris township long enough one night last week to leave a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sharer. It is baby No. 3. Mr. Sharer is the tenant on the David K. Geiss farm.

While investigating, in boy-like fashion, a feed cutter, Shannon Booser, son of D. A. Booser, got his right hand in the feed rolls and squeezed the fingers pretty badly. He made a narrow escape, for had there been a bit more power his hand would have been cut into shreds.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Arney are back from Niagara Falls, where they visited their son, A. Miles Arney, for several weeks. Mr. Arney made a trip through a portion of Canada, and reports that the crop conditions there and in New York state are not as good as in Penna Valley.

The Potter township school board is advertising for an experienced male teacher to take charge of the Plum Grove school, east of Centre Hall. The school is a desirable one, and was last year taught most successfully in every respect by a lady, Miss Iona Tibbets, who is now in Maine.

Miss Margarette Woods and Herbert S. Kent were married at Lewistown last Thursday by the Rev. W. L. Mudge, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The bride is a daughter of Judge and Mrs. Joseph M. Woods and a direct descendant of the Witherspoons, signers of the declaration of independence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Fleck and children, of Niagara Falls, are at the home of Mrs. Fleck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brooks, west of Centre Hall. Mr. Fleck is an engineer, and operates an immense stationary engine in the W. A. Rodgers silver plating establishment. Long hours on duty obliged him to take a brief rest, and he came to Penna Valley to get the benefit of the purest air to breathe.

Another honor has been conferred on a prominent citizen of State College and this time the toga falls upon the shoulders of Dr. W. S. Glenn. At the National Eclectic Medical association convention, which met at Dallas, Tex., recently, the State College physician was chosen president for the current term, an honor seldom bestowed upon one from the ranks, as that office has always been filled by a representative from one of the colleges.

An automobile party from New Columbia called on the Reporter last week. The party was sight-seeing, State College being their objective point. While in town beside the Reporter, F. V. Goodhart, the furniture dealer, was paid a visit. The party was composed of Messrs. John J. Ranck, an undertaker, and his father, Edward Ranck, who is eighty-eight years of age, Dale Ranck, Misses Martha and Ina Ranck, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Dennis, and two guests from the far west.

Guy W. Jacobs spent a few days last week at his home in Centre Hall, and on Friday afternoon started on a trip which will take him to the western coast of the United States. He is in the employ of the York Manufacturing Co., and is sent from place to place to install refrigerating machinery. He just completed the erection of a thirty-ton ice machine at Atlanta, Georgia, and upon reaching San Francisco, Cal., will begin work on the installation of a similar machine the capacity of which will be sixty tons of ice per day. Mr. Jacobs is an alumnus of Penn State, and since his graduation in 1910, has been in the employ of the York Manufacturing Co.