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GRIM AND THE DEMOCRATS.

His Nomination for Superior Judge a Testimonial to Democratic Unity.

In the middt of a non-partisan struggle that presents more or less novelty to the average voter, it is well for Democrats to keep in mind that Webster Grim is a member of their party. He was nominated for superior judge by a splendid vote, a tribute to Democratic unity as well as a testimonial to a worthy and consistent advocate of party principles. In view of conditions in Pennsylvania it is possible to elect Mr. Grim, in fact, it is probable, providing Democratic voters give him their full support. This office ought to go to the party, and it is believed that a great many Republicans, dissatisfied with their own party, will vote for him.

Having canvassed the state for governor Mr. Grim is not unknown to the people. He can, therefore, count with confidence on obtaining that to which he is entitled-the hearty sup port of his party. As the party is preparing itself for a campaign next year that promises to give it a United that, although located along a stream, States senator and possibly the governor, it should take advantage of the situation this year to lay the foun dation in the shape of a solid vote for its candidate for the superior judgeship, so let every Democrat remember that Webster Grim represents the party on the ticket. and that every vote cast for him will little pond there now was built by contribute a measure of influence hav. him. On retiring from business, the ing a direct bearing on the campaign next year. There is no reason why s Democrat should misunderstand the situation.

The Democrats of Centre county will make no mistake in this matter, and that there will be unity of action on their part. The point for them to keep in mind is that every vote cast for Webster Grim will be a vote for the Democratic party, for its building up and aid to its success next year.

----Corporations and Bond Issue.

Dr. Ed. L. Miller of Johnstown forwarded to this office a clipping from a newspaper, the substance of which is that the "corporations will pay for the road bonds," and asks that it be printed. The speakers at the good roads meeting in Bellefonte used the same argument, claiming that the funds for road purposes, or rather the interest on the bonds, the sums required for the sinking fund, would be them a dwelling house and wagonpaid by corporations, and that real maker and blacksmith shop. This is estate would pay nothing for road the property now occupied by E S. purposes. truth in them to deceive many who takinge, Mr. Murray proved successhear them. It is true that real estate is not taxed for state purpose. That does not change the situation. It is just as much loss to the tax-payers to squander funds gathered in the form of taxes from corporations as from real estate. Bonding the slate is not necessary, no matter who pays the purchased the Murray store from the bille.

J. D. MURRAY DEAD.

Contro Hall's Oldest Resident and Oldes Away hursday Evening. In the death of Jared Darius Mur-

ray, on Thursday evening of last week, Centre Hall oldest resident and citizen in point of residence passed away.

Interment was made on Saturday afternoon in the local cemetery, the services having been held at the home of the deceased and were conducted by Rev. R. R. Jones, pastor of the Reformed church, of which Mr. Murray was a member for many years, and gave it during those years a good financial support, and regularly attended all services.

The Murray family is associated with the early history of Penns Valley. During the first or second year of the past century, Levi Murray came from Berks to Union county, and built a tannery along Penns Creek. In a very short time the floods carried away his improvements. Disheartened to some extent, the tanner started out to find a place suited to his business would not be wiped out by a flood. He crossed Nittany Mountain, and finding a quiet brook just below the top of the mountain, decided that that place would be free from the perils of a flood. The tannery was built in the flat near the site of the farm house on the Nittany Mountain farm, and the elder Murray moved to Upper Brush Valley, north of the Murray school house, the school district taking his name.

George Murray was a son of Levi. When in his teens George Murray enlisted in the 1812 war, and on returning to Centre county at the close of the war, located on the Murray farm, west of Linden Hall. His wife was Nancy McNabb, and the subject of this sketch was a son of this couple, and was born on the homestead June 12, 1826

It was in 1853, when Centre Hall was but a cross roads town that Mr. Murray came here. He began work in the Harpster wagon-maker shop, on the lot adjoining the home where he died. A little later-October 12. 1854-he married Miss Mary Ann Hoffer. About this time he purchased two lots from his bride's father, Christopher Hoffer, and erected or Ripka and the Goodhart furniture The statements have just enough store. In this, like all other underful and built up a large trade. On selling his business to his brother. Levi Murray, Mr. Murray became general agent for the Excelsior resper company, and in that capacity traveled over the easiern, southern and middle western states. In 1878 he late Rev. J. K. Miller, disposing of all merchandiss other than drugs, he devoted his entire attention to this business. Here again Mr. Murray was successful as a druggist, built up s fine trade and a good name. Mr: Murray was a great reader and student. He acquainted himself with all questions of the day. Politically believes corporations ought to pay he was a Democrat, and believed in its Session will Open Monday, November 10 principles, and always exercised the privilege of a citizen to cast a ballot. He beld various borough offices, but the sum corporations will pay if no never sought further honors. He was the first school director to advocate teaching the higher branches during issue, but it is printed in this issue. Pomona Grauge, giving a total workschool hours in the local public The instructors and evening attrac- ing fund of \$1000. Further solicitaschool, and his judgement was ac- tions, judging from the literature at tions for subscriptions will be made cepted as good and his plan adopted, hand, are the equal of those of pre-He was a public spirited man, and al- vious years, and some may be better. ways ready to further the interests of the community by; contribution of funds and personal aid. Mr. Murray was aged eighty-seven years, four months, four days. His wife died after they had lived happily together for more than fifty years. Colleges, State College. There survive a daughter, Agnes Dr. Chas. C. Ellis, dean of Juniata 20th. The pink label appears on all Magdaline, wife of Dr. H. F. Bitner, children of Pennayivania free use of also four grandchild en, Harry, Pittsburg; Lawrence, Alaska; Ralph, a senior in Pennsylvania State College, necessary rules for the protection of and Lynn, at home. Two sisters and two brothers also survive, namely : Mrs. Eliza Houser, sged ninety-three tion, State College. years, Houserville; Elmira wife of Prof. C. C. Robinson, director of Inompson Smith, Huntingdon; John music, State College, will have charge by the last legislature, the Arkansas flowers, the study of bird and animal E. Murray, Lemont, and William of the music ; and Prof. J. S. F. Ruth- supreme court placed in the hands of

THE BOND ISSUE OUESTION.

Citizen in Point of Residence Passed By Bonding Corporations See a Way of Escaping Tax, for Road Purposes-The Pay as You Go Plan Would Mean Additional Tax for Corporations.

The time has long gone by when any argument in favor of good roads in Pennsylvania was needed. Everybody wants good roads. There is a demand for them from the people of all classes in every part of the State.

The question that the people have now to discuss and decide is not whether or not good roads are wanted, but how are we to get them. The Republicans in Pennsylvania, taking advantage of this universal desire for good roads, offer as a solution of the problem a constitutional amendment authorizing the creation of a bonded debt for \$50,000,000.

Considered solely from an economic standpoint, to make such a debt would be to adopt a policy that is absolutely wrong.

The State Highway Department since it was established ten years ago has never shown that it is capable of building roads that will last, roads that can be fairly called permanent improvements such as only would justify an issue of bonds to construct them. Nothing could excuse us for bonding ourselves and our posterity for a mere temporary expedient like the State roads that have been and are now being constructed. No individual partnership or corporation would think of pursuing such false business methods. Why should the people of the State do it ?

The methods of the State Highway Department are so loose and unscientific, its knowledge of road building so imperfect and its methods so haphazard that it is impossible to ascertain from the department or from the Auditor General what has been the average cost of the roads thus far built or how much money in the aggregate has been expended upon them.

From the Auditor General's report it is known that since he came into office. State Highway Commissioner Bigelow has had at his disposal more than \$12,800,000, or more than one-fourth of the money that would be realized from a \$50,000,000 bond issue ; that none of these roads are of a character that they can be called permanent improvements ; though some of them cost as high as \$29,000 a mile We are told that for 190 miles of them, the contractors were paid an average of \$13,341.18 per mile, but that does not include the "extras" allowed contractors nor the cost of engineering, supervision and other work done by the Highway Department.

But even if the highway department were building roads that would be permanent, a bond issue to carry on the work would be unnecessary and improper. It is well known that with proper management of the State finances \$5,000,000 or more a year can be taken from current revenues for the construction of new roads which is as much as can be economically expended.

The automobile license fees amounting to a million dollars a year will go a long way towards taking care of the maintenance of State roads. If \$50,000,000 loan were made it would require \$3,000.000 a year to provide for the interest and sinking fund on it. This could be much better used for road building.

It is not to be forgotten that during his last year in office Auditor General Sisson increased the State revenues a couple of million dollars by readjusting the assessments on some of the great public service corporations and requiring them to pay the amounts justly due from them to the State. This he accomplished with an inadequate force of assistants and investigators. Since then the department has been reorganized and the force enlarged and there is no doubt that with the additional help that has been provided, other readjustments of corporation taxes can be made so that the increase in State revenues from them will amount to much more than Mr. Sisson affected.

Joliet's best known women, died Sunday morning at 2 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital after a short illness, pneumonia being the cause of her death. Although in poor health for the past year, Mrs. Mersinger's death was a shock to her many friends, as few knew of her sudden illness.

DEATHS

Joliet (Illinois) Press.

Zepoclec,

Sarah E. McCormick was the daughter of William and Margaret McCormick and was born at Potters Mills, Centre county, Pennsylvania, where her girlhood days were passed and her marriage to Philip Mersinger. who died December 1906, was celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Mersinger came to Joliet in 1878, when the city had but 11,000 population.

Mrs. Mersinger was prominent in all charitable works, for many years she was a member of the advisory board of Silver Cross hospital, and the workings of the hospital were always of deep interest to her, for she was one of the pioneers in the movement establishing it.

Another organization of which Mrs. Mersinger was one of the organizers was the Business Woman's club and ever since its earliest days to the time of her death, the club work laid near ter, O. E. S. Mrs. Mersinger was the first Shriner in Joliet, being a member of the Chicago organization before benefit to the community.

the local shrine was organized. Mrs. the funeral in a body.

As a cat fancier Mrs. Mersinger was cality. known throughout the state and was a member of the Chicago Cat Club and one of the organizers of the Joliet Cat

Mrs. Philip Mersinger, one of HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

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ADVERTISE !

If you want to reach the trade, Advertise ! Loosen up ! Don't be afraid-Tell your story, as they say, In a terse, convincing way, Keep it up ! It's bound to pay-Advertise !

Mrs. Smith, wife of Dr. D. G. Smith of Elizabeth, Illinois, came east last week to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Nancy Heckman, and returned home on Tuesday.

Misses Keebler and Ishler, graduates of the Philadelphia school for the Blind, will give an entertainment in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, Thursday evening, October 30th, 8 o'clock. The numbers will consist of readings, vocal and instrumental music. 2t.

A recital will be given by Misses Keebler and Ishler in Grange Hall, Spring Mills, Thursday evening, October 23, at 8 o'clock. These ladies are graduates of the Philadelphia school for the Blind. The numbers will consist of fealings, vocal and instrumental music.

Putting the idle creamery plant to her heart and she gave much as into operation will be beneficial not sistance. She was also charter mem. only to the farmers in this commuber of Bethany Shrine, White Shrine nity, but to consumers of butter. It of Jerusalem and of Marguerite Chap- will also give employment to several men; it will add to shipping; be a a consumer of fuel, and of general

Constable Charles D. Frazier, who Mersinger was the fourth past matron finds ample time outside of office hours of Marguerite Chapter. She was also to conduct the Runkle farm at Stone past grand Esther. In both orders she Mill, owned by the Harters, had a was an earnest worker and both sc- fine crop of clover seed, the yield being cieties as well as the members of the sixty-one bushels. This is probably Business Woman's club will attend he largest yield of seed produced this year from any one farm in this lc-

Equire Clayton Wagner has learned that to improve and make a farm more productive means expense in club. Many fine awards were won by another direction. The barn faciliher cats, for they were never exhibited ties on his farm became inadequate at any club without carrying off a tro- as the soil began improving, and this pby. At the time of her death she induced him to build a large hay

If the advocates mean to make corporations pay the expenses of road building and maintaining, why should the state be bonded to raise the funds? Why not tax corporations the same as real estate. That would give all the moneys, and more, needed.

largely-much more than they do now -toward the building of them, but issuing bonds will not add a penny to bonds are issued.

This corporation tax story is the same that was told when the capitol steal was going on. We were told it wasn't our money that was stolen, but the courts said it was.

Reservations for Children,

Forester Jesse M. Houtz, located on the Nittany Mountain reservation, gave the Reporter for publication the actions of the State Forestry Reservetion Commission, as follows :

Be it resolved that the State Forestry Reservation Commission grant the the State Forests as recreation ground, subject to the few reasonable and the land itself, and urges upon them the use of this land for all proper pu.poses, particularly for mineral and life, the gathering of chestnuts and Abner Murray, Esq., Boalsburg. other wild nuts and fruits, and the enjoyment of such pleasures as are incident to the life of a child in The farm known as the "upper" nature's great out-of-doors.

Resolved, further, that all forest Clyde E. Dutrow, east of Centre Hall, officers afford every reasonable iacility in their power to the children in theirrespective neighborhood, for the enjoyment of the privileges herein confreely invited to avail themselves.

the rainfall summed up a total of 1.80 inches. The fail was gradual, and did no harm to fields or roads.

Gregg farm was sold on Saturday to

owners, the Misses Gregg of Miles- Ralph Parlette. burg. The price paid was \$4500 cash. The place contains about one hundred cert. "The Penn State Quartette." ferred, and of which the children are and sixty acres, about one hundred and forty of which are clear. The

farm lies west of Centre Hall. Mr. Dutrow's son-in-law and daughter, Sunday, Sunday night and Monday Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walker, will move onto the place in the spring.

A bit more rain on Friday night.

Here can probably be found the reason why the public service corporations of the State are so anxious for a bond issue. They see a way to escape paying their fair share of taxes because of the tremendous demand for good roads throughout the State.

The forgoing is a brief outline of the economic reasons why the' people should defeat the constitutional amendment to authorize this great debt to build roads which would be completely worn out and gone before the last of the debt was paid.

But there are political as well as economic reasons why the proposed constitutional amendment be voted down. The whole scheme is involved in politics. The State Highway Department has been organized as a political machine, it is contended. Superintendents, inspectors and other subordinates throughout the State, confessedly have been appointed because they were servants of the present Republican machine and could be depended upon to do the bidding of the machine. Their qualifica ions as road builders, in their appointment was subordinated to their success as political manipulators and vote getters. The whole department from top to bottom has been organized and is run to build up and strengthen a selfish, corrupt and corrupting machine that for years has robbed and oppressed the people under the pretense of serving them

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Superintendent David O. Etters forwarded the Reporter information almost \$500 has been raised by sub- trespass notices, "our nit". There's the extent of securing \$50 in cash and relative to the Centre County Teachers' Institute too late for last week's guaranteed by the Centre County The instructors and speaker who

will appear before the convention itclude the following :

Supt. Jas. G. Pentz, State High school inspector, Harrisburg. Dr. Arthur Holmes, dean of the you paid subscription between the

College, Huntingdon.

English, State Normal school, West recently. Look the label over, and if Chester. Prof. Thos. I. Mairs, chief of the report at once. Department of Agricultural Educa-

rauff, Philipsburg, will be planist.

The evening numbers will be as fol- expect to wipe out practically every lows: Monday, November 10th, The Er-

nest Gamble Concert company. Tuesday, November 11th, Lecture,

to Reduce It," Dr. Madison C. Peters. \$2.00; single admission with reserved ing petition to be imperative for the the fine climate. seat, 50 cents; general admission, 35 immediate preservation of peace, cents.

possessed a number of very valuable barn. Mr. Wagner thinks forced expenditures of this sort are a pleascats. The deceased is survived by one

ure. brother, Thomas McCormick of Chi-Mr. and Mrs. James H. . Smetzler, cago, who was with her at the end, the latter part of last week, started on two nieces, Mrs. Candas Barcus and Miss Bertha McCormick of Roseville, Illinois, and two nephews, Andrew McCormick of Alabama, and Robert McCormick of Thoroughfare, New Jersey ; Leonard Selzer of Richards street is a nephew of Mr. Mersinger and Dr. S. M. Kennelly a cousin of the deceased.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from play given by the State College High the undertaking parlors of George N. Chamberlin & Son to the Ottawa casy hands, and their apologies were Street M. E. church at 2:30. George McAdam will officiate.

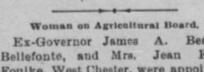
Beside the brother named by the Joliet paper there survive these other brothers, namely; Samuel, Los Angeles, California; James, Warren, ment. They walked close to the Ohio; Vance, address unknown; brink.

Maggie, also in west.

If You Have a License. It is almost certain that the members of Progress Grange will put into Middleburg Post.

operation the idle creamery plant at You may talk about your "bappy Centre Hell. With little or no effort hunting ground," but with all those scription. To this is added the \$500 the man in the man. Great Work for the State to Do. .

Altoona Tribune doned or the unfortunate child. But The Pink Label appears this week. some day it will realize that preven-



Foulke, West Chester, were appointed erner, and states that conditions in members of the state board of agri- all lines are improving. A fourteenculture. Mrs. Foulke is one of the cent cotton crop was unheard of undepartment of agriculture corps of til this fall. The crop is short, but farm demonstrators and succeeds R. I. the advance in price from ten to Young, Middletown.

> Letter from Oregon. Roseburg, Oregon,

Editor Reporter : The law provides that even after a We appreciate the Reporter very true, but since he and his brother, community has voted "wet" a peti- much, as it is brimful of home news. Prof. William P. Hosterman, made tion bearing the signatures of the ma- We are also pleased with the stand an exchange of farms, and now the by James L. P. Gregg, representing the "The University of Hard Knocks," jority of the white adults must be pre- your paper takes for clean politics in former owns the farm on which he sen ted to the county judge before he Pennsylvania.

negro voter, who has been a factor in have not yet had a killing frost this man farm at Tusseyville. A. F. Heckve ting many communities wet, is ex- fall. Prune picking has just been man, a brother-in-law, who for a num-Thursday, November 13th, Lecture, cluded from sanctioning the granting finished. The crop is the largest in ber of years lived on the Tusseyville The High Cost of Living, and How of licenses, by provision of an emer- years. All other fruit is plentiful. gency clause attached to the bill, de- There are many new people coming Hall and will live in the parental Course tickets, with reserved seat, claring his exclusion from the licens- here, most of whom are attracted by homestead. This change does not in-

DAVID E. HENNIGH. October 18, 1913.

a trip through Ohio. Most of the time will be spent with the former's brother, David G. Smelzler, at Bellevue, Ohio. Mr. Smetzler is on the Pennsy's retired list of employes, which carries with it not only a monthly pay envelope but trip passes as well. The young men who disturbed the School, on Saturday night, got into

Rev. scoepted as a guarantee for their future good behavior. The offenders were not boys, but young men-some of them married-holding places of trust where good conduct is a require-

It appears every community has a sneak thief to support. Woodward has a character of this kind, and the other Sunday he helped himself liberally from the home of Mrs. Mary Moiz. He practiced his profession to one consolation, you may shoot at and a pension check belonging to George Miller, an aged veteran. The theft was committed while the Motz family were at church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCormick of The state is slow in paying its ob- Columbia, South Carolina, landed in ligations to the friendless, the aban. Centre Hall last Wednesday evening had been on an extended trip through the middle north, and visited Chicago, Milwaukee, Rochester and various other cities. They attended the nstional convention of undertakers in Chicago, and a convention of the Ex-Governor James A. Beaver, same character in Milwaukee. Mr. Bellefonte, and Mrs. Jean Kane Mc Cormick is an enthusiastic southfourteen cents is a larger increase than the shortage in the crop represents.

Mention has been made on previous occasions of the purchase of the Hosterman farm at Tusseyville by John F. Inclosed find subscription card. Hosterman of Penn Hall, which was Wednesday, November 12th, Con- car grant any liquor licenses. The We have a fine climate here, and man became the owner of the Hosterfarm in question, will move to Penn terfere with the plan announced that Arthur L. Slutterbeck will succeed Mr. Heckman as tenant there,

The Pink Label. This in licates that credit has been tion is cheaper, surer, more effective given on the label on your paper if than attempts at cure.

dates of August 26th and October papers, but it is of particular interest Dr. Francis H. Green, professor of only to those who paid subscription

an error in credit has been made Arkansas will be Dry.

By sustaining the validity of a law

the "drys" a weapon by which they

saloon in the state.

health and public safety."

? Creamery Assured,

during the next week.