



BIGELOWISM IN OPERATION.

Bigelowism is merely the expression of Penroseism in the state highway department. Brumbaugh, who is the Penrose candidate for Governor, and who has definitely refused to oppose Penrose, has been asked what he proposes to do with Bigelow, the Penrose highway commissioner. To date he has declined to say anything on this subject. Bigelow is for Brumbaugh, and the motto of the gang is, "The man who is not for us is against us." No member of the gang forces is for any man who is against the gang. While Brumbaugh does not dare to come out in the open for Bigelow, in secret he is for him. He would not dare to take any other stand, because he was nominated by the gang of which Bigelow is a part, and must depend upon it for what strength he has.

Bigelowism in operation is the greatest enemy the good roads movement could possibly have. Between June, 1911, and October 1, 1914, Bigelow had received over fourteen and a half million dollars for use in his department. During that time the amount actually devoted to road construction was a trifle over five and a third million dollars. The remainder, over nine and a third million dollars, went for experiments, inspection, salaries, expenses, padded and political payrolls, and other things that need careful looking into.

The total extent of the road system authorized is 8,827 miles. The total completed or under contract in the more than three years is 217 miles. Of this less than 59 miles of state built and 45 miles of state aid highway are actually done. The rest is merely under contract.

This is some indication of what Bigelowism in operation and in the full glory of its extravagance and inefficiency means to the people of Pennsylvania. That is what Dr. Brumbaugh, until he shall come out squarely and say that he is against Bigelow and Bigelowism, which will never happen, must be considered as standing for. This is what those citizens of Pennsylvania who vote for Brumbaugh will vote for. This is what those earnest and sincere men who are fighting Penrose, Penroseism and Bigelowism are pledged to do away with. This extravagance, if it is nothing worse, makes a showing by the side of which the cost per mile of roads in New York, with all the reported and suspected graft, is no comparison. Mr. Voter, what are you going to do about it?

If you want boozes to be on tap at every cross road, vote for Scott for the legislature. He will do all he can to make boozes run freely.

Scott was nominated by votes secured from those who opposed Mr. Gramley's temperance record. In short, he is the booze candidate for the legislature.

Vote for Mr. Miller for the State Legislature if you want Centre county to be represented by some one who will favor economy in the administration of state affairs.

A vote for Mr. Palmer and Mr. Tobias will be a vote to sustain the Democratic administration at Washington. You cannot afford to withhold your support from a single Democratic candidate if you are a Wilson Democrat.

If for no other reason, McCormick ought to get your vote for governor, because he will give to the rural sections better roads for less money than on the Bigelow plan. If Mr. McCormick is elected governor he will be able to build roads with the present revenue, and will not need a fifty million bond issue to divide among the boys.

W. H. Patterson, the Democratic candidate for State Senator in the Centre and Clearfield District, stands for county-wide local option, workman's compensation laws, child labor laws and a change of the highway laws. He will have a majority in both Clearfield and Centre counties. He is a Democrat of marked ability, and the Democrats of the 34th Senatorial District will stand by him.

It was Vance C. McCormick, Democratic candidate for Governor, who furnished Mr. Berry with money to prosecute the capitol grafters at Harrisburg. From all appearances Mr. McCormick, if elected governor, will have a surprise of equal importance when he lifts the lid and exposes the extravagance indulged in by the Republican officials at Harrisburg. It is the fear that if Mr. McCormick is elected the trouble for the Republican state machine will just begin, that is spurring to action every Penrose lieutenant to fight the man who hates graft.

NEWS FROM STATE COLLEGE.

Items of Interest to the Farmer and General Public Which Will be Published Weekly.

Pennsylvania State College has secured the services of A. O. Vora, formerly with the Philadelphia Public Ledger, who will fill the capacity of college news editor. Items of interest in all departments of the school will be prepared by this writer, and the Reporter will from time to time publish such articles as may prove profitable reading to the general public, and to the farmers especially.

COLLEGE BUYS LIVE STOCK.

To convince the farmers of Pennsylvania that it pays to buy live stock for fattening purposes, the State College has just bought two car loads of cattle, aggregating sixty head, and a car load of horses. These animals will be fattened on a ration adapted to Pennsylvania conditions, and will be sold after the experiment has been conducted for five months. At that time, about April 1, a cattle feeders' convention will be held at State College. The cattle were purchased in West Virginia, and the horses at Chicago. The feeding experiment will be conducted to determine the effect of different feeds for fattening purposes.

POTASH SHORTAGE A GOOD THING.

The shortage of potash due to the war in Europe is a good thing for the American farmer, according to Dean Watts, head of the School of Agriculture, of the Pennsylvania State College. He thinks that in trying to solve his fertilizer difficulties, the farmer will be thrown upon his own resources, and learn how to work out his own salvation in that as well as other troubles.

Dean Watts, who is president of the National Association of Vegetable Growers, in convention at Philadelphia this week, said it was a mistake for the growers to persist in their demands for the complete elimination of the middleman or commission merchant.

"Fewer middlemen are desirable," said Dean Watts, "but it is folly to think of feeding this country's millions and marketing the great quantities of garden vegetable without the assistance of the commission merchant. To my mind he is an indispensable factor in conducting the produce business. The solution to the cost of high living," said the Dean, "lies in getting the producer and consumer together."

To facilitate that plan be advocated community growing of vegetables and fruits. Each town or small city should grow nearly enough green vegetables and fruits to supply its demands. That system would permit of low transportation charges, smaller cost to the consumer and greater profits to the grower, because no middleman would be required.

VACATE HOMES FOR STUDENTS.

Four professors, occupying houses on the Pennsylvania State College campus have been forced to vacate them to make room for thirty girls who want to study scientific house-keeping. The young women entered the institution with the Freshman class, and are enrolled in the course in Home Economics. Forty-seven girls are in the class this year, an increase of thirty over last year.

More than 200 applicants for admission to the Freshman class were turned away because of lack of accommodations, the registration being confined to 646. The total registration in all departments is 2,295, an increase of 259 over last year. Including the summer session, there have been 3,250 students instructed at Penn State during the year. This is an increase of 300 over last year.

In the two-year agricultural course, the class was limited to 146. Last year there were 117 enrolled in the short course.

BOTH GOVERNORS AT COLLEGE.

Governor Tener and the Governor-elect of the state will visit the Pennsylvania State College on Pennsylvania Day, November 13. They will participate in ceremonies attending the presentation of two steel flag staffs to the college by the P. O. S. of A. Sites were selected this week by R. L. Schuyler, of Lock Haven, and J. C. Strayer, of York. Both staffs will be on the campus, near Old Main building. One will fly the National and the other the State flag. The battalion of college cadets and many members of the order will have a part in the program. Addresses will be made by the Governors.

William E. Tobias will carry his home county of Clearfield, where both he and his Republican opponent are well known, by 1500 majority. His Democratic neighbors in Centre county should do as well by him. He is clean, able and free from Penrose and corporation influence and control, and the kind of man needed in Congress.

I. O. O. F. INSTALLATION.

T. M. Gramley, D. P. G. M., Inducts Newly Elected Officers Into Chairs—The Lodge Room Filled to Its Capacity.

At a special meeting of the local three-link fraternity, Monday night, District Deputy Grand Master T. M. Gramley, of Spring Mills, installed the newly elected officers to serve for the current term. The hall was taxed to its capacity, no less than eighty members of the order, including visitors, being present to witness the impressive ceremonies attending the installation.

After the officiating officer inducted the officers-elect into their respective chairs there was no other business for the evening because of the fact that it was a special meeting. An hour was devoted to good of the order and Mr. Gramley was called upon to give a short address. As on his previous visits, Mr. Gramley gave a good talk on Odd Fellowship, its purpose and its duties. He is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the order and is one of the highest types of all that this worthy fraternity stands for. His talks never fall in their purpose and the local order, acting on his advice, never fails to gain impetus and grow in membership and usefulness.

A collection was lifted to go towards a fund to be used in buying instruments for the boys in the Sunbury I. O. O. F. orphanage who will organize a band. Over ten dollars were dropped into the hat for this purpose.

After the close of lodge a luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, sweet pickles, ice cream, cake, and coffee, was served. An hour or more was devoted to this feature of the evening's program and to social chat.

The following are the new officers of Centre Hall Lodge, No. 895, to serve six months: William Fiedler, P. G.; L. L. Smith, N. G.; Harvey Mark, V. G.; T. L. Moore, Rec. Sec.; E. W. Crawford, Treas.; E. W. Crawford, R. S. N. G.; John E. Heckman, L. S. N. G.; John DeLaney, R. S. V. G.; Wesley Sharer, L. S. V. G.; William Homan, Warden; George Heckman, Conductor; J. S. Stahl, Chaplain; Robert Smith, R. S. S.; A. S. Krebs, L. S. S.; Charles Crust, Inside Guardian; J. W. Whiteman, Outside Guardian.

Among the visitors were Edward Williams, Frank McClinton, Charles Coel, of Boalsburg lodge; Clark Herman and T. L. Smith, of State College; G. B. Bittner, Irvin Zettie, Andrew Mark, of Spring Mills lodge.

NEW OFFICERS OF P. G. MILLS LODGE.

District Deputy Grand Master T. M. Gramley installed the following officers in Penns Valley Lodge No. 276, Pine Grove Mills, Friday evening: S. Y. Elder, P. G.; Chas. T. Homan, N. G.; John M. Williams, V. G.; Ralph Walker, Rec. Sec.; Rev. L. S. Spangler, Fin. Sec.; E. C. Musser, Treas.; W. K. Goss, Warden; C. H. Meyers, Conductor; Dr. R. M. Krebs, Chaplain; H. A. Elder, N. G. R. S.; Harry McCracken, N. G. L. S.; Roy Peterson, R. S. S.; Jacob Neidig, L. S. S.; J. E. Bressler, Inside Guardian; James Hoover, Outside Guardian; B. M. Gardner, V. G. R. S.; Elmer Sunday, V. G. L. S.

About seventy-five Odd Fellows attended the ceremonies and after the meeting a luncheon of oysters and ice cream was served on the first floor of the building. This lodge owns its own building, is clear of debt and is one of the most flourishing lodges in Penns Valley. Among the visitors were E. S. Ripka, W. A. Neese, C. G. Decker, of Spring Mills lodge; A. C. Longe, Lewistown; R. M. Gardner, Bloomsburg; Clark Herman, Wm. Kennedy, John Shope, W. W. Woomer, J. F. Hampton, H. C. Nichols, of State College.

INSTALLATION AT BOALSBURG.

Saturday night the newly elected officers of Boalsburg lodge No. 894 were inducted into office by T. M. Gramley, District Deputy Grand Master. The new officers follow: Samuel A. Stover, P. G.; Earl Eiter, N. G.; George E. Meyers, V. G.; Earl Baird, Rec. Sec.; W. H. Stover, Fin. Sec.; D. W. Myers, Treas.; Homer G. Barr, Chaplain; Ed Zoug, Warden; John Kloes, Conductor; E. H. Williams, Inside Guardian; Wm. Boone, Outside Guardian; D. W. Zoug, R. S. to N. G.; Jacob Zoug, L. S. to N. G.; Leslie Noll, R. S. S.; Albert Kyler, L. S. S.; David Glasgow, R. S. to V. G.; H. M. Hosterman, L. S. to V. G.

Noble Grand Eiters furnished the cigars for a smoker after lodge. Those present from other lodges were A. J. Cummings, Centre Hall; W. H. Roush, Calvin Trestle, C. H. Myers, Emory Parson, Pine Grove Mills; C. G. Decker, W. H. Smith, E. S. Kipka Spring Mills.

Mr. Miller, the Democratic candidate for legislature, carried a gun during the sixties. He is worthy of your support. Vote for him.

Washington Excursionists.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company ran an excursion train to the National Capital over the local branch Saturday, the train leaving Bellefonte about eleven o'clock p. m., and arriving Monday morning, reaching Centre Hall at two o'clock. Tickets were sold from the different stations as follows: Bellefonte, 75; Lemont, 95; Oak Hall, 5; Centre Hall, 10; Spring Mills, 2; Coburn, 26. The local excursionists were Misses Margaret Jacobs and Lena Emerick, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dauberman, Edward Homan, William Gfrerer, Reuben Garis and Miss Tate.

Will Quit Mercantile Business.

C. W. Swartz, who for a long number of years conducted one of the best and most complete country stores in Penns Valley, at Tusseyville, has decided to quit the business some time between this fall and next spring. The condition of his health has made this imperative. Mr. Swartz has not definitely decided where he will move, he having several locations in view. He is now reducing his stock by offering big bargains in all lines, including the most seasonable goods. See his advertisement in this issue.

Spring Mills Schools Will Reopen on 26th.

The Spring Mills public schools, which were closed Tuesday of last week owing to an epidemic of measles, will reopen on Monday, October 26th, according to a statement made by the principal, Prof. W. R. Jones.

Incorrect Figures in Farm Sale.

The Reporter, in giving the figures in the sale of ex-Sheriff Brungart's farm to George Horner, a few weeks ago, stated \$5500 as the price paid. The correct figures are \$7500 for the cleared land and \$200 for the woodland.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mrs. Mary Barnhart died at Curtin, following a stroke of paralysis. Her age was eighty-one years.

Miss Eve Vonada, aged seventy-six years, died at Zion, of apoplexy.

Ira C. Johnson dropped dead in the corn field on the farm of Claire Leathers, in Howard township, after having completed his day's work. Heart failure was the cause. He was seventy-one years of age.

Mrs. Anna Martz, a native of Pine Grove Mills, died in Ashtabula, Ohio, following an operation. Burial was made in Pine Grove Mills. She was thirty-one years of age.

LOCALS.

A regular meeting of the Y. P. B. will be held this (Thursday) evening.

Progress Grange will hold a regular meeting Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Cotton seed meal, oil meal, Buffalo gluten feed, bran, chop and middlings, all the very best grades—Weber, Centre Hall.

An express load of high-grade Illinois horses will be sold by F. O. Hosterman, at Millheim, Monday of next week. See ad.

Miss Margaret Jacobs recently returned from a week's trip to Pittsburg and Johnstown. At the former place she was entertained by her friend, Miss Helen Sandoe.

Guy P. Springer moved his barber shop in Millheim into the room formerly occupied by the postoffice. The room is neatly painted and papered and makes a fine location for a barber shop.

Mrs. L. W. S. Person will be at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Strohman, in Centre Hall, October 22nd to 26th, inclusive, with a complete line of the latest New York styles in ladies' and children's millinery. adv. 2c.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Getchell and son of Youngwood for a few days were guests of Mrs. Getchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Brungart. Mr. and Mrs. Getchell, before arriving in Centre Hall, spent a week in Jacksonville, Florida, where a sister of Mr. Getchell resides.

Messrs. John Puff, William Fiedler and Samuel Gross, who are working at State College, attended installation ceremonies of the local I. O. O. F. lodge, Monday night. George Neardhood and William Bloom were also present. G. W. Rowe of Boalsburg, who is a member of the local order, attended the installation.

Dairyman Wm. J. Smith witnessed a beautiful sight one morning last week while on his milk route. On the road in front of the Presbyterian church a covey of fifteen quail were gathered and he drove close enough to them to enjoy the sweet twittering of these beautiful birds before they took flight. Very few coveys of quail are to be found in Penns Valley and there is no game that should have more consideration from the hunter than the harmless quail, the friend of the farmer.

NEWS OF 1880.

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

October 21—The dwelling house and an outbuilding of William Hinkson near Woodward, were destroyed by fire one day last week; all contents were burned.

Spring Mills "on the hill" speaks of quite a number of new residences to go up in the spring, among them a summer resort. Spring Mills "in the hollow" is having a new store building in course of erection by R. H. Duncan.

Married—On Sept. 25th, by Rev. W. H. Groh, Michael Moore of Potter township, and Miss Nancy Kuhn of Harris township.

October 28—Potter township lost one of its oldest and most respected citizens in the death of David Gilliland, which occurred last Thursday. His age was seventy-one years.

The Hancock basket picnic, appointed for Friday of this week, on Nittany Mountain, has been recalled on account of the democratic mass meeting on the same day at Bellefonte.

Samuel Smith of near Centre Hall raised twenty-six bushels of clean cloverseed from four acres of ground. This is a yield hard to beat.

Birthday Surprise Party.

A pleasant birthday surprise party was given in honor of Miss Ida Sweetwood, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Sweetwood, at their home in Centre Hall, Friday evening. It was the young lady's seventeenth birthday anniversary and the plans were so well laid that it was possible to effect a genuine surprise. Ice cream and cake and other refreshments were served and games indulged in until a late hour. Those present were: Misses Mary Delinda Potter, Mary Dinges, Mary Whiteman, Carriabel Emerick, Lillian Emery, Gracie Ishler, Ethel Rowe, Carrie Sweetwood, Elizabeth Sweetwood, Messrs. William Bailey, Ralph Luse, Perry McKinney, Carl Auman, Thomas Foss, James Keller, James Sweetwood, William Sweetwood.

Baby and Mother Bitten by Rat.

The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, who live with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lingle, on the Brockerhoff farm below Old Fort, was bitten by a rat on the ball of the thumb while asleep in its cradle, one night last week. The wound gave the child severe pain and a physician was called to relieve its suffering. The following night the mother took the child to bed with her and didn't that same bad rat, or its cousin, pounce on Mrs. Potter and leave its mark on her arm. To add insult to injury the rat, after being scared off by Mrs. Potter's screaming, ran over the face of Mr. Potter who lay nearby, and disappeared. Since then every rat-destroying device and poison has been set to exterminate them in that house.

Wilkinson-Henshall.

Miss Nell Wilkinson and P. P. Henshall were married in Philadelphia Tuesday evening of last week. They returned to State College Wednesday morning. Mr. Henshall is assistant in shop practice at the Engineering building, while his wife is associated in the millinery business with Miss Myra Kimport under the firm name of Kimport & Wilkinson.

Placing Machinery for Oil Drilling.

Several weeks ago the Reporter stated that drilling operations for oil were soon to begin near Rebersburg, and the Millheim Journal of last week stated that the first work of placing machinery had begun. The Journal's account follows:

Leases on over six thousand acres of land in Brush valley have been obtained by Sullivan & Goodwin, of Kane. Only a few of the Brush valley farmers refused to lease their lands. The leases were secured several years ago and the people generally thought that there would be no prospecting done, but on Monday three carloads of well-drilling machinery arrived at Coburn and was hauled by Brush valley residents to the farm of J. H. Gephart, west of Rebersburg, where the first test will be made. Four men arrived in an automobile from Kane on Tuesday and started to place the machinery.

Before the leases on the land were obtained Sullivan & Goodwin sent their geologist to Rebersburg to make an examination of the prospects for oil in the locality, and he reported that Brush valley was in the same geological stratum as the oil fields of McKean county and a sample of sand taken from the borings of a deep well was tested and found to contain oil and to be similar to sand stratum found in the oil belt. In fact the indications look so favorable that Sullivan & Goodwin have decided to dig prospect holes to test out the valley wholly at their own expense.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Forty-five cases of measles have developed in Spring Mills during the past week.

The Millheim public schools are closed owing to an epidemic of measles among the children.

S. Ward Gramley recently improved the appearance of his residence in Millheim with a coat of paint.

Contractor John T. Noll of Pleasant Gap, and his assistants, are painting the exterior of the Huyett home.

Misses Verna Emerick and Hazel Emery are assisting Mrs. Lucy Henney in her millinery store during the rush fall season.

Phillipsburg has organized a Democratic Club and named it the "Woodrow Wilson Club of Phillipsburg." It has over one hundred members and is still growing.

In the case of J. D. Wagner versus C. J. Finkle, in the second week of court, the parties settled their differences before the case reached the jury, after it had proceeded to trial.

A number of young people from Centre Hall witnessed a reproduction on canvas of the Phillipsburg smash-up of railroad trains at the scenic theatre at Bellefonte, Friday night.

Among those who attended the York fair last week, not mentioned in last week's paper, were Messrs. William Cummings, Luther Emerick, Charles Coldron, Cloyd Brooks and Russ Coldron.

Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot and W. J. Smith autored to Williamsport on Friday to witness the big parade of school children and other features in the last day's program of the Merchant's Display Week celebration.

Prof. W. R. Jones is spending the period during which his school is closed at Spring Mills, at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Jones. Mrs. Jones and baby daughter are visiting her parents in Harrisburg for several weeks.

Miss Helen Bartholomew accompanied Miss Orla Gramley, Windom and Eugene Gramley to Philadelphia Thursday, for the purpose of receiving treatment of her eyes at the hands of a specialist. The trip was made in the Gramley car, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Homan of Altoona attended the sale of personal property of the former's mother, Mrs. Emma Homan, on Saturday. Mrs. Homan accompanied her son to Altoona, Tuesday, and in a short time will go to Cleveland, Ohio, where she will keep house for two of her sons, Archie and Clayton, who are employed there.

Lewis Gabagan of Lewistown was the guest of J. C. Goodhart at Centre Hill and also of G. L. Goodhart, on last Thursday and Friday. Mr. Gabagan is a pensioner of Uncle Sam, being a veteran of the Civil war, and also of the Pennsylvania R. R., having worked for that company for almost forty years. He is related by marriage to the Goodharts.

Mrs. C. F. Shaw is again at the home of her father, Dr. G. W. Hosterman, having recently returned from Lancaster where she has a host of friends and relatives. Saturday of next week she will leave, unaccompanied, for her home in Berkeley, California. She will take the Southern route, via New Orleans. Prof. Shaw was obliged to return to his work at Berkeley College several weeks ago.

A number of residents were greatly annoyed, Thursday, by the visitation of a drunkard who claimed he hailed from Lewistown where he was employed as a barber. He was feeling fine and showed fight when ordered to move on. He struck for Bellefonte, apparently, late in the afternoon, but at nine o'clock at night again appeared on the porch of the S. J. Rowe home and raised such a disturbance that help was summoned and the bad actor was again shown the way out of the borough, but in no gentle manner.

A horse belonging to Mrs. J. Miller Goodhart and tied in the alley at the home of Mrs. Goodhart's sister, Mrs. G. W. Bushman, scared at flying paper, Sunday afternoon, and broke loose and backed through a fence in the alley into the lot. Here it became entangled in the poultry wire surrounding the chicken yard, breaking the buggy and tearing almost all the harness off itself. After going through another similar fence of wire netting it dashed to the street where it was caught by Ross Bushman. The animal, however, was free of its bridle and gave no opportunity for holding it, consequently it again had its freedom and dashed down Church street to Main street and turned downtown. It was captured after running several squares.