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STATE GRANGE FOR LOCAL OPTION.

Bigelow Attacked and Threshermen Upheld in Platform Formulated by Grangers.

Local option was one of the principal planks agreed upon by the legislative committee of the State Grange. Anti-treating laws that would reach to the base of a large part of the liquor traffic, and the prohibition of all liquor selling in clubs, are other planks. The platform will not be published until it has been revised.

It is improbable that the platform will specify what kind of local option is favored. It was pointed out that the thing most desired is that voters shall have the chance to say whether liquor shall be sold in their districts. Many of the committeemen, however, announced that the county option plan backed by the Anti-Saloon League was favored.

Bigelowism was given a hard knock when the highway planks were formulated. The repeal of the notorious Jones' law was demanded, and a thorough reorganization of the highway department will be asked. A plan whereby money for roads should be paid directly to the townships also was favored.

William T. Creasy, state grange master and chairman of the session, explained how many townships have lost out in their appropriations by consolidating the schools. Consolidation was planned so that the country school system might be bettered, but the consolidated schools, it is said, are a failure because the appropriation is based on the number of teachers, pupils and taxables. The grange also will ask for a complete revision of the tax laws so the tax burdens may be more justly distributed.

The committee met representatives of the State Threshermen's Association and endorsed the stand taken by the threshermen against Bigelow, who refused them the right to operate their tractors on the highways.

THE BIPARTISAN COPPERHEAD.

The bipartisan political machine is to the body politic what the copperhead snake in the grass is to the unsuspecting passer-by, says the Public Ledger. The former preserves the fiction of an organized party of opposition, but by a secret and corrupt alliance of political managers, sealed by a partitioning out of public offices at the disposal of complacent appointing officials, the people are deprived of the protection of genuine party conflicts in the elections. The existence of this alliance has been proved so repeatedly that it is no longer a "secret," but is a notorious fact, demoralizing to public morals and a potent force that handicaps every effort at political reform.

Unfortunately there are many voters who attach more importance to party names than to the management of parties, and the traitors who have usurped the name of the Democratic party have been able to command a following sufficiently strong to form a nucleus for corrupt co-operation at the primaries and the elections with the R-publican machine. The majority of honest Democrats in Pennsylvania have overthrown the traders and now control the State organization of the party, but in Philadelphia the bipartisan alliance has been able to prevent the party machinery from passing into the hands of genuine Democrats.

The secret power of these bipartisan conspirators is found in the mistaken policy, embedded in the Constitution and the laws, requiring appointing officers, and even sometimes the voters, to find places in the public service for representatives of the minority. It is these lucrative offices which have proved the undoing of the minority party in Pennsylvania, because the majority as the dispensing power has been able to use these offices as bribes to win over the venal politicians of the minority. The so-called minority appointments have been a scandal and a crime, the taint of bipartisan corruption reaching even to judges in whom has been invested the appointing power.

Exposure and occasional defeat have proved inadequate as a means of eradicating the evil. The only certain remedy is to strike at the root and abolish the whole system of minority representation in appointed and elective offices. If the Pennsylvania Democrats had no hope of sharing in these lucrative posts in the public service save when they could command a majority of the votes, they would have a stimulus for united action, and while the ambition of the "outs" to share the fruits of victory enjoyed by the "ins" does not form a very high ideal of political policy, it is one of the practical incentives to successful political endeavor. The abolition of these provisions of the law would at least drive the traitors into the open. It is the copperhead in the grass that is dangerous; in the open road there is nothing to be feared from such reptiles.

DRUG STORE SOLD.

B. M. Boon & Co. Take Immediate Possession of Murray & Bitner Business Place.

On Friday evening a business deal was closed whereby Murray & Bitner's drug store passed into the hands of B. M. Boon and daughter, Mrs. B. M. Boon, the business to be conducted under the firm name of B. M. Boon & Co. Immediate possession was given, but Murray & Bitner will continue in the store until such time as the new owners decide to conduct the business themselves. It is the intention of the new firm to employ a qualified apothecary to compound prescriptions. The amount of money represented in the transaction is not given for publication but it takes in the sale of the good will, stock and fixtures only, the building not being sold but leased for a term of five years.

Upset With Load of Wheat.

W. F. Rockey and son William of Tusseyville had an upset with a load of wheat Saturday while descending the steep hill near the Tusseyville church which resulted in some minor injuries to the senior Rockey. The load on the wagon failed in its duty and the wagon gained such speed in descending the hill that the harness tore, losing the horses. The animals continued on the run until they were caught by J. W. Mitterling near the Jordan blacksmith shop, and the wagon struck the wood railing of the small bridge at the foot of the hill, causing it to come to an abrupt stop and at the same time toppling over the side into the ditch, about three feet deep. Both men were thrown to the ground, but as stated above, only the senior Rockey sustained injuries.

Sunbury Orphanage Association Meets.

Delegates representing 25,000 members of the order recently opened the sixteenth yearly convention of the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home association at the orphanage, near Sunbury. The finance committee reported assets of \$108,732.42, which includes the orphanage and two farms and liabilities of \$4,855.56. Seven lodges were admitted to the association during the year which makes a membership of 225 lodges. There are 139 children in the home and three deaths occurred during the year.

LOCALS

George H. Emerick sold his black driving mare to Mr. Bartz of Spring Mills.

The Dale family reunion will be held at Oak Hall Saturday of next week.

Louis B. Morgan of Philadelphia is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. S. W. Smith, this week.

T. H. Paul of Milton is taking Milton Bradford's place in the local depot during the latter's vacation.

Miss Velma Cook and Ruth Osman of Glen Iron were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk for a few days last week.

Millheim's town picnic is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th. Dr. Frank's grove, near Millheim, is the place selected.

The application to the state for a new bridge over Pine Creek, near Coburn, has been approved by the state water supply commission.

Coal-black twin calves were born to a cow belonging to Clayton Wagner, one day last week, while the cow was in pasture on Grange Park. They are in a thrifty condition.

The last will and testament of the late General Taylor of Reedsville has been probated and it provides that the vast Taylor estate shall forever remain in the Taylor name.

Millheim had a fitting sometime before daylight Wednesday morning of last week. Teams from a distance hauled the household goods to the station at Coburn. Some of the creditors went to the station before the train left and were paid.

Mrs. George Zerby returned from the Bellefonte hospital last week after a stay there of six or seven weeks, during which time she was treated for gall stones. Mr. Zerby accompanied Frank Phillips to Bellefonte, and all returned to Colyer in the latter's car.

Mrs. Walter Thompson and daughter, Miss Alberta, were at the Centre Hall hotel for a few days this week, having come here on Saturday in company with Mr. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Giboney and sons Franklin and Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice, son Clifford, and Mrs. Catharine Rice.

Henry Mitterling and Clymer McClenahan will start today (Thursday) on their motorcycles for Philadelphia, going by way of Lewistown because of a large stretch of state road. They will spend a week on their trip going to Atlantic City and to Cumberland, Md., to spend a short time with Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Barry.

TWO BIG INNINGS.

The Eighth and Ninth in Saturday's Game Gives Boalsburg an Easy Victory by 8 to 2 Score.

Boalsburg and Centre Hall played a brilliant game of baseball on Grange Park, Saturday afternoon, for seven innings. Had Jupiter Pluvius turned the rain can on the game at this stage or had seven innings of play constituted a game instead of nine, no one would dare gainsay that the local club had a better ball team than Boalsburg, for by better all 'round playing they were leading their rivals by a 2 to 1 score. The eighth and ninth innings of the game, however, showed the strength of the Boalsburg aggregation, for by some extraordinary batting they earned seven runs and turned a score which stood 2 to 1 against them to one that resulted in the worst defeat of the season for the home team.

"Stuffy" Stover hurled projectiles at the home batters and did it so effectively that only five times was he hit safely, Knarr doing him most damage by hitting a two-bagger in the sixth which scored the Bradford "twins" with the only runs of the game. He was well supported throughout the game, only one error marring the defensive work of the visitors. Bradford, too, was given good support. Knarr, at short, put up a rattling good game, and the outfielders caught five fly balls, several of which were difficult. Boalsburg made eight hits off Bradford, and the incidents surrounding the loss of the game were quite parallel to those which figured in the Millheim defeat. Centre Hall lost out in the last two innings through ineffective pitching. The crash which toppled the home team Saturday came in the eighth with the bases loaded. Bradford made the mistake of giving H. Coxy a slow ball with the result that Coxy reared peacefully in third when Kerlin threw in the ball which he was required to give chase to. Boalsburg did even more in the last inning, scoring four times on good batting, coupled with rather loose fielding. Centre Hall tried desperately to overcome the big lead but their bats were impotent before Stover's speed and fast-breaking ball.

S. V. Hosterman, Esq., of Lancaster, called balls and strikes, and his impartial decisions were gratifying to the spectators and especially to the visiting club.

The following box score shows the record of each individual player:

BOALSBURG	R	H	O	A	E
Rupp, C.	1	1	1	0	0
R. Stover, P.	1	1	1	0	0
J. Stover, P.	1	0	0	0	0
Kline, W.	1	2	0	2	0
John, F.	1	1	1	0	0
Holtz, J.	1	1	2	0	0
Lahler, J.	0	1	0	0	0
H. Coxy, 1b.	0	1	0	0	0
R. Coxy, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	8	7	2	0

CENTRE HALL

R	H	O	A	E	
Kerlin, H.	0	1	2	0	0
P. Bradford, 3b.	0	0	1	1	1
Knarr, W.	0	0	1	2	0
W. Bradford, P.	0	1	2	0	1
Knarr, W.	0	1	2	1	1
Adman, C.	0	2	0	0	0
Royer, H.	0	0	0	0	0
Habler, F.	0	0	1	0	0
Garie, C.	0	0	0	0	0
Brown, H.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	5	25	5	4

Boalsburg—0 0 1 0 0 0 0 3 4—8
Centre Hall—0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—2

SCORE BY INNINGS

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Boalsburg	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	8
Centre Hall	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2

The Courts' Favor Over Liquor.

Common Pleas Courts are vested with absolute discretion in the matter of granting or withholding any or all liquor licenses. The superior court handed down a decision confirming the action of the Venango county court when Judge Criswell refused all liquor licenses. The higher court decreed that the courts to whom were delegated the duty of granting or withholding the issuing of licenses for the sale of liquor were made the sole judges of the "necessity" for the sale of liquor in any community, and the higher court refuses to place any narrow limiting definition upon that necessity. The fact that a refusal by a court to grant any licenses at all, as in the Venango County case, is not allowed to weigh against the graver consideration brought to the notice of the court concerning what Judge Rice calls "the objectionable feature of the (liquor) business" merely confirms the full discretionary power of the courts.

The decision scores a point in favor of the anti-booze people, and will tend to bring about conditions in other counties such as now prevail in Venango county. The judiciary, as a whole, is at present very sensitive to public opinion on such subjects, and rural and semi-rural communities have only to impress their sentiments upon the court in order to secure a like immunity from licensed saloons.

Lawn Fete.

The Centre Furnace Sunday-school on the road between Lemont and State College, will hold a lawn fete, Saturday, July 25. Music by the Lemont band. This will be something up-to-date in the line of festivals. You are invited.

NEWS OF 1880.

Notes Taken From Files of The Centre Reporter of Thirty-four Years Ago.

April 22—Amputation of the leg was performed on last Thursday, 15th, upon George Meese, a young man of about twenty-five years, son of Jacob Meese of Tusseyville. Mr. Meese had been confined to bed for one year from caries of the bone at the knee and had been suffering from it for three years. The limb was amputated at the middle third of the thigh, the operation being performed by Dr. Alexander of this place and accomplished in a few moments. The patient was under the influence of ether and was not sensible to the operation and for the time being seems to find some relief and was doing as well as could be expected.

Many fences were blown down during the heavy storm Friday night. This is the third blow down of fences in a month, and it keeps our farmers busy setting them up.

April 29—We venture to say that there are no less than twenty steam sawmills in operation in Penna Valley, greedily turning our forests into lumber for foreign markets. There was a day, not over twenty years back, when a steam sawmill would have been a great curiosity, but now there is scarcely a neighborhood but what sports one or two of these mills. The consequence is that the tracts of fine timberlands of which this valley boasted, are fast falling to the greed of the steam mill.

The cold and dry winds of the latter part of March and first two weeks in April have been damaging to many of the grain fields in our valley.

We are informed by Mr. Wm. Emerick that Wm. F. Reynolds of Bellefonte had taken the ore lease on his lands near Centre Hall, at fifty cents per ton.

May 6—Potatoes are unusually plenty in our county this spring and sell for 20 to 25 cents per bushel.

There is considerable amount of work being done at present on the pike between this place and the Old Fort.

A. S. Kerlin is doing a big business at his stand at the Stone Mill. He has secured Edward Miller of this place for clerk.

The corner stone for the new Reformed church at Madisonburg was laid last Sabbath. A number of ministers were present and quite a large gathering of people.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mrs. Mazie L. Goodbody of Philadelphia, at the age of forty-three years. She was born at Bellefonte.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Fulton, aged fifty-four years, at Bellefonte. Burial was made at State College.

Mrs. Cora Solt, at McShannon. Her age was forty-seven years.

John Lawrence Coons, twelve-year-old son of Dr. S. G. Coons, at Stormstown. Death due to appendicitis.

Andrew J. Seyler, at Cedarville, Illinois. He was born in Centre county in 1840, and removed to the west with his parents when but four years of age.

Mrs. Ellis Bierly, at Millersburg. Mrs. Bierly lost her life at her husband's sawmill two miles north of Howard, Wednesday of last week. While moving about the machinery in the mill her dress was caught by a set screw on a shaft and she was drawn under the fly wheel and before the power could be shut off was badly crushed. She died on her way to the hospital. Her age was twenty-eight years. Her husband, but no children, survives.

McClellan-Fleisher Reunion.

The third annual reunion of the McClellan-Fleisher families will be held in the Tussey Sink Grove on the McClellan farm on Thursday, August 6th, 1914.

By order of the committee all relatives, neighbors and friends are invited to attend; come and enjoy the day with us.

Dinner will be served at twelve o'clock. An address will be given at two p. m. A ball game by the young ladies at 2:30, followed by a game by the young men, between Tusseyville Giants and Sinking Creek Stars. Candies, bananas, watermelons, peanuts, cigars, and ice cream will be served on the grounds. A mystic tea will be served at 8:30; lots of fun. Come and see. An old fashioned spelling bee at 8 p. m., followed by a selection of music. Everybody invited.

The pretty collie dog which Mrs. H. J. Boon brought to the Bribbin home a short time ago disappeared mysteriously one day last week and for several days no trace of it could be found. On arising Sunday morning Mr. Bribbin found the dog standing outside the back door of the house, unable to convey any intelligence concerning its absence.

FIRE AT STATE COLLEGE.

Wm. H. Baird Home Destroyed Beyond Repair and Mal Sauters' Home Totally Burned Sunday Morning.

State College had a fire Sunday morning about nine o'clock which resulted in the total destruction of one house and another damaged to such an extent that rebuilding of the entire house will be necessary.

The houses were located on East College avenue and were occupied by Mal Sauters, in whose building the fire occurred as a result of a defective flue, and by Wm. H. Baird, formerly of near Centre Hall, whose building adjoined Sauters'. This building was improved last fall by the addition of an other story and made more cozy in other ways by Mr. Baird. It was a frame structure valued at about \$2500, carrying insurance to the extent of \$1000 in a cash company, and \$400 on furniture in the Centre Hall Fire Insurance Company, D. F. Luse, secretary. The Sauters' house was valued at \$2000, Mr. Sauters also carrying \$1000 insurance in a cash company.

Lack of sufficient hose handicapped the fire fighters in holding the flames to the original structure, it is said.

Mr. Baird was enabled to remove most of his household goods before the flames reached his home save those in the third floor which were damaged by fire and water.

Transfers of Real Estate

Andrew Lytle et ux to William Eminblizer, tract of land in College twp. \$110.

Robert Duncan's heirs to John D. Horner, tract of land in Gregg twp. \$40.

Andrew Lytle et ux to Thos. R. Weber, tracts of land in College twp. \$325.

Chandler Walker et ux to W. Price tract of land in Taylor twp. \$110.

Charles Schreckengast et ux to John L. Wolf, tract of land in Miles twp. \$100.

David L. Zerby et ux to Edward M. Brown, tract of land in Millheim Boro. \$600.

John Herbert et al to John McGrath et ux, tract of land in Rush twp. \$600.

Elizabeth Killian to Ella Catharine Bost, tract of land in Benner twp. \$900.

Andrew Lytle et ux to Mary M. Shope, tract of land in College twp. \$350.

Abram V. Miller to Mrs. Jesse E. Blythe, tr. et ux in Spring twp. \$1.

Mary Ann Yearick to Mrs. Gertrude Mauck, tract of land in Walker twp. \$3000.

Annie Finberg et al to Fred C. Todd et al Exrs, tract of land in Philipsburg Boro. \$1,600.

Louis Finberg et ux to same, tract of land in Philipsburg Boro. \$1,400.

John Hamilton et ux to Luther A. Zerby, tract of land in State College Boro. \$501.

Andrew Lytle et ux to Wm. Hassal Montgomery, tract of land in College twp. \$325.

Name to H. A. Dodson, tract of land in College twp. \$125.

Henry M. Hoy et ux to Dr. S. S. McCormick, tract of land in Walker twp. \$8500.

Guy C. Irish to R. H. Graham, tract of land in Philipsburg Boro. \$1,750.

John J. Orndorf Heirs to Chas. C. Orndorf, tract of land in Haines twp. \$6,803.87.

Wm. Bohlen et ux to Theodore Davis Bost, tract of land in College twp. \$275.

Emma A. Fisher Exr to Henry Reitz, tract of land in Harris twp. \$15.

J. J. Tressler to Henry Reitz, tract of land in Harris twp. \$110.

Thomas Foeter et al to Park R. Homan, tract of land in State College. \$450.

Samuel Decker et ux to John C. Reaick, tract of land in Walker twp. \$4,000.

Big Fire in Clearfield County.

A fire which consumed seventeen buildings, entailing a loss of \$23,000, occurred in Woodland, Clearfield county, Saturday night. The fire is said to have started by a spark dropping among some fireworks in Merril's restaurant. Fire companies from Philipsburg and Clearfield were on hand to fight the flames and dynamiting of buildings was resorted to to check the ravages of the fire.

Among the Sick.

Cleveland Mitterling, after a few days' improvement in his condition, is again confined to bed. Kidney trouble is the cause.

Mrs. James Smetzler continues to improve from the effects of a paralytic stroke.

H. E. Homan, who was bitten by a copperhead snake last week, has fully recovered from the effects of the bite.

C. F. Emery advertises new goods in this issue. Read his ad.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Friday July 31, is the last day of the trout season.

J. Fred Kuriz assumed the duties of postmaster at Lewisburg, last week.

Miss Gertrude Kiefer of Youngwood is a guest of her friend, Miss Cora Brungart.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Zabler of Spring Mills spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Luse.

Mrs. Lyda M. Rhodes, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Jodon, at Bellefonte. Her age was sixty-eight years.

F. E. Arney and son William painted the steel ceiling in the room which C. D. Bartholomew is preparing for a restaurant.

Miss Grace Smith is spending a week in State College where she has secured considerable work in her line, that of hairdressing.

Millin county farmers are predicting a record breaking corn crop, and say the promise for an immense yield of potatoes and apples was never better.

Dr. R. G. Hayes of Bellefonte, on Monday, was in consultation with Dr. J. V. Foster in the case of Mrs. Alfred Durst who has been in delicate health for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stahl and little son of Altoona are spending a week at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Stahl. Mr. Stahl is employ d with Morgan & Luckett, butchers.

Wes Whiteman and Ray Decker ran across a rattle snake while on Nittany Mountain, a few days ago, and despatched it. The snake gave ample warning of its presence, making good use of its ten rattles.

The first murderer to be put to death at the new penitentiary in Centre county is a negro, James Body by name. He shot and killed his sweetheart in Philadelphia last August. The governor has not yet set the date of execution.

Mrs. J. W. Mittle ling returned home Friday after spending three weeks in Cumberland, Md., assisting Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Barry in getting in shape their new home. On her way home she stopped in Altoona, spending a week with friends.

The Reformers of Bellefonte, State College, Lock Haven, Howard, and Nittany Valley, are holding their fourteenth annual reunion at Hecla Park today (Thursday). Prof. E. M. Hartman, principal of Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster, is the principal speaker.

S. Ward Gramley is making some improvements on property owned by him in Millheim. The building formerly occupied by Samuel Wiser, deceased, as a tinner's shop, was raised and foundation pillars placed under it. Several concrete walks were also laid about another property.

Miss Mary Smull of Rebersburg was saved from drowning in the river at Lock Haven a short time ago through the heroic efforts of Rhodes Bentley. Miss Smull is eighteen years of age and was employed as maid by Mrs. Forrey Winner. She was bathing in the water at a time when no one else was about.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bradford and children left on Thursday for Phoenixville where they will visit with Mr. Bradford's brother, William Bradford, and also with Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Auman. Before returning home they will spend a short time in Baltimore, Md. Their vacation period will cover two weeks.

Reuben Garis is able to work again after having been on the shelf for a few weeks as a result of a fall down a cistern which he was helping to construct on the farm of Lloyd Smith at Centre Hill. The drop was eight feet and he landed on a bottom of crushed stones, striking his head with such force as to render him senseless for a time and otherwise injuring him.

Miss Alice Zimmerman of Millheim was married to Charles Burton Wilson of Berwick, at the latter place, a short time ago. The bride is well known in Centre Hall and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Zimmerman. The groom is a partner in a mercantile business at Berwick. They have taken up housekeeping there.

A lawn picnic was held by a group of the town's young ladies on the lawn fronting the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Moore, on the Benner farm, near Old Fort, Thursday afternoon of last week. The following enjoyed the event: Misses Besse Breon, Verna Emerick, B'rtha Trobmeier, Cora Brungart, Elsie Moore, Savilla Reaick, Jennie Thomas, Mary Kennedy, Mable Arney, Tillie Keller, Freda Bailey, Mrs. William Keller, and Mrs. W. W. Reitz.