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LOCAL OPTION.

Altoona Times.

When the voters of Pennsylvania went to the polls last November they had choice of voting for Martin G. Brumbaugh, who had personally declared himself favorable to the enactment of local option, and who had accepted a platform which was silent on the question, and Vance C. McCormick, who not only had pledged himself in the event of his election to devote his service to the success of local option, but whose party platform contained an unqualified and straightforward declaration favoring the principle. As everybody knows, Mr. Brumbaugh was elected.

During the campaign and up to the day of election it was a matter of common knowledge that the liquor interests of the state were solidly back of the Brumbaugh candidacy and that whatever money they contributed went into his campaign fund. If Mr. Brumbaugh was not aware of this fact, then, indeed, it must be admitted, he must have deliberately closed his eyes to a condition that was perfectly patent to every intelligent observer.

As though to remove the stigma of having been the candidate of liquor interests and of having been the beneficiary of their influence and their money, Governor Brumbaugh immediately upon assuming office, began an energetic campaign for local option, and temperance workers who had previously condemned him forthwith retracted the harsh things they had said and accepted him as a heaven-inspired leader in their crusade for reform of the liquor laws. Now, it must have been known to the governor that the legislature which had been elected last November was overwhelmingly hostile to local option legislation. Sufficient votes had been pledged against it to defeat any proposition, no matter how moderate its provisions, designed to revise the Brooks high license law. There was positively no chance that the methods employed by the governor would be successful, and if the governor did not know this fact also he is not as prescient as some of his admirers believe him to be.

Under these circumstances, was the governor absolutely honest and single-minded in his professed loyalty to the cause of local option?

Has he been guilty of playing to the local option grandstand, with the primary object of relieving himself of the taint of liquor support, fully cognizant of the futility of attempting to enact a local option measure with a majority of the members of the legislature pledged against it?

Does anybody in this state believe that the governor was deceived as to the final outcome of the local option agitation?

When he stated, on Tuesday night, that he believed that local option would triumph, was he maintaining a policy of hypocrisy and false pretense, or does he wish it to be understood that he alone in Harrisburg was in ignorance of what would happen on the morrow?

It was stated by admirers of the governor that he did everything within his power to advance the cause of temperance reform.

But did he?

Is not the fact that the vote for the Williams bill was less than had been conceded by the liquor interests proof that in almost four months of agitation he failed to win one vote to the proposition which apparently had his whole-hearted support?

The shallow mockery of the governor's propaganda is disclosed by the knowledge that the fate of local option was never in doubt. He knew it and the temperance leaders knew it.

The question is, therefore, would the governor have been so diligent in his advocacy of the question had local option had a fighting chance?

In solemn truth, did the liquor interests not know what they were about last fall when they passed out the word that Brumbaugh was perfectly safe and that his candidacy should be supported with votes and money?

Does not the vote on the local option question affirm the positive accuracy of the prediction that Brumbaugh would make a great deal about temperance, but would be absolutely safe after he had taken office?

There is much food for serious thought in that vote.

Items from the Millheim Journal.

James E. Harter has sold his general store at Coburn to a Mr. Anderson, of Mercer county. The taking of inventory, preparatory to changing ownership, was done last week. Having disposed of his store, Mr. Harter will devote much of his time this summer in canvassing the county in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for treasurer of Centre county.

W. C. Smith, who resides with his son, Elmer Smith, near Millheim, was admitted to the Bellefonte hospital recently where he underwent an operation for the removal of his right eye. About eight years ago he injured his eyes when he ran a twig of an apple tree in it. Although the eyesight was destroyed at the time the injured eye did not give him any trouble until a few weeks ago when it became sore and in order to give him any relief it was necessary to remove the eye.

A. S. Work finished painting the interior of the Millheim Reformed church, on Tuesday, and the church now presents a very neat appearance. On Wednesday morning Mr. Work went to Eberstadt, where he has the contract to paint and decorate the interior of the Lutheran church.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

James C. Barger died at his home in Curin, of pleurisy of the heart, aged seventy-five years. He was a veteran in the Union ranks.

Daniel D. Wood died in Tyrone, aged eighty-seven years. He was born near Martha Furnace.

A TRIP TO THE SOUTHLAND.

Dr. H. F. Bittner Presents Some Impressions Made on Recent Trip to Panama Canal Zone.—Terrorist Rays Rob Citizens of Energy.

FROM WASHINGTON TO COLON.

The city of Washington is one of the most beautiful of cities, the National Capitol, architecturally, is one of the finest buildings in the world. While the Congressional Library is one of the most beautiful, this building is unique. Everything is so well proportioned; its adornments are not so lavish as are those of the State Capitol at Harrisburg but they are better arranged; they fit together so nicely that they are scarcely noticed individually, and you simply feel that here everything is beautiful. Pillar and arch, painting and statue, stairway, balcony and dome, vaults, ceiling and inlaid floor, are all just exactly as they should be to give you pleasure, and a sense of satisfaction. The Washington monument towers above every building and can be seen from every part of the city.

The streets, named by the letters of the alphabet, run due east and west. The numbered streets run due north and south and the avenues run diagonally across these streets. This is a great advantage to the traveler who wishes to go to a distant part of the city.

A large massive, well designed union railroad station compels the traveler to take the proper train for his journey.

We crossed the Potomac over the famous "Long Bridge," and noticed the Robert E. Lee estate, now used as the Arlington cemetery.

Pine forests abound every where. We could not see much of the country since we passed through nearly the entire distance at night.

One of the things noticed in North Carolina was the large number of tall men. It seems that they have a larger per cent. of "Six footers" than is noticed anywhere else. The country is rolling and, in parts, hilly. The farms are worked by negroes. They plow with oxen as well as with horses. They raise cotton as well as wheat, rye, and oats. The wheat promises a poor crop; the corn had just been planted; the oats was up and promises a good crop. No fences are to be seen enclosing fields except here and there around a pasture lot. Some very nice gardens, but few in number. It seems that the poorer classes keep goats and chickens and hence cannot have a garden unless a fence is built around it. We thought this must be the reason so many houses in North and South Carolina were without gardens.

In Georgia the farmers are careful to prevent the land from being washed into gulches. A slight incline is formed with here and there a high furrow or backing up. These ridges are often within thirty feet of each other. Where the hills are steep the banks are higher and the fields look terraced. They farm cotton and tobacco. The negro women are seen in the fields hoeing corn and cotton. We noticed more women than men hoeing in the fields. The men do the plowing and cultivating and the women follow after with the hoe. The land seems to be a sandy clay, easily washed into furrows. A native of Mississippi told us that it requires more labor to destroy weeds and harmful insects in the south than in Pennsylvania. Bugs, beetles, grubs and moths are killed by our winters; so are many of the weeds but south of the frost line insects and plants can live through the winter. The growing season is longer, hence we saw corn big enough to be worked, and we also saw them planting corn and plowing sod, presumably for corn. In Cuba you can plant corn any time and be reasonably sure of a crop. We saw farmers harvesting corn for the fodder. The corn was in tassel and they cut it and carted it to Havana for feed.

In Mississippi and Louisiana we noticed many pecan orchards. Peach trees grow wild in Georgia, at least we saw them among the common forest trees. We spent two days in the city of New Orleans. Fine palm trees grow in the streets. Many trees are draped with large clusters of Florida moss. The people seem especially kind and sociable. While sitting in the shade of Lafayette Square, a southern gentleman began a conversation with me which ended in his inviting us to his home. He seemed anxious to entertain us. Instead of going with him to his home we went to the baseball park where we saw the mayor of the city toss the first ball and we witnessed the first game of the season in the southern league between the New Orleans team and the Birmingham team. The score was 7 to 3 in favor of New Orleans.

The business houses in New Orleans compare favorably with those of any other city. The dwelling houses are not so fine—they have some very fine houses but a larger percentage are not as substantial as in cities farther north. Vegetation is very rank. We saw some thistles higher than a man. They are in all stages of growth, too—some just through the earth and others scattering their seed. We saw the steamers unload bananas. A derrick over the ships' hatches let down into the hold an immense belt more than a yard wide. Pockets or loose folds were provided in this belt every few yards. A bunch of bananas was placed into each pocket as it came along the hold of the ship. The endless belt revolving carried the bunch of bananas up out of the ship, and over into a large storage building where the bunches were picked up and stored away. Two men, one at each end of the bunch, handled them. We crossed the river into the French quarter of the city. We were surprised to find many colored men lying in the sun, fast asleep on lumber piles and others on banks of the river, or almost anywhere. The people are not so energetic as with us.

We went on board our steamer, the "Abangarez" on the 14th of April. The river pilot took charge of the ship down to the bar—a distance of nine miles—then we exchanged pilots, the bar pilot taking us out of the mouth of the river into the gulf. The gulf waters were rough and the ship, although hav-

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S. S. CONVENTION A SUCCESS.

Semi-Annual Meeting Pronounced a Record Breaker in This District.

The nineteenth semi-annual Sabbath-school convention of the eleventh district of Centre county, was held in the Evangelical church, at Egg Hill, on Friday afternoon and evening. The session was opened with devotional services, led by the president, C. E. Royer, of Spring Mills. Rev. F. H. Foss of Centre Hall then welcomed the delegates to the convention with greetings from the hospitable people of Egg Hill. The nomination committee was appointed with Rev. R. R. Jones as chairman. This committee later reported a nomination of C. E. Royer, president; C. W. Swartz, vice president; Mrs. S. W. Smith, secretary; T. M. Gramley, treasurer; which were duly elected.

An address was then given by Rev. D. S. Kuriz on the subject: "The Teaching Factor in Education," in which was set forth the value of Christian teaching in bringing out of the developing child a proper expression to its possibilities. To accomplish this qualified teachers were essential, who have need to be equipped with a thorough knowledge of the subject to be taught and the essential truth to be communicated. The text book which God provided for every generation of man changes not, but customs and usages of men change, hence greater system of education in graded lessons, adapted to the developing mind of the growing child into manhood, or womanhood, are essential in the development of Christian character which is the product of Christian education. Ideal building is a factor in the moulding of human conscience which involves head, heart and soul knowledge. Education necessitates the teaching which will aid each of the faculties of body, mind and soul to reach their fullest expression; and the ideal of their fullest expression is Christ. Three steps to this end are essential, namely, historical knowledge, conscious knowledge, and conscientious knowledge. And all three steps should be made possible to the scholar in the Sunday-school.

The Department Superintendents reported room for more work in the districts.

At the evening session, a full church was present. Delegates from fifteen schools were present, which is a marked improvement in attendance and interest. Miss Savilla Resler led the praise service, after which the delegates were enrolled and the first topic of the evening, on "An Efficient Sunday-school" was taken up in an address by Rev. R. R. Jones of Centre Hall, in which definition was given to an efficient Sunday school as one which did efficient work and attained efficient results, whatever might be the attending circumstances and environment. In this address efficient methods and systems and means had to be used. Graded lessons were deemed essential for efficiency in the school, and teachers thoroughly equipped and qualified to use them properly were necessary to obtain proper results. The principle of adaptation was emphasized, and teachers should have the matter of decision of the scholars for Christ constantly in view because the schools have each an object before them for attainment in efficiency. The graded lesson system commends itself for efficiency, and should be used by every school.

A beautiful duet was sung by Mrs. S. W. Creamer and T. M. Moore.

Rev. W. H. Williams then addressed the convention on the subject, "Decision Day and Its Value." The matter of decision was a very important one, and should be given a place of consideration in every Sunday-school. A day should be set apart in which an opportunity should be given to the scholars to make a decision for serving Christ. It is a day that will be long remembered, and of sufficient importance to claim the attention of our Sunday-schools. It is a thing which we owe to those coming to the Sunday-school. Our teachers should have the matter of decision of the scholars for Christ constantly in view because the schools have each an object before them for attainment in efficiency. The graded lesson was also emphasized by the speaker in leading up to a decision for Christ at the proper age of the scholar.

He said there are many ways leading to Christ, and we should give opportunity in our schools for the scholars to take their stand for Christ.

The President pronounced the convention one of record breaking in this district. Adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev. R. R. Jones. *

Good Roads Day—May 26th.

Wednesday, May 26th, has been designated by the governor as "Good Roads Day."

According to a statement issued from the State Highway Department today, every effort will be made not only to enlist the forces of the State Highway Department on "Good Roads Day" but also to urge and advise township supervisors' boards in the more than fifteen hundred townships throughout the State to do all that they can to make the "Good Roads Day" red-lettered in the State history. As showing the interest taken by the department in the project, the statement cites the fact that Chief Engineer Uler has written to the Assistant Engineers in charge of the districts throughout the State, telling them that it is the wish of the State Highway Commissioner Cunningham that they "make such arrangements as are necessary to give such advice and encouragement as is possible to the movement." The Chief Engineer further has told the Assistant Engineers that should there be any machinery or other equipment not in use on State highways, they may authorize its being used on the township roads on that day, and they are instructed also to authorize the superintendents in their districts to cooperate.

Spring Mills Degree Team Does Work

Saturday evening the degree team of Spring Mills lodge, I. O. O. F., conferred the second degree upon a class of two candidates in the local order. The new members were William and Paul Bradford. The work of the visiting team was done in a creditable manner and elicited much praise. Following the business session a lunch was served. Spring Mills was represented by the following members: Messrs. T. M. Gramley, R. E. Sweetwood, J. H. Bowman, Ed. Hosterman, J. H. Meyer, R. H. Breen, A. L. Duck, R. F. Finkle, D. F. P. Heckman, Chas. L. McCool, C. B. Stover, D. W. Sweetwood, J. F. P. Heckman, W. O. Ripka, James Reeder, F. P. Ripka, W. H. Haney, S. L. Condo, J. F. Huss, B. F. Kennedy, George F. Brown, P. W. Dettler, Bruce W. Ripka, E. E. Zettle, J. W. Evans.

Gave Party to Associates.

Miss Anna Foust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Foust, entertained a number of her friends at a party at her home at Potters Mills, Saturday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent in wholesome amusement, and refreshments were served. The following were present: Miss Lena Bower, Elizabeth Bible, Nellie Bible, Catherine Carson, Mary Carson, Elizabeth Bittner, Cora McCormick, Laura Foust, Mary Wagner, Leona Foust, Mrs. Ruth Hotelling, Messrs. Charles Conde, Charles Miller, Clarence Miller, Willard Smith, Roy Smith, Richard Thomas, Boyd Smith, Ralph Keller, Jesse Mills, Ed. Stover, Harris Bubb, Harold Siggins, William Montgomery, Perry McKinney, Frank McKinney.

The Stork's Visits.

April was a busy month for that wonderful bird—the stork—for in the thirty days he delivered eight fine babies, to as many homes, in Centre Hall and Potter township. Besides those mentioned in previous issues the following births occurred during the past week: A son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver of Centre Hall; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. Cleveland Brungart of Tusseyville; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jewett Brooke; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Potter, both of near Centre Hall.

LOCALS

Harry Kuhn and Miss Maude Holtz of Boalsburg attended the dance in Grange Hall, Friday night.

Thomas Keefe of Youngwood was a guest at the Cyrus Brungart home from Saturday until Monday.

Philip Frank, Potter township's veterinary surgeon, is using an automobile in attending to his professional duties.

Registering of voters is being done by Assessor D. A. Eckert. The law requires that the work be completed by May 24th.

Mrs. Rebecca Scholl, after spending the winter months with her son, John Scholl, in Altoona, returned to her home last week.

Two thousand rainbow trout were placed in Spring creek near Lemont on Tuesday. They came from a government hatchery in Virginia. It doesn't require a mayor's proclamation to start a "Clean Up and Paint Up" campaign in Centre Hall. Centre Hall residents take to it quite naturally.

Bellefonte says ULBGLADUKUM to their Old Home Week, July 2nd to 8th. The various committees of the association report progress along their respective lines.

Mrs. Robert Burns and little daughter of Jersey Shore are spending a short time with her mother and aunt in Centre Hall. She will be better remembered as Miss Nina Snyder.

Harry J. Musler, formerly forester in this district, and recently appointed City Forester for Harrisburg, announced that he will plant particular varieties of trees for different streets in the capital city. His plan is meeting with approval from the city authorities.

Walter Douty, aged fifteen years, was kicked in the side by a colt, one evening last week, and was so badly hurt that he died nine hours later. The colt struck the boy, which was supposed to be very gentle, with a whip and it responded with the fatal kick. The accident happened near Logantown, on the farm where the young fellow resided.

The governor's suggestion that fruit bearing trees be planted along the public highways and that the fruit be gathered and sold when ready for market and the revenue therefrom be used to keep the road in repair, is good enough when roads are wide enough to accommodate trees on one or both sides of it. In this section trees planted on the road side would need to overhang adjoining property owners and it is condition might bring serious objections.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Rosie McCool, wife of Jacob McCool, died at her home in Georges Valley, on the Samuel Harter farm, Sunday morning at nine o'clock, following a year's illness with tuberculosis. Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning in the Cross Lutheran church—a d burial made in the cemetery connected therewith, Rev. D. S. Kuriz officiating.

Mrs. McCool was born close to the place where she died, about forty years ago. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eungard, both deceased. She was a consistent member of the Lutheran church and a woman who endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. Six children, with the husband, are left to mourn her loss, namely, John, Almond, Willbur, Clarence, Robert, Guy, all at home. Seven half brothers and sisters are also left, as follows: Emanuel Eungard, Farmers Mills; James Eungard, Caldwell, Kansas; John Eungard, Rocky River, Ohio; Frank Eungard, Belleville, Ohio; Robert Zurby, Brownsvalley; Mrs. Henry Lingle, Georges Valley; Mrs. Mary Eungard, Lock Haven.

Dr. Holtz, Lecturer—May 13th.

The Centre Hall Lecture Course, for the 1914-15 season, will come to a close with the appearance of Dr. Earl Douglas Holtz, who will deliver his famous lecture, "Grip, Grit and Gumption," in Grange Arcadia, Thursday evening, May 13th.

Dr. Holtz is one of the strong men of the American lyceum world. He is a keen observer and is full of the things he has seen and heard. A man of spotless character, with a burning message pleasingly delivered with just enough humor to enliven and attract.

One of the many recommendations which he carries is printed below and comes from "The Daily Herald," McConneville, Ohio:

"Dr. Earl Douglas Holtz gave the last lecture of the course which the people of Pennsylvania have enjoyed this winter, and many pronounced it the best of the series. Dr. Holtz has a splendid presence, stands six feet two, and gave a lecture that towered away up in a manner corresponding to his physical height. Dr. Holtz has fine descriptive powers, he is humorous, entertaining and above all, wholesome and inspiring."

Out Smart Easily Controlled, Says Expert.

Easy and cheap methods for controlling out smart, a disease that may cause the loss of twenty per cent of the crop, are given to Pennsylvania farmers by Professor C. P. Noll, of the department of agronomy at the Pennsylvania State College. Prof. Noll advises agriculturists to kill the spores that adhere to the grains, and he suggests the following method:

"Make up a solution of one pint of 40 per cent formalin and 35 gallons of water. Go on a clean floor or on a canvas sprinkle the oats until all the grains are moist. One person should shovel the grains about and another apply the solution with a sprinkling can. No more solution is needed than is required to dampen the seed, and 35 gallons is enough for 40 or 50 bushels of oats.

"After the oats have been wet they should be piled in a compact heap and covered for five hours with canvases or blankets, at the end of which time they should be spread out in a thin layer to dry. They should be shoveled about frequently so that they dry quickly. No bags which had contained smutty oats should be used for the treated seed unless they are first disinfected by soaking them in the above solution for at least one-half hour.

"If the seed is sown as soon as dry enough to run through the drill, a little allowance should be made for swelling, and more should be sown than is the usual rule."

A NOVEL INTRODUCTION.

Dr. Howard Co., Makes a Special Price.

The Dr. Howard Company have entered into an arrangement with H. A. Dodson drug store, by which a special introductory offer will be made of 25 cents on the 50-cent size of their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia.

Headaches, coated tongue, dizziness, gas on the stomach, specks before the eyes, constipation and all forms of malaria and liver trouble are soon cured by this scientific medicine.

H. A. Dodson has been able to secure only a limited supply, so every one who wishes to be cured of dyspepsia or constipation should call upon him at once or send him 25 cents by mail and get 60 doses of the best medicine ever made, on this special half price introductory offer, with his personal guarantee to refund the money if the specific does not cure.

The Y. P. B.'s of Tusseyville will give an entertainment in the Union church at Tusseyville, Saturday evening. The public is invited.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Memorial Day—May 30th—falls on Sunday this year, but Monday will be declared the legal day.

Grange Arcadia was the scene of a big dance on Friday night. Deltrich's orchestra of Bellefonte furnished the music.

The regular train schedule between State College and Pine Grove Mills on the Bellefonte Central railroad has been resumed.

F. P. Geary installed gasoline lighting systems in the residences of Dr. H. H. Longwell and J. W. Whitelean, and also in the Reporter, office during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hubler of Lock Haven spent Thursday at their respective homes—Mrs. Hubler with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Garrett, in Bellefonte, and Mr. Hubler in Centre Hall.

J. Ralph Smetzier of Potters Mills, who devotes most of his time to huckstering, finds ready sale for all the produce, etc., he can gather up in Pennsylvania Valley. He makes Milroy his chief selling point.

Hon. H. Walton Mitchell has been selected as the commencement speaker at State, in June, and Rev. N. W. Walters, D. D., of the Tomkins Congregational church, New York, will preach the inaugural sermon.

The school house at Centre Furnace was destroyed by fire, Saturday a week ago. A fire-bug undoubtedly did the work since the school had been closed for several weeks. The loss is covered by insurance.

The Daily Sentinel of Lewistown proposes to issue special editions dedicated to the large towns of Mifflin county which are without home newspapers. That the editions will prove valuable is a forgone conclusion.

A big tannery at Middleburg has more than a million dollars worth of leather in the course of tanning and curing. Daily shipments average about ten thousand dollars worth of finished products, principally sole leather.

Dr. H. F. Bittner and son Lynn returned from Panama last week, where they passed through the canal. Their trip, occupying three weeks, proved profitable and highly enjoyable. Dr. Bittner, in this issue, starts a series of articles covering the trip, which will be worth reading.

A photograph, recalling days of the past when deer roamed in vastly greater numbers through Centre county's mountains, was reproduced in the Howard Hustler, last week. The cut illustrates a party of four with their big deer strung to the pole, and was taken thirty five years ago. Who the hunters are is not known.

Villages, boroughs and cities are observing special "clean up" days. Now the only way to keep a town, no matter how big or small, is to do like Centre Hall, brush up every day, and in that way never become filthy. It is an easy matter when every one is aroused to the necessity of keeping his own home surroundings clean.

M. P. Musser and daughter, Mrs. Frank Irvin, of Pleasant Gap, were visitors in Centre Hall, Saturday, and while Mrs. Irvin attended to business at the millinery store, Mr. Musser gave this office a call. Mr. Musser moved from the Isaac Stover farm near Zions, this spring, and purchased the John Herman property in Pleasant Gap, where he will live retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holderman of near Colyer were in Lewistown for a few days last week, and on their return home were accompanied by Verma and Catharine Donachey, two daughters of Mrs. Holderman by a former marriage. The girls spent the past few years in a Baptist orphanage in Philadelphia and will now take up their home with their mother and stepfather.

William McClenahan, who underwent an operation upon his right eye in the Will's Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, returned home Saturday to spend a few days with his family, returning again to Philadelphia on Wednesday. In a few days he will submit to a second operation and it is thought the eye will be restored to its former good condition. It is the lower lid, and not the eyeball, which is affected.

"Mother's Day" comes May 9th. The setting apart of one day in the year to celebrate "Mother's Day" is a very commendable object and one in which all should participate. The wearing of a white carnation is the emblem for the day and the sign of our devotion to your mother. Motherhood represents a sacrifice known only by those who have experienced it. A white carnation and a kind word will cover a multitude of heart aches.