



### THE ISSUE AT THE PRIMARY.

Shall the Democratic Party go forward upholding the hands of President Wilson, or is it to fall back into its dishonorable and dishonored place.

Every true Democrat in Pennsylvania who believes in the principles of the party, who approves what has been done for the people of the United States by Congress and President Wilson during the last year, and who wants this great state redeemed from the blight of Penroseism and corrupt bi-partisan machine control should thoroughly understand what the issue is, that is to be decided by the Democratic voters of Pennsylvania at the primary on May 19 next.

There is no mystery as to what that issue is. It has been framed and made perfectly clear by those who are opposing the reorganized Democracy and its leaders. On the one side are the sincere, progressive Wilson Democrats of the State, the rejuvenated, and reinvigorated party in Pennsylvania, who stood solidly for Woodrow Wilson from the time he was first spoken of for the Presidential nomination, all through the preliminary campaign, and by their unswerving support at Baltimore made his nomination possible and the triumph of the national Democracy at the election in 1912 sure.

On the other side are the so-called Democrats who fought the reorganization movement from beginning to end and who if they had not been defeated in the Democratic State Committee in 1911 and 1912, and at the primary and State Convention in 1912, would have continued the Democratic party organization in Pennsylvania as an adjunct of the Penrose-bi-partisan machine.

They made the issue when their candidate for the nomination for Governor was announced, accompanied by a vicious attack upon the reorganized party and its leaders, and an expressed determination to defeat them and drive them out at the primary in May.

Their whole primary campaign has been made along the same lines and with the express approval of their candidate for the nomination for Governor.

Compare the men who have been active in the reorganization of the party and what they have accomplished, with those who propose to undo the work of reorganization and defeat its leaders, and what they did with the party organization when they controlled it. Compare them and their work with Eugene C. Bonniwell, and Charles P. Donnelly, of Philadelphia, James M. Guffey and William J. Brennan of Pittsburgh and James K. P. Hall of Elk county, and their work.

There is no mistaking the issue. Shall the party go forward in the way it has gone during the last three years, upholding the hands of President Wilson and the Democratic Congress or shall it fall back into its dishonorable and dishonored place as an annex of the Penrose machine satisfied to take such crumbs as the boss chooses to toss to it?

That is the issue. Can there be any doubt as to how the Democrats of Pennsylvania will decide it?

### Must Quit Boozing.

Every day it becomes more and more evident that the booze must go. The legislature of the state has done little toward making a sober man of the booze artist, but the large corporations, the railroads and the employers of labor are taking a hand. The Harbison-Walker Refractories Company, which has plants at Mill Hill, Clinton county, and Clearfield, Clearfield county, through C. H. Peters, district manager, has issued instructions to the superintendents of plants that hereafter any employee discovered with intoxicating drink in his possession or under the influence of liquor on the company's property will be promptly discharged. Employees absenting themselves from work on account of excessive drinking will be dismissed.

### Court News.

The jury that heard the suit for damages claimed by Burdine Butler against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, rendered a verdict in his favor in the sum of \$10,163. When the Bald Eagle railroad was improved a portion of the Butler farm was appropriated by the company under the right of eminent domain.

### Not a Candidate.

Speaker George E. Alter is not a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. He said so himself, and this gives Martin G. Brumbaugh, the Philadelphia School Superintendent, a clear field for the regular Republican nomination.

Have you a baby? See what the German comedian thinks of his little Fritz—minstrel show, Grange Arcadia, March 19.

### THE HORSE INDISPENSABLE.

The Prophecy that the Horseless Age Was at Hand is Proved Fallacious.

There is in Pennsylvania no higher professional authority on horse-breeding than Doctor Louis A. Klein, Dean of the Veterinary School of the University of Pennsylvania. His statement at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Association on Wednesday, that the horse is not being displaced by the automobile and that there is greater demand for good draft horses today than ever before, is in line with the statistics of animal husbandry issued from time to time by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

It may be hard to account for, but the prophecy we heard ten, twelve and fifteen years ago, that the horseless age was at hand, and that those animals were to be succeeded by automobiles, has proved entirely fallacious. On the contrary the number of horses has increased remarkably and the prices for some have doubled since the automobile first came into use. The prices obtained at the horse sales in Penna Valley clearly demonstrate this.

Dr. Klein was entirely right in saying that at no time in this country's history has horse breeding been more flourishing than it is now. This is especially true with regard to heavy draft horses. There is and has been right along, an excellent demand for such animals. They require no special training to fit them for the market as is the case with horses intended for road service.

Although the automobile business has developed to a remarkable extent, employing hundreds of thousands of men and millions of dollars of capital, there is no sign that horse-breeding will not continue to be one of the most profitable enterprises in which farmers can engage.

### Meeting of I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge.

From 1200 to 1500 representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania will meet in annual session in Harrisburg early in May. The sessions will probably be held in the Majestic Theatre. Preliminary plans for the convention were made Saturday night by the general committee of arrangements.

The subordinate lodge producing the best degree team will be given prizes of \$300 in cash and a \$100 banner by the Grand Lodge. Teams within a radius of 125 miles of Harrisburg are practicing and are holding a competitive drill in that city this week.

### Fire at Pleasant Gap.

The dwelling house occupied by Fred Allen, in Pleasant Gap, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday night of last week, the fire having originated from a defective flue. The property was owned by Noll Brothers, and was discovered to be on fire about twelve o'clock by one of the owners, and it was with difficulty that the inmates were aroused. The escape was made without injury but nothing was saved from the house. Both the tenant and owners carried insurance, but not nearly full value.

### Clayton Wagner Farm Sold.

E. Clayton Wagner sold his farm located three miles south of Centre Hall to W. H. Knarr for the sum of \$5000. The farm contains fifty-eight acres, almost all of it under cultivation. It is the John Runkle homestead. Mr. Knarr is manager of several farms in Westmoreland county for a coal company, but it is his intention to occupy his new possessions and give his whole time to farming.

### Spiritual Church Services.

Beginning with Monday, March 16th, Rev. Samuel Moody of Hollidaysburg, will preach in the Presbyterian church each evening throughout the week except Saturday. All are cordially invited. The annual congregational meeting will be held after the close of the service on Monday evening. Communion Sabbath morning, March 22nd.

### Deaths of Centre Countians.

Jacob Harpster, near Port Matilda, aged seventy-five years. He was a farmer by occupation.

Samuel Murray, at Falls Creek. He was born at Milesburg. Before going to Falls Creek he lived in Phillipsburg. His age was sixty years.

Gilroy L. Naill, in Bellefonte hospital, aged ten years, seven months. He was a son of Robert Naill of Matternville.

Mrs. Daniel Zeigler, at State College, aged forty years. A husband and a baby eight weeks old survive.

Maurice J. Thompson, at Hackensack, N. J. He was formerly an instructor in mathematics at the Pennsylvania State College.

Miles Harpster, in Ferguson township, from inflammation of the bowels, aged sixty-five years.

### ORATORICAL CONTEST.

A Pleasant Day in the Millheim High School Building.

An event long looked for came to a realization on last Friday, when the district contest in oratory took place in the high school room at Millheim.

The district is composed of the townships of Penn, Haines, Miles, Potter, Gregg and the boroughs of Centre Hall and Millheim.

To stimulate greater activity in the art of oratory, a recognized safeguard to a republic, the Millheim Banking Co. offered a prize of ten dollars, in gold, to the young man who would show himself superior in a contest in oratory before competent judges.

Four orators presented themselves to contest for the honor and prize. Each contestant came well supported by the district which he represented.

The school room was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting and colors of each class in the Millheim high school.

F. P. Musser, Esq., Dr. P. A. Smith and Prof. Robt. L. App constituted the judges. A well arranged program was carried out by the high school, which added not a little to the interest and enthusiasm of the occasion. After several selections by the high school, the National hymn was sung and the contest was on.

"Abraham Lincoln"—by Albert H. Stover of Millheim was very well delivered. The subject appealed to the audience which showed its deepest interest. The orator maintained the standard for his district and received hearty approval and great applause.

After a well rendered piano duet by Miss Shelton and Mr. Stover, Russell A. Auman of Miles township high school delivered an excellent oration on "What We Owe to Abraham Lincoln." The large audience gave the greatest degree of attention to this young and rising orator, for he had already won the prize in oratory in his own district against all competitors. He delivered a faultless oration and was well supported by his district. The high school then rendered a spirited selection or Hilly-Ho song, which gave much encouragement to those who followed.

Penn township was represented by J. Pearson Glasgow on "Ancient and Modern Oratory." The growing interest in the contest lent more enthusiasm which showed itself in the animated spirit that entered into the delivery of this excellent oration. The speaker has the making of a first-class orator and no doubt will be heard again.

A vocal duet was well rendered by the Misses Gutelius and Musser, after which Henry Mingle of Haines township spoke on "Wolves at Quebec." The enthusiasm was now at its highest and the speaker entered into the oration with all his soul and energy. The patriotic subject and deep energy and feeling displayed won for the orator the highest applause. So great was the enthusiasm at the conclusion that the principal, Prof. D. P. Stapleton, requested the audience to arise and join in singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

The judges were now invited to retire to another room and deliberate upon the prize winner and second, which was seen to be no easy task.

Several duets, and remarks by the principal allayed the anxious audience until the judges appeared. The first honor was awarded to Henry Mingle of Haines township, and second honor to Russell Auman of Miles township. These two young men are expected to contest, with others, at Bellefonte on March 27, for honor, and a county prize of \$25.

It is pleasing to note the manner and enthusiasm with which the several districts supported their chosen leaders. It has aroused an almost dormant art that is of greatest value in every Democratic country. Oratory stands next to the press, and in legislative halls and often in heated political campaigns, passes it.

The greatest credit is due to those who arranged for the contest and the donors who volunteered the prizes.

### Jonas Bible Farm Sold.

The Bible homestead near Porters Mills was sold by Mrs. Alice Bible and Harry E. Bible, executors of Jonas Bible, deceased, to Edward Longhner of Jeannette. The farm contains fifty-eight acres. The price has not been given to the public.

### Supplement Enclosed.

This issue contains a supplement—the Centre county auditor's statement of the finances of Centre county. The statement should be carefully read by every taxpayer.

Feeling blue? Go to the minstrel show, "end men" in their glory; see the interlocutor get stung, and forget your troubles—Grange Arcadia, March 19.

### LETTER FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

A. N. Runkle Writes from the Land of Sunshine and Flowers.

FANTA BARBARA, Cal., February 20, 1914.

Editor Reporter:

Enclosed find check for \$1.50 for one year's subscription. I certainly enjoy getting the paper from home, yet it brings sadness with it when I read of those with whom I went to school and other associates that pass out; but such is life which we all have to meet. I often wish that I knew where all the boys and girls were that used to clique together. I often think of the sleigh rides and picnics we used to have. It is now twenty-four years since I visited my folks. I suppose if I were to come back they would all or nearly all seem as strangers to me. When I read about the cold, snow and ice I am glad that I live in a country of sunshine and flowers, where the song of the birds is heard all the year round and children run barefooted. I suppose that if I tell you that on New Year's day I picked raspberries from our vines some one will say, "Oh! what a story," but such is the case. I could tell you lots about this country but do not have the time now, but will some time later. I remain,

A. N. RUNKLE

Sun-kissed,  
Ocean-washed,  
Mountain-girded,  
Island-guarded,  
California.

[Mr. Runkle and son Ralph compose the Runkle Shoe Company. The elder Runkle is a son of the late Associate Judge John Runkle, and when a young man attended school in Centre Hall, and later taught the grammar grade. He is one of the many young men who went from here to cast his lot in the west, and succeeded in building up a profitable business—Ed.]

### General Taylor Selects Coffin.

General John P. Taylor, the well known Millin county soldier and gentleman, had the Bureau Brothers, Philadelphia, cast for him a solid bronze casket, the material being that of old cannons captured during the war with the south. With this coffin, the General completes every detail of his funeral and burial arrangements. During the past few years the private burying ground on the Taylor homestead has been materially improved and beautified. A vault has been sunk with foundations strong enough to support a big granite block which ultimately will cover it and be surmounted by a bronze statue of General Taylor.

The bronze casket is now at Lewistown in the undertaking establishment of J. H. Fretz, with whom General Taylor contracted for his burial.

General Taylor is now in his eighty-sixth year, but is quite hale and healthy, and without doubt will live long enough to see the bronze casket tarish before it is used.

### The Millheim Minstrel, March 19.

Those who took a good laugh on the appearance of the Millheim Minstrel Club last year, will again have an opportunity to witness this troupe of talented young men in a series of funny comic acts, dialogue, singing, and an unlimited number of side-splitting jokes, etc. They will be here, in Grange Arcadia, Thursday evening, March 19, with an entire new program, and as good as last year's performance was, this one promises to greatly surpass it by reason of the fact that better material has been supplied where needed, and on account of the experience gained by last year's performances. The singing is a feature which calls for special mention. Mr. Gephart's fine bass solo is claimed to be well worth the price of admission.

The local Grange will share in the receipts at the door so your patronage will benefit a home institution.

See large posters for details, price of admission, etc.

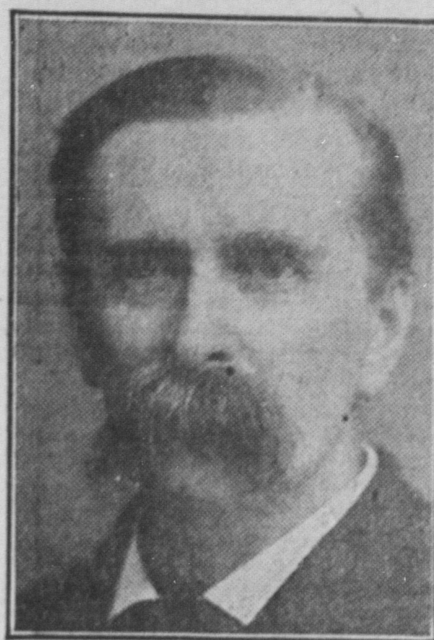
### NEW DEPARTURE.

Selling Medicines at Half Price Under Guarantee of Cure.

After two months of remarkable sales, Murray & Bitner, the enterprising druggist, say that their plan of selling at half price the regular 50 cent size of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia, and guaranteeing to refund the money if it does not cure, has been the real success they have ever known.

Anyone suffering with dyspepsia, constipation, liver troubles, headaches, dizziness, coated tongue, or the general tired feeling, caused by inactive liver and bowels or disordered digestion, should take advantage of Murray & Bitner's new departure and buy a bottle of Dr. Howard's specific at half price, with their personal guarantee to refund the money if it does not cure.

The world is full of prophets after the event. And always will be.



HON. WM. T. CRESSY.

Democratic Candidate For Lieutenant Governor—A Prominent Granger.

Mr. Cressy is a well-known Democrat, of Columbia county. He served a long term in the State Legislature, and is the most prominent Granger in Pennsylvania. He is a man of unquestioned character and ability.

### Sees Failure in Prohibition.

National Prohibition is the ideal of temperance people of various degrees of sincerity. In this connection the views of Cardinal Gibbons, given in a news dispatch, are quoted:

"Prohibition never will be enforced in a Christian country," said James Cardinal Gibbons, in a statement made public in the South. The Cardinal is paying his annual visit to his brother, John T. Gibbons, of this city.

"While I am an ardent advocate of temperance, I am intuitively persuaded that prohibition cannot be enforced in this country," continued Cardinal Gibbons.

"It is calculated to make hypocrites and lead to the manufacture of illicit whiskey, replacing the good material with the bad, while at the same time robbing the government of the legitimate tax."

Cardinal Gibbons must be one of the multitude who believe in fighting licenses in the districts in which they live—in other words, oppose the traffic whenever an opportunity is given.

### Transfers of Real Estate.

C. C. Bierly to J. C. Morris, tract of land in Rebersburg. \$86.67.

Wm. C. Bierly et ux to Milfred Garrett, tract of land in Rebersburg. \$225.00.

James E. Zeigler et ux to Charles H. Bierly, house and lot in Rebersburg. \$125.00.

C. L. Gramley et ux to John E. Noll, premises in Rebersburg. \$600.00.

C. C. Loose et ux to John C. Morris, timber land in Miles twp. \$10.00.

Chas. H. Bierly to Calvin J. Weaver, house and lot in Rebersburg. \$1350.00.

Blaine L. Noll et al admrs, to John E. Noll, tract of land in Miles twp. \$175.00.

G. P. Garrett et ux to Milford Garrett, tract of land in Rebersburg. \$100.00.

Catherine Switzer to Geo. Hartshorn, lot of ground in Phillipsburg. \$175.00.

Ellsworth E. Ardy, exr. to Geo. E. Ardy, tract of land in Worth twp. \$2000.00.

Amanda Gobbie et bar to Seward C. Decker, tract of land in Gregg twp. \$1405.00.

Oscar E. Miles et ux to Mary A. Bennett, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$5.00.

Mary A. Bennett et bar to Charles W. Myers, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$35.00.

Coaldale Mining Co. to James F. Stott, tract of land in Rush twp. \$1.

John Y. Glasgow et al to William G. Runkle, tract of land in Potter twp. \$500.

H. H. Miller exr. to H. H. Miller, tract of land in Miles twp. \$1.

Florence Lengle et bar to Wm. L. Kipka et al, tract of land in Potter twp. \$300.

Chas. D. Bartholomew et ux, to David Haines et ux, tract of land in Centre Hall. \$200.

### A Real President.

Altoona Tribune.

For a democrat, President Wilson has made a remarkably fine record.

"Out in the Streets," "How a Woman keeps a Secret," "Burglars," and many specialties between act—Thursday evening, in Grange Arcadia. Price of admission reduced to 10 and 15 cents. Everybody is invited to come and bring their friends along and enjoy a clean entertainment. Repeated by request of many people.

President Garfield said: The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their own convictions.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Robins have been observed in various sections of Central Pennsylvania.

G. Clyde Boob returned from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he visited his brother, W. W. Boob.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Fortney, at the Branch, above Boalsburg.

"Hard Luck Cohen" isn't in it with Rozinski; see Mr. Springer in the role of a Jewish button-hole-maker out on a strike.

Amos Dunkle, the carpenter, was a guest of William J. Mitterling and his sister, Mrs. Stover, in Centre Hall for a few days.

D. Ross Bushman, teacher of the grammar grade of the Centre Hall school, was unable to teach for the past few days on account of sickness.

Do not forget the entertainment in Grange Hall on Thursday evening, March 12th, given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church. Price of admission only 10 and 15 cents.

Clayton Boob, lawyer on the McNitt-Huyett mill at Waddle, has decided that he will continue with McNitt-Huyett Lumber Company for another year, but he will move his family to Millheim.

P. A. Leister will move from Centre Hall to Georges Valley, about April 1st, onto a property purchased by him from John D. Lingie. The place is located near the Wagner farm which Mr. Leister bought.

T. H. Harter, editor of the Keystone Gazette, D. I. Willard and G. Willard Hall are in Florida, having gone there to view the land owned by the Lake County Land Owner's Association in the vicinity of Fruitland Park.

Boyd A. Musser, who was a member of the York Bridge Company, severed his connections with that company and is now organizing a new company under the title of Anthracite Bridge Company, with headquarters at Scranton.

Rev. A. J. Horner has changed his place of residence from Post Allegheny, McKean county, to Youngville, Warren county. He is serving a pastorate of the Evangelical church and was transferred by the conference of that church.

Since selling his meat market at Millheim to James Finkle, P. P. Leitzell will devote all of his time to bucksteering. Mr. Finkle will be assisted in the business by H. H. Leitzell, the junior partner of the former meat market firm.

Al Osman was taken to the Dittsville hospital on Friday morning by Overaer W. W. Spangler and Dr. J. R. G. Allison. He is about fifty-eight years of age. He is a total wreck, and his present deplorable condition is due wholly to rum.

Jacob Hummel, residing back of Morrisdale, and Wm. T. Spackman, of Bigler, have purchased the timber on over 2,000 acres of land belonging to the Bates heirs near Karthaus. The timber is in Centre and Clearfield counties. They will market the timber this year.

On account of many requests, the young people of the M. E. church will repeat their entertainment in Grange Arcadia on Thursday evening, March 12th. They have reduced the price of admission to 10 and 15 cents, and should have a full house as the original entertainment seemed to please everybody.

The supper given in Grange Arcadia by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. was well patronized. The ladies are entitled to special mention for the very tidy appearance of the tables, the prompt serving, and the elegance of every dish brought onto the table. The net profits, of course, were not large, and this was due to the fact that the greater part of the refreshments were purchased.

Mr. Harry Bowen gave his first lecture in Centre Hall a year ago on the "Philosophy of Fun" or "Heart Smiles," and on Saturday night on "Brain Sells." He told us at the conclusion of his first lecture that we were all crazy, but it was not because we are all crazy that we want to hear him the second time, but because no one but a crazy man who had heard him once would not want to hear him again and again.

The Reporter was pleased to have a call from A. G. Gougler, one of the editors and proprietors of the Snyder County News, published in Middleburg. He is a new man in the business, but is thoroughly capable of conducting a country weekly in a manner to win the patronage due a live newspaper. Mr. Gougler is also a representative of Gunn & Co., publishers of school books, and in that capacity has had large experience and success.