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PALMER DECLINES FEDERAL OFFICE

Representative After Conference With President, Announces Intention to Work for Good Government in Pennsylvania.

A staff correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger sent from Washington this statement: Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, who became a candidate for United States Senator in Pennsylvania at the behest of President Wilson, had a long talk with Mr. Wilson, on Thursday of last week, the first since the election. The conference was sought by the President and presumably dealt with Mr. Palmer's future.

After the talk, which lasted for nearly an hour, Mr. Palmer announced that he would not accept an appointment from the Administration and would return to Pennsylvania after the end of his service in Congress to continue his fight for good government in Pennsylvania. This is his present intention. It is understood that in his conference with the President Mr. Palmer made his position clear, although Mr. Wilson suggested that he accept a Federal appointment.

President Wilson assured Mr. Palmer that he desired his co-operation in Pennsylvania; that he was entirely satisfied with the direction of the party organization in Pennsylvania and would not lend his influence in any way to restore the so-called "Old Guard." In other words, Mr. Palmer will continue the Federal dispenser of patronage for Pennsylvania, and will have a more extended field than heretofore.

Mr. Palmer will be recognized by the Administration in the distribution of Federal patronage in every section of the State except the districts represented by Democratic Congressmen. Inasmuch as there will be fewer Democratic Congressmen hereafter than in the present session Mr. Palmer's patronage allotment will be greater. He has no intention of retiring from politics, but will devote himself to the practice of law.

The president has expressed great regard for Mr. Palmer, and those who appear to know things say that they would not be surprised to see Mr. Palmer enter the Cabinet in the next year. There has been talk of Secretary McAdoo retiring before the presidential campaign to direct President Wilson's campaign, and it is not improbable that Mr. Palmer may be asked next year to become Secretary of the Treasury.

Thanksgiving Services.

The annual Thanksgiving service of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran church was held Sunday evening. The offering totaled almost forty dollars. The opening service was conducted by Mrs. S. W. Smith, after which Grace Fye, one of the Mission Band, recited a poem fitting to the occasion. The remainder of the evening was given over to six Penn State students, representing the Prohibition League of Pennsylvania State College, an organization comprised of seventy-five or more students.

The first address was by R. E. Keller, class of 1915, who touched on the social problems. R. M. Decker, class of 1916, followed, confining himself largely to the evils of the liquor traffic as it exists today. Both young men presented their subjects in a strong and forceful manner.

Together with the speakers named above Messrs. A. L. Gillespie, '16; B. H. McCracken, '17; H. P. Vall, '16; and E. J. Perry, '16, formed a quartet that rendered stirring prohibition music. Among the selections was Evangelist Sunday's famous temperance song that thrills the tabernacle entitled, "De Brewer's Big Hoses." The words are printed below:

O de Brewer's big hoses, comin' down de road,
Totin' all around ole Lucifer's load;
Dey step so high, an' dey step so free,
But dem big hoses can't run over me!

(Chorus)
Oh, no! boys, oh, no!
De turnpike's free wherobber I go,
I'm a temperance ingine, don't you see,
And de Brewer's big hoses can't run over me!

O de licker men's actin' like dey own da place,
Livin' on de sweat ob de po' man's face,
Dey's fat and easy as dey can be,
But dem big hoses can't run over me!

O'll harness dem hoses to de temptance cart,
Hit em' wid a gad to gib 'em a start,
I'll teach 'em how far to haw and gee,
For dem big hoses can't run over me!

The students came to Centre Hall in a car driven by Percival Rudy.

Williamsport Commercial College.

This is a high grade business institution in which young people are trained for office positions—bookkeepers, stenographers, private secretaries and government positions. Good positions are always open for bookkeepers and stenographers. Winter term begins January 6th. Send for catalogue and free trial lessons.

F. E. HEALEY,
Proprietor.

TIPS TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

"Mail Your Parcels Early" Heads Suggestions To Prevent Rush At Post-office This Year.

Postmaster General Burleson joined the "shop early" campaign when he issued his Christmas suggestions to the public headed by the injunction: "Mail your parcels early." Official sanction for the use on parcels of the caution "do not open until Christmas," also was announced.

Among other official suggestions is a warning that names and addresses of senders should be written on each package and also included in the package. The postoffices annually are confronted with the problem of disposing of thousands of parcels that have lost their tags or outer covering and bear nothing to identify the sender or addresses.

The suggestions point out that books or sets of books may now be sent by parcel post, packages weighing eight ounces or less taking a rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof. Regular zone rates apply above that weight.

Following are additional official rules applying specifically to Christmas packages:

"You may insert in parcel mail written or printed inscriptions such as 'Merry Christmas,' 'Happy New Year' or 'With best wishes.' Upon fly leaves of books you may write simple dedicatory inscriptions not of a personal nature. Other written additions or insertions subject a parcel to letter postage.

"If you desire a written communication to accompany your parcel enclose it in an envelope, affixing first class postage, and tie securely to outside of the parcel. Place the stamps to cover the postage of the parcel upon its wrapper and those to pay postage of the communication upon the envelope."

105-Acre Playground for "State."

With more than 100 acres of State property set aside for recreative exercises, the Pennsylvania State College has the largest playground of any college in the country. In addition to the 25 acres already devoted to outdoor sports, the board of trustees recently voted an additional 80 acres for playground purposes. This area is being laid out in soccer fields, tennis courts, lacrosse fields, baseball diamonds, and football gridirons.

This action by the trustees is but the beginning of a comprehensive system of outdoor exercise that has been prepared by Ray Smith, graduate manager of athletics. The basic idea is to get more men interested in some sort of physical activity out of doors. It is expected the new area, situated on the west campus, will be ready for use in the early spring.

One Cent Telephone Tax.

The Bell Telephone Company has solved the problem of collecting the one cent tax which the government has levied on all messages amounting to fifteen cents or over. A special piece of mechanism has been devised and placed on many coin box-telephones. This meant changing thousands of coin box telephones in the system, a tremendous job in itself. The tax of one cent is to be inserted as directed by the operator, in the quarter slot of the coin box by the person who sends the message.

The law applies not only to all messages on which the rate is 15 cents or more per message, but also to all messages on which the total charge, including overtime, amounts to 15 cents or more.

The F. and M. Disease in Mink Co.

Beginning of last week twenty-five cattle, fourteen sheep, and eighteen hogs, representing a total value of \$1,024 were killed for Oliver P. Harpster, tenant on the Knepp farm near Lewistown, the cattle having been affected with the foot and mouth disease. A day later it was discovered that the disease was among a herd of twenty-three cows, the property of H. M. Muthersbough, in Granville township.

Transfers of Real Estate.

W. C. Heinle to E. Frank Vall, tract of land in Rush twp. \$100.
A. M. Kerstetter et ux to Charles E. Shreffler, tract of land in Spring twp. \$1,400.
John Hamilton et ux to Charles E. Maul, tract of land in College twp. \$500.
Mary E. Miller et bar to Sadie Embiliser, tract of land in Spring twp. \$425.
Mary E. Miller et bar to Annie M. Rider, tract of land in Spring twp. \$425.
C. T. Garbrieh to James Morrison, tract of land in Bellefonte borough. \$250.
John M. Shugert et al to Howard E. Wells, tract of land in Benger twp. \$650.
George Schuyler et ux to Clayton H. Pressler, tract of land in Penn twp. \$50.

MILHEIM TALENT IN COMEDY.

Appear in Orange Arcadia—The Rendition First-Class and to a Full House.

When the new town hall in Millheim is constructed, a prominent niche must be given to the Ladies' Civic Club of that town. This organization is untiring in its efforts in collecting funds for the most needed public improvement in that bustling, bustling town on Elk Creek, in lower Penna Valley. It is local pride that is stirring the young, middle-aged and old, (that is if anyone having at heart the welfare of his or her home town maybe called "old") to activity. When their object is accomplished, which it is certain to be, the part each one had in bringing it about, will be a most pleasant recollection. This especially will apply to those who as amateurs entered upon the stage and gave their best efforts to entertain the homefolk and those of neighboring towns.

The musical comedy, under the title of "Our Minister's Honeymoon," given in Grange Arcadia, Thursday evening, was rendered in fine style. The comedy is one much more pleasing than "Our New Minister," and required more talent in various directions to present it acceptably. Every character represented rendered his or her part in a most creditable manner.

Without detracting in the least from those who so ably supported them, the writer does not hesitate to say that the strong characters were Miss Musser, as bride, and Miss Gutelius, a member of the Sunday-school class. The former looked every bit a bride—sweet and handsome, and her performance as a soprano soloist gave credit to her alma mater, Oberlin College. The latter's sweet voice, bewitching smiles and twinkling eyes in "The Joy of Living," "I want to Go on My Own Honeymoon," and choruses, brought palm to palm all over the house.

Mini-ter Brown (Guy Springer) and his friend Teddie Spangies (Lloyd W. Stover) were quite at ease on the stage, and their singing was delightful.

The house was well filled, the door receipts having been over fifty dollars.

The program indicates that the following individuals participated in the rendition of the comedy: Mrs. C. E. McNeilan, Mrs. A. Kessler, Mrs. Clyde Boob, Mrs. Annie Rihel, Mrs. E. F. McManaway, Miss Edith Sankey, Mrs. T. F. Meyer, Mrs. W. J. Throssel, Mrs. W. S. Musser, Mrs. J. L. Winegardner, Mrs. J. G. Eby, Mrs. G. E. Homan, Mrs. H. H. Leitzell, Miss Mary Gutelius, Mr. Alber Stover, Mr. Stuart Breen, Miss Irene Watkins, Miss Adah Smith, Miss Laura-belle Musser, Miss Mary Shelton, Miss Viola Boob, Miss Esther Stover, Mr. Lloyd W. Stover, Mrs. Stuart Keen, Mr. Guy P. Springer, Miss Margaret I. Musser, Mrs. G. S. Frank, Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. F. O. Hosterman, Mr. Joseph W. Refsnnyder.

COBURN

Chas R. Meek spent Sunday evening at Fiedler.

George Moyer is slowly improving at this writing.

W. C. Kerstetter wears a broad smile since the arrival of a new son.

James N. Alters made a business trip to Bellefonte last Friday.

Miss Lida Winkieblech spent Sunday with her friend Marion Kerstetter.

Revival meetings are still in progress, and will continue during this week.

Nicodemus Luse killed the largest hogs in this burg; the heaviest one weighed 535 and other 493.

L. E. Stover and Samuel Lingle bought another tract of timber from Dr. Kiddy at Boalsburg.

The reservoir dry for the past week; hope we will soon have water again.

Bright Barger, who underwent an operation is getting along very nicely. He expects to come home in the near future.

Mrs. Frank Bible from Centre Hill was a welcome visitor at the Nicodemus Luse home over last Wednesday.

They expect to have a rural mail route from Coburn to Woodward in the near future.

Walter Barchatt spent his Thanksgiving vacation at his home in Nanticoke.

Orvis and Cyrus Stover from Glydon, Minnesota, spent a few days with their sister at the home of J. E. Harter.

Mrs. Thomas Kaier and daughter, Mrs. Z. A. Weaver, visited Henry Kaier at Lindale one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hosterman and grandson, Dean Snyder, spent a few days at the home of their daughter Mrs. Thomas Metz near Woodward.

Large Gift to Loyalville Home.

The Loyalville Orphan's Home, an institution owned by the Lutheran church, received a substantial gift when a farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres was turned over to it. The farm was purchased through funds donated by Frederick Mehring of Keymar, Maryland. The price was \$100 per acre.

NEWS OF 1881.

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

February 6th—Benjamin F. Bitner of the Loop intends moving to Jasper county, Mo., the coming spring.

One hundred new dwelling houses at River Hill, located in the barrens in the neighborhood of Lemont, are to be erected for the accommodation of ore workers there.

Hugh Runkle of Orangeville, Ill., is in to his old home on a visit.

The following purchases in real estate have recently been made: The farm of Wm. Ruble near Earlstown was purchased by Col. Joseph Neff, for \$6000. The farm of John B. Bitner in the Loop was knocked off to Em. Ettinger of Aaronsburg. The Red Mill and forty acres were purchased by Robert Lee, at \$5500.

Married—On the 23rd of January, in the Reformed church at Centre Hall, Calvin J. From to Miss Nellie E. Harpster, both of Centre Hall.

February 10th—B. D. Brislin slaughtered John Wolf's large bull, near Potters Mills; it dressed 1232 pounds.

Uriah Black near Potters Mills, in his 88th year, is seriously ill and not expected to recover.

G. L. Goodhart from near this place has had shipped from Ohio a pair of thoroughbred Chester swine. They are very fine and admired by all who have seen them.

Wednesday morning the immense body of snow and ice on Henry Booser's barn caused the roof to cave in and break out one of the sides. The strain was so great that large beams were snapped apart like sticks.

The Y. M. C. A. of Centre Hall will hold an anniversary on Saturday.

The dwelling occupied by Lucian Spicher, south of Linden Hall, was destroyed by fire, with nearly all its contents. The family was absent when the fire was first discovered.

Prof. Jos H. Feehler is again in Centre Hall instructing the band. The boys are getting along well under his direction.

LOCALS

Horse sale at Millheim, Monday 14th. See adv.

Victor A. Adam was confined to bed for a few days last week suffering from an affection of the heart.

Mrs. S. M. Campbell and Mrs. Peter Shires of Millheim spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Murray.

The Millheim meat market was purchased from R. E. Berry by H. H. Leitzell and he took possession Tuesday of last week.

Miss Lulu Homan and brother Warren spent a few days at State College as guests of their sister, Mrs. Chester Homan.

Within the last year three horses have died for W. E. Stover, who carries the mail between Loganton and Rebersburg.

Boxmakers in the United States use more than four and a half billion board feet of lumber each year or more than one-tenth of the entire lumber cut of the country.

Three books belonging to the Progress Grange library have not been returned and the committee urges that the parties holding same please return the books Saturday afternoon at which time the hall will be open. All books must be returned to the state as a new supply will be on hand in a few weeks.

Jacob Sharer, Master of Progress Grange, and Mrs. Sharer, and Hon. Leonard Rhone represent the local Grange at the State Grange at Meadville. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Corman of Spring Mills, Austin Dale of Boalsburg, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dale of State College are also at the same gathering as representatives of their respective local granges.

A short time ago the restaurant of James M. Crissman in Milroy was broken into and a large quantity of cigars, tobacco, etc., stolen. Some time later the booty was unearthed under the floor in a tin shop in which Howard Norris worked, and this resulted in his arrest as well as that of Rush Carson and Elmer Fultz, companions of Norris. The three young men are in the Millin county jail.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Homan are in the east, having left their home in Fullerton, California, a few weeks ago. The couple stopped in several of the large cities on the way east. Mr. Homan reached Centre Hall on Friday, and is greeting old friends here while Mrs. Homan remained in Altoona. It is about five years since Mr. and Mrs. Homan left Altoona for the Pacific Coast State, and they have been getting along splendidly in that truly wonderful section. Several lots were purchased by them in Fullerton, and since five dwelling houses have sprung up on them. Mr. Homan is a contractor, and believed the most profitable thing to do would be to build for himself.

GOOD OLD PENNSYLVANIA.

California Proclaims Virtues of Keystone State After Giving Pacific Coast State Her Due.

We look forward every week with great pleasure for the arrival of the Reporter, for you know it comes from home and always tells us something of our dear friends. I don't believe there is a state in the union that can equal Pennsylvania for climate, scenery, and, in fact, anything. When we first came to California we thought "can heaven be more beautiful," but we were told that when one had been here for several years one will want a change, and we now find it just that way. Summer here is beautiful, and everywhere there are the most beautiful flowers, but one tires of this sameness, and would appreciate a genuine Pennsylvania blizzard.

My mouth watered when I read of the butchering days in Pennsylvania, for I know the great feasts that attend them, and it is only in Pennsylvania that this is done. Hogs here are raised and fattened largely on fish and garbage, corn being one of the serials that cannot be grown here. The little that is grown is small in the ear and full of black worms that lie tight on the grain under the husk. I think it would be impossible to find a single ear not inhabited by this pest.

This surely does not seem like winter with all doors and windows open, flowers blooming, sowing and planting being done. One can eat Christmas dinner in the yard under the palms, go to the beach for bathing, then take a street car and in two hours you are up on Mt. Lowe in the snow. But all this seems artificial, although real for God made it so, but Pennsylvania for me and my family.

MRS. MARY E. LOSE,
Los Angeles, Calif.
December 3, 1915

Breed Farm Sold.

Perry W. Breen, on Saturday, sold his farm known as the Van Valzah place and located one and one-half miles west of Centre Hall, to Chas. D. Bartholomew for the sum of \$6275. The farm contains one hundred and twenty acres, ninety-five of which are clear. Mr. Bartholomew expects to devote the place to poultry and hogs.

Mr. Breen also sold his town property, consisting of a house, stable and other outbuildings, to Benjamin H. Arney, the present tenant. The consideration was \$2000.

At present Mr. Breen has in mind locating at State College, and in all probability will buy a home there.

Oldest Odd Fellow Dead.

William B. Emmal, 97, said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world, died last Tuesday in Lexington, Kentucky. He joined the order in 1839.

REBERSBURG

Harvey Corman is at present on the sick list.

Daniel Corman and family of Penn Hall spent last Sunday at this place.

Mrs. James Moyer of Potters Mills spent several days the past week at this place with her son Millin.

The barn on the Bierly farm, situated a short distance from this place and which collapsed under the heavy weight of snow last winter, is at present being rebuilt.

Miss Margaret Woods, who spent several weeks visiting relatives at this place, left for her home at Scottdale.

Charles Faxon, who is employed at State College, spent last Saturday and Sunday at this place with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Diehl, who visited relatives for a month in different parts of Illinois, returned to this place last Friday.

William Weaver of Johnstown is at present at this place buying up a carload of apples. He is paying 60 cents a hundred weight for choice apples.

On Friday morning the people in this vicinity were shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. George Corman. Mrs. Corman's health was failing for the past eight months, although her condition was not considered serious until the angel of death suddenly called her to the far beyond.

On last Saturday the members of the Lutheran church of this place made up a donation of eatables and took it over to Mrs. Henry Detwiler. Mrs. Detwiler was in dire need of assistance as her husband left her in destitute circumstances and has not been heard of.

One day last week while Mrs. Adam Stover of Livonia was helping Henry Straham to butcher, she had occasion to enter a closet in the house. At this place there are two doors close together, one leading into a closet and the other into the cellar. Mrs. Stover thought she had the door that leads into the closet, but instead she entered the door that leads to the cellar, and before she was able to correct her mistake she fell down the cellar steps. She sustained severe bruises about the head and breast and arms. At first it was thought that her fall might prove fatal, but we are glad to mention at this writing that she is on a fair way to recovery.

The wise farmer is after the limestone ridges with the plow. It is a settled question with farm experts that the turning of tough limestone clay in the fall is beneficial.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Farmers Institute—Monday and Tuesday of next week.

After a suspension of three months, the Howard Hustler again appears.

H. I. Foust has changed the date of his sale to March 3, so that it will not conflict with the sale to be held by George F. Potter.

A horse belonging to farmer Harry W. Frantz, at Earlstown, was found sick one morning last week and died during that day.

Two hundred farmers are taking the short course in agriculture at Pennsylvania State College. The term of twelve weeks opened on Wednesday.

"Our Minister's Honeymoon" will be rendered in Grange Hall, Spring Mills, on Saturday evening. The Reporter stakes its reputation on recommending the company.

Robert J. Smith of near Millheim sustained a fracture of the right arm above the elbow, one day last week, when he was thrown from a motorcycle owned by R. E. Berry.

Miss Jennie K. Refsnnyder of Millheim is on an extended trip through the west, her objective point being the Pacific coast, where she will visit Mrs. Wallace Weaver, nee Miss Ida Breen, at Riverside.

A thousand persons attended the teacher's local institute held at Tyler-ville, the beginning of last week. That looks very like the people in Sugar Valley were interested in educational affairs in their own locality.

The Millheim town council will enforce the ordinance passed in January, 1909, which forbids the erection or construction of any wooden buildings within the territory in which stood the buildings that were recently destroyed by fire.

The extraction of gasoline from casing-head gas (natural gas from oil wells) has become one of the important adjuncts of the natural-gas industry in the United States. The product is used for motors, lighting and all the arts.

The president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in McConnellsburg announces that the names of all persons who sign applications for liquor licenses in Fulton county will be published in the newspapers of the county.

Samuel Gross has been disabled for a week on account of a nail having penetrated one of his limbs above the knee. He is a carpenter and was working at State College, the injury having occurred by breaking a shingle, in which there was a nail, over his knee.

Canada is fully awakening to the evils of intemperance, and now is asking that all grog shops close at 7 o'clock p. m. The government proposes to fortify itself with a law to compel the closing of bars at any hour selected by it, and give municipalities the right to limit by majority vote the number of licenses.

A Pine Grove Mills correspondent represents that it has two aged citizens who are capable of mountain climbing, and proves it by saying that William J. Dale, eighty-two years old, and D. L. Dennis, seventy-eight years old, walked to the top of the second mountain on Thanksgiving Day, returning in the evening, none the worse for the jaunt.

While a hunting party were amusing themselves shooting at a tin can, a pump gun was accidentally discharged, and a number of the pellets entered the body of Mr. Nearhood, a farmer of near Howard, who was one of the hunting party. The wounds were over the heart, and while serious it is not thought they will prove fatal. The injured man is in the Lock Haven hospital.

A carload of horses was shipped from Coburn station on Wednesday of last week, says the Journal, to Philadelphia markets. The horses were purchased by Thomas Miller of Philadelphia, assisted by G. E. Homan, Millheim, and were mostly high-grade. H. G. Gilmore, of near town, sold every horse—six in number—he had on his place and, of course, will be looking for good ones at the next sale in Millheim, Monday, December 14.

Harold Keller, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Keller, sustained a compound fracture of the lower part of the ulna in the left arm Wednesday afternoon of last week while playing a game of football with his associates. Dr. H. H. Longwell reduced the fracture and on Friday the lad was taken to Bellefonte and an x-ray examination was made by Dr. R. G. H. Hayes. The examination proved a correct setting of the bones by the local physician, and the arm is mending nicely.