



BI-PARTIZANS IN STATE SENATE.

Penrose Credited With Being in Control of Legislation in State Senate Because "Old Guard" Senators Stand With Republican Stalwarts.

Those who have made a careful study of the members of all parties in the state senate are ready to say that Penrose will continue to be the dominating factor in legislation, at least so far as the senate is concerned.

Speaking on this subject a staff correspondent of the Public Ledger makes this statement: The thing that assures the Penrose organization of absolute control of the Senate is the fact that the Democratic old guard Senators stand shoulder to shoulder with the Republican stalwarts.

Letter from Milroy.

While visiting in Milroy I have been investigating conditions of the town as compared with those of Centre Hall.

The town is plentifully supplied with water since Laurel Run takes in all the water the pipes will hold. The water tax is much higher than in Centre Hall. I asked a business man the other day how much tax he paid.

The knitting factory is running about half time, and the Burnham Standard steel works about ditto. The Cambria stone quarries, belonging to the Cambria steel works at Johnstown, are very busy, quarrying and shipping stone.

Andrew McClintock has gone to Philadelphia to hear "Billy" Sunday, and also to have a surgical operation performed.

Court closed last Friday in Lewis town and three Milroyers—one a widower, father of two children—and the other two young men, are paying the penalty of evil doing.

W. A. KRISSE.

Anniversary of Class of 1865.

Dr. G. G. Pond is chairman of a committee having in charge arrangements for the fiftieth anniversary of the class of '65, Pennsylvania State College.

"State" Center of Agricultural Education. State College is to be made the center of agricultural education and development in the commonwealth, theoretical as well as practical, by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh.

F. O. Hosterman will sell an express load of high-grade Illinois horses at Millheim, on Monday. These will be the "banner load" of the season.

TEACHERS' LOCAL INSTITUTE.

The First District of Centre County Prepared for Interesting Meetings—To be Held at Spring Mills Friday and Saturday.

The first district of Centre county will hold its teachers' institute Friday and Saturday at Spring Mills. The district comprises Potter, Gregg, Penn, Haines, Miles townships, Centre Hall and Millheim boroughs.

The program follows:

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, AT 7:30 P. M. in Grange Hall. Music, "America" Address of Welcome.....E. H. Hosterman Response.....Prof. C. L. Gramley Music "Directors' Problems".....Dr. H. F. Bitner Address.....George H. Hugus Music "The Point of View".....Prof. R. U. Wasson Talks on "Monthly Meeting of Teachers".....Miss Mary A. Byers Music "The Relation of Parents to the School".....Miss Mabel M. Vonada Music Benediction.....Rev. W. H. Williams

Half Million for Feeble Minded Home.

When the state legislature gets down to a working basis one of the bills that will be submitted by Representative Harry M. Showalter will be an appropriation totaling about a half million dollars for the erection and completion of the proposed home for feeble minded women that is to be erected west of Hartleton by the state, following an act of the last session of the legislature which appropriated \$40,000 for securing a site.

Dr. Mary M. Wolfe, of Lewisburg, appointed superintendent of the proposed institution, has been active in securing plans and specifications for the building. It is estimated that about \$200,000 will be required for the buildings, and the balance is to be expended in equipment and its maintenance for two years.

The site as at present located contains several irregular pieces of land, and the bill will embody an item of \$5,000 for acquiring land that will make the tract a square one.

Every effort will be made to have the legislative body pass favorably upon the appropriation.

Buy Central Hotel Building.

H. E. Emery, brother of Merchant C. F. Emery of Centre Hall, bought the Central Hotel building at Middleburg. The Central Hotel was known as the Old Waffle House, and was for many years one of the leading hosteleries in Snyder county.

Two Centre Constables Die in Illinois. Mrs. Catharine Raber died in Freeport, Ill., Wednesday of last week, from a complication of diseases as a result of old age.

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, wife of Reuben Mitchell, died near Freeport, Ill., Monday of last week, at the age of sixty years. Heart trouble was the cause of her death.

Penn State's Football Schedule.

A last schedule of football games has been prepared for State College for next fall. The schedule follows:

- September 25—Westminster College, at State College. October 9—University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. October 16—Gettysburg College, at State College. October 23—Open. October 30—Harvard, at Cambridge. November 5—Lehigh University, at State College (Pennsylvania day) November 13—Lafayette College, at Easton. November 23—University of Pittsburgh, at Pittsburgh.

School opened Monday after being closed for a week during which time the building was fumigated for diphtheria.

BONDS OF INDEBTEDNESS BURNED ON BANQUET OCCASION OF PROGRESS GRANGE.

Members Applaud as They See Papers Representing \$2000 Debt Reduced to Ashes.—How it Was Paid.

While the members of Progress Grange and their invited friends applauded, twenty one hundred-dollar bonds, representing the indebtedness of the order sixteen years ago, were being consumed by fire. It was a pretty sight and an impressive moment. The canceling of a debt is al-

length of the hall were laden with the choicest edibles in great variety as well as in great abundance. When the tables were surrounded Chaplain G. L. Goodhart was called on to offer thanks for the temporal needs provided and after this the banqueters began to gratify their hunger.



GRANGE ARCADIA.

Stands to-day free of debt, a monument to the enterprise of the local Grange.

ways a joyful period.

This bond burning took place in Grange Arcadia on Thursday evening, and was witnessed by about two hundred and fifty—members of the order of Patrons of Husbandry and their friends. The bonds were consigned to the flames by a committee appointed by Master J. Cloyd Brooks. These gathered around the lodge altar on which a sperm candle was burning, and after the twenty bonds had been distributed among them they were lighted and left fall on a large tray where in a few moments they were ashes. Previous to this, Hon. Leonard Rhone, who now as well as in the early history of the organization, was a leading figure, spoke of the organization of Progress Grange, which took place in 1878, the first meetings having been held in the then vacant room in the public school building, second floor. The order maintained its home there until the room was needed in the fall of 1898, when a part of the second floor of Foundry Hall (later totally destroyed by fire) was leased. The necessity of removing from the school building brought to consummation plans for the erection of a home for Progress Grange that would not only be a credit to the local order, but to the community as well; a home for not only the members of the order but for the establishment of a social and educational center.

These were termed dreams of dreamers in those days; today they are realities—Grange Arcadia is a center for Grange work, it is a social center, an educational center, and a religious center. The man in Center Hall or in the community nearby, who is proud of his home, points with pride to Grange Arcadia. It is one of the institutions that make for the better, that make Centre Hall and its surroundings worth living in.

During the process of building much labor was gratuitously given by members of the order, so that it may be said truthfully that each one of the one hundred persons that held membership in that period contributed toward the erection of the home otherwise than through the regular channel through which the quarterly dues and other funds passed.

With all this effort, when the building was completed, there remained bills unpaid aggregating \$2500. It was then that the plan mapped out at the conception of the building movement was put into action, and bonds were issued which were readily taken at their face value of one hundred dollars each, bearing interest at five percent. The Penns Valley Banking Company took over \$500, which sum was repaid in small amounts from the order's treasury.

When the ceremonies incident to the burning of the bonds were completed, the announcement was made that the management of the banquet hall below was awaiting the guests. On going there it was found that three tables extending the entire

Prof. C. R. Neff was the toastmaster, and to the toast "What has the Grange done," County Deputy John S. Dale responded splendidly. State Deputy Thomas M. Piolet responded to "What the Grange should do." J. J. Arney also made a few remarks, devoting himself to reminiscences.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BUILDING FUND.

Of course, the raising of the necessary funds for the initial work on the proposed Grange Hall was the most difficult task in the whole undertaking. This matter was personally taken charge of by Mr. Rhone who then as now was a recognized leader in the Grange movement. During the summer and fall of 1897, Mr. Rhone secured subscriptions aggregating \$550 from three personal friends—Hon. M. E. Olmsted, and Messrs. Patton & Patton, the latter two Pennsylvania Railroad officials, and the former a member of Congress at that time. This made a very neat nucleus, and gave encouragement. About this time the Centre county Pomona Grange made a contribution of \$250. This added to the foregoing subscriptions made a total of \$800. Subscriptions were then solicited from members of the local order, whose home the funds would erect, and others. The records show that sums ranging from \$5.00 to \$100 were contributed by the following persons:

- CONTRIBUTORS TO ORIGINAL FUND. James A. Keller Leonard Rhone Florence Rhone Christ D. Keller Mrs. Ella Arney J. J. Arney George W. Boal C. R. Neff S. W. Smith Alfred Dunt Levi Stump Thomas Elge Wm. Gifford James Gilliland Mrs. James Durt Emma Geringich Jerry Snavely Wm. C. Farmer David Stoner Mrs. George Ocker Wm. Flory Mrs. Lottie K. Keller Mrs. Maggie Rhone May V. Rhone David K. Keller Mrs. Sarah J. Arney Jacob Sharer Chas. B. Neff P. W. Person Daniel Fleisher Geo. W. Geringich John Spicher John Hamilton J. T. Rothrock Samuel Durt Frank S. Moore James S. Stahl Mrs. Agnes Rote George Reiber Scturus Stump Samuel Geringich

CHARTER MEMBERS

There are living today seven of the thirty charter members. Those living are marked with an asterisk:

- *J. J. Arney Daniel Fleisher James A. Keller Robert Foreman *Ephraim Keller Jacob Davittler *David Elmesmith Mr. Chas. B. Neff *G. M. Boal Mrs. Maggie Rhone *L. Rhone Mrs. Maggie Keller *Lafayette Neff Mrs. Mary A. Neff James Lingie Mrs. Sallie J. Arney Samuel Crozier John E. Bittner U. D. Osman Mrs. Barbara Hoffer George Hoffer Mrs. Susan Hoffer James McCormick *Mrs. Lottie K. Keller Mrs. Amanda Smith

MEMBERS IN 1899.

Progress Grange now has a membership of 140 but at the time of the building of Grange Arcadia it had but one hundred members enrolled, and their names will be found below:

- Daniel Fleisher Leonard Rhone Mrs. M. A. Rhone May V. Rhone Florence Rhone John J. Arney Mrs. John Arney Mervin Arney Mrs. Mervin Arney James A. Keller Mrs. James Keller David K. Keller George Homan Robert Foreman Jacob Davittler Mr. Chas. B. Neff Mrs. George Ocker Blanche Boal Carrie Spicher Keturah Stump Mrs. Maggie Love Agnes Snavely Mrs. George Geringich David K. Keller

WHITES FROM MARYLAND.

Rev. A. A. Kerlin Tells of Big Fruit Waste in His State.—Deplores European War and Expresses Thanks for Level-Headed Wilson.

Editor Reporter: "It has been a long time since I wrote. I have been anxious to see the people I know there but am kept so busy that I do not get far beyond the limits of my charge; seldom even that far.

"We still appreciate the Reporter and note carefully the changes made by the rapid flight of time. Many are passing on to their eternal destiny here too. I have attended seven funerals here in a little over a month.

"We have had very little snow, only a few days sleighing; about ten days real cold weather, once down to six below zero, but for the last ten days spring weather with several heavy rains.

"Apples were plentiful that several hundred bushels went to waste for one fruit-grower. He estimated his crop at 5,000 barrels. Multiply this by scores of larger orchards across the Potomac, in the Virginias, and you have some idea of the output within a radius of not many miles. Nice apples can be had at \$1.50 per bbl. Thousands of bushels of peaches were lost. Some shipments barely paid for baskets and crates, while others brought handsome returns. The crop was the largest ever. Last year they brought \$2.50 per bushel. Cherries, plums and berries, as well as wheat, corn and hay were above the general average.

"America is a land of plenty. In view of the needless, inhuman, organized murder in Europe, cutting off the best and brightest of the people, making millions of cripples, widows and orphans, houses ruined and little to eat or wear, how grateful we should be that we are Americans, separated from them by vast oceans, that we are at peace, and that we have a Godly President with a head so level that he cannot be moved by every sensational Jingo.

"I often think of the dear friends in old Centre. For them I will ever have a place in the Chambers of Memory, some of the beautiful, yes, fascinating scenery was so well described, by brother Garver, that it made me long to look upon it again.

"I loved that country, and who would not, but I still believe I was directed from there by One who is above all, and to whose will all should be obedient. For the nineteenth year I am still serving the same two churches.

"Prompted by brother Garver's letter I will at sometime, write concerning the gaps in Tussey, Nittany and the Seven Mountains.

"A. A. KERLIN."

Sharpsburg: Md.

Falls From Train—Killed.

When she attempted to throw a handful of apple parings from the train, Mrs. Preston Seyler of near Rebersburg was thrown from the platform and instantly killed, Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Seyler, who had been residents of Miles township for a few years, were on their way to Collegeville where they expected to make their future home, Mr. Seyler having secured work on a dairy farm at that place. At a point between Snyder town and Shamokin Mrs. Seyler walked to the rear of the car for the purpose of disposing of some apple parings. The coach was one having a vestibule, but the brakeman failed to close it that morning and when Mrs. Seyler approached the steps she was thrown from the car. She was instantly killed. Her body was shipped to Millheim where it lay in Undertaker Campbell's parlor until Saturday when the funeral services were held and interment made at Aaronsburg, Rev. D. M. Geesey officiating.

Mrs. Seyler was Miss Artie Winkleblech and was born at Aaronsburg thirty years ago. She is survived by her husband and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Winkleblech of Haines township. Her two children are dead.

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- Christ D. Keller Mary Geringich George M. Boal Annie Rhine Mrs. U. M. Boal Mrs. Lettie Goodhart John Spicher Mrs. Levi Stump Jacob Sharer Mrs. James S. Stahl Dr. Leonard Pearson Mrs. Jacob Wagner R. W. Smith John Lawyers Philip A. Auman Calvin Neff Victor A. Auman George Emerick David Stoner Chas. Lee Mrs. David Stoner H. F. Kaufman George W. Rowe Chas. B. Neff Mrs. George W. Rowe Perry W. Brown Mrs. Perry W. Brown Mrs. Samuel Geringich Mrs. Wm. C. Farmer John Butler Wm. F. Keller Samuel Koch John Snavely Adam Hoover Mrs. Adam Hoover Wm. Strunk Wm. Wm. Strunk Frank D. Lee S. M. McCoy M. S. Peris Fishburn Daniel Wm David Rhinesmith John Carper A. C. Williams H. A. Fetterolf Katie Lee J. H. McCoy John A. Slack J. W. Stump Martha Thomas Micy Wion

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Prof. E. W. Crawford opened a singing school in Lemont grammar school room, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Meek of Bellefonte are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy—George Reuben by name.

Byron Garis and sons, Sheridan and Reuben, are doing mason work on the new building which S. W. Gramley will erect in Millheim.

Diphtheria broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Decker in Millheim, and two of the children are suffering from the disease.

H. M. Hipple of Baltimore, for a few days last week, was the guest of his brother-in-law, D. Milton Bradford, and also of his father-in-law, Maynard Meeker.

J. F. Kurtz, editor of the Lewisburg Journal, and postmaster of the same place, was in town Saturday to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the Centre Hall Water Company.

Rev. W. H. Williams and Rev. F. H. Foss are gaining souls in their union revival services which have been in progress for several weeks. The meetings are being well attended and much interest manifested.

That portion of the Millheim Banking Company's building occupied for banking purposes was decorated by A. S. Work, who decorated the Lutheran church in that town a year or two ago.

The grand jury in Union county, last week, recommended that a new jail be built, and it is likely that steps will immediately be taken towards its erection. The old jail has been condemned by state inspectors several times.

Mrs. J. R. Gephart, says the Millheim Journal, recently purchased a part of the J. Spigelmeyer lot and in the early spring will start the erection of a building in which she can conduct her restaurant business, as well as furnish living quarters.

Eating too much cold slaw caused the death of Miss Anna Irene Coldron of Lewistown. The young lady, aged eighteen years, ate a large quantity of the cabbage slaw in the evening before retiring and early next morning was seized with violent pains. She was taken to the hospital where she died.

Thomas M. Piolet of Wysox, Bradford county, lecturer of the State Grange, paid a visit to Centre Hall and witnessed the bond burning in Grange Arcadia. Mr. Piolet and John S. Dale, who was also here to witness the same ceremony, were entertained by Prof. C. R. Neff on Thursday night and Friday.

The directors in the Farmer's National Bank, Millheim, were reduced from ten to nine, which will avoid the necessity of electing a successor to the late William Fealer, who held a directorship at the time of his death. At the annual meeting of the directors of the financial institution, all the other directors were re-elected.

The habitual "tooper" sustained the heaviest jolt since the license was knocked out in Millin county, in 1908, when Dr. J. P. Rothermel, the head of a large drug business, announced to the public that no more "booz" would be passed over his counters no matter whether the prospective purchaser was in possession of the necessary prescription or not.

Among the State Board of Health rules just adopted is one forbidding any one having a communicable disease to be employed in places where eatables are served. Another regulation prohibits the display on side walks of vegetables or articles of food eaten uncooked, unless properly protected from flies and upon a stand not less than two feet high—safe from a grey bound high water mark.

The Geiss house, across the street from the Reporter office building, was purchased from the Misses Geiss by S. W. Smith. The transaction was begun and completed within the first message period over the Bell line from Centre Hall to Philadelphia, where the Misses Geiss live. The consideration was \$2200. The home will be occupied, when vacated by Prof. H. A. Dodson, on April 1st, by Edward E. Bailey, one of the Reporter proprietors.

At the beginning of the European war it was thought motor power had to a very large extent supplanted the horse, but as time went on the horse gradually came into demand, and today he is needed as much as in any previous war. The road conditions in the eastern and western war zones are such that success would not be thought of but for the horse. These conditions have obliged all nations involved to purchase horses on a large scale, and the result is a general advance in prices.