



PALMER DECLINES JUDGESHIP.

Finds It Difficult to Give Up Personal and Professional Matters.

National Democratic Committeeman A. Mitchell Palmer will not leave the committee nor his political activities for a place on the United States court of claims to which he was appointed by President Wilson, declining the honor in the following statement:

"I have concluded not to accept the place on the court of claims bench, to which the president appointed me some time ago. At the time of my appointment I told the president that I would need two or three months in which to settle up my personal, political and professional matters before taking up the work in the court. For that reason I have not taken the oath of office.

"This was quite agreeable to the other judges, because the court is in vacation from early May until October, and my absence from the bench did not, therefore, effect their work. Since returning home, I have found it more difficult than I had anticipated to give up my personal and professional matters.

"My roots are down too deep in the ground and I am too much of a 'going concern' to suddenly cut off my activities by the acceptance of a place for life upon the federal bench.

"While I have deeply appreciated the honor which was done me by the president in naming me for a place upon this high court, I cannot in justice to myself accept it. Many clients, both old and new, have asked me to look after their legal work, and I have already undertaken obligations of this character from which it is difficult, if not impossible, to withdraw."

Old Home Week at Lock Haven.

Lock Haven bids a cordial welcome to the thousands of visitors who will go to that city for the Old Home Week celebration and aviation race and athletic meet, August 23 to 28, confident that everybody will have a good time. No effort or expense has been spared in preparing a most elaborate and high-class program of events for the six days, including aeroplane flights daily; balloon ascensions and parachute drops each day; trotting and pacing events for big purses on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, in which thirty fast steppers will take part; base ball games each day between the best teams in the county, and Lock Haven Elks vs. the Renovo Elks. On Monday an all-day shoot will be held under the auspices of the Lock Haven Gun club, and on Saturday afternoon the biggest Y. M. C. A. athletic meet held in Central Pennsylvania in years will be one of the features. Teams from many cities and towns will compete for the gold medals offered. Numerous other attractions, including a big midway, will amuse and entertain. The famous New York Central band of Jersey Shore, the Lock Haven City band, the Lockport band and the Mill Hall band will give daily concerts. The city will be brilliantly illuminated and decorated and spectacular parades will take place each evening. The monster decorated automobile parade Monday evening; parade of home-comers and reception Tuesday evening; baby and doll parade Wednesday evening; live stock and industrial parade Thursday evening, and Red Men and fantastic parade Friday evening. Attractive prizes are offered in connection with each parade.

If you want to have a good time, visit Lock Haven the week of Aug. 23.

Working on State Home.

A big force of mechanics are at work on the home for feeble-minded women, west of Hartletown, and soon the first story of the structure will be finished. But one cottage has been contracted for in the number of units planned for this institution. Its cost will be \$25,000, and with favorable action on the part of the next legislature, others may follow. Among the State officials there is a strong and carefully concealed sentiment against the structure, but they have so far been frustrated in thwarting the plans and acts of the previous sessions.

Deaths of Centre Citizens.

John W. Woods died at Nigh Bank, Spring township, Monday of last week, of stomach trouble, aged seventy-years. He was born at Potters Mills and was a farmer by occupation. Nathan Haugb, a Civil War veteran, and a native of Brush Valley, died at Lock Haven, aged seventy-two years.

The Daily Sentinel of Lewistown, in its Saturday edition, carried a six-page section devoted exclusively to the affairs of Reedsville. The write-ups of the town's institutions and citizens were of an excellent and not over-exaggerated character, and the edition is no doubt highly prized by the inhabitants of that thriving Mifflin county town.

SIX DROWN NEAR WILLIAMSPORT.

Four Girls Step Into Hole and Drown While Other Two Fall From Boat and Perish.

Five girls and a boy lost their lives in drowning accidents near Williamsport on Saturday. Four of the girls met their death in the water at Flemington, while the other two drowned in the streams at Williamsport. The four who drowned at Flemington are Esther Fisher, 20 years; Thelma Floruse, 13 years; Marion Bower, 19 years; and Erna Buttenbaugh, 18 years.

According to the story of George W. A. McDonald, the only other person who witnessed the accident, the four girls, after donning bathing suits, joined hands and waded out into the stream. As he watched them, the entire four disappeared suddenly, having stepped evidently into a deep hole.

McDonald jumped into the stream and succeeded in reaching the struggling girls. He made desperate efforts to save them, but was pulled under time after time. Exhaustion compelled him finally to cease his efforts, and he was barely able to reach safety himself, his clothes being nearly all torn off by the drowning girls. The bodies of three of the girls were recovered immediately, while that of Miss Bower was found late in the afternoon.

Miss Nellie Kinley, 21, of West Williamsport, was the fifth girl to lose her life. Miss Kinley, with another girl and two young men, were on the Susquehanna River in a canoe, near the Maynard street bridge, when the craft upset.

The young men succeeded in getting the other girl to safety, but Miss Kinley sank to her death. Her body was recovered within a few minutes and an attempt was made to revive her by the use of a pulmotor, but life was extinct.

The sixth victim of the day was Lloyd Livingston, 15 years old. Livingston, with companions, was swimming in Locoming creek, when the water wings, which the boy was using, slipped from beneath his arms, and being a poor swimmer, he sank before his companions could reach him. His body was recovered an hour later.

Centre County Teachers at "State."

Penn State's summer school, with its total enrollment of 1024, is the only one of its kind that admits only teachers in the public schools of the State. It is now the largest summer school in this State, and is surpassed by few in the country. From Centre county, the following teachers are in attendance:

Chester H. Barnes, Alice K. Dorworth, Elizabeth H. Dorworth, Hazel J. Harper, Mary Hickman, LeRoy D. Locks, Marjorie L. McKinley, Henrietta M. Moore, May Taylor, Mary Underwood, and Grace A. Vallinoni, of Bellefonte. Elmer F. Barr, of Gettysburg. Elizabeth M. Bittner, Tusseyville. Henry W. Moller, Ronald K. Welsh, of Howard. D. Ross Bushman, Anna C. Grove, of Centre Hall. Margaretta M. Goben, Emma K. Rowe, of Boalsburg. Madeline Harshbarger, Ray B. Williams, Bessie B. Johnson, and Anna C. Schroyer, of Millersburg. Louise L. Hoffer, and Edith K. Schimmel, of Philipsburg. Mary C. Neff and Sarah V. Harter, of Spring Mills. Reida A. Confer, of Yarnell. Georgianna Gage, of Warrior's Mark. Margaret F. Giesner, of Blanchard. Rosa Hoy, of Lemont. Nancy Kelly, of Curdin. David Koser, and Sara Kessler, of Millheim. Robert Lannen, of Flemington. Albert C. Lucas, of Mohanston. Edna Rodgers, of Kenville. Evelyn Kosh and Fred B. Tate, of Pine Grove Mills. Charlotte Ryder, of Stormstown. Herbert E. Stover, of Livonia. Mary G. Twimney, of Pleasant Gap.

Mary L. Williams, Verma W. Way, Frank M. Torrence, Alma A. Stewart, Helen V. Snyder, R. R. Smith, H. D. Paullster, Nora Zoe Owens, Edward E. Owen, Ardie Owen, Mrs. Mabel G. D. Mease, C. E. McQuigg, Nannie Kuhlman, S. H. Karr, Mary Johnston, William Imboden, Virginia A. Holmes, Mrs. Ella S. Hostetter, Mrs. Carrie B. Hiltman, Margaret G. Glenn, Vernon S. Foster, Marian E. Frang, Grace F. Eder, Henry N. Edmiston, Milton W. Eddy, Arthur Deering, Nan M. Bailey, Barclay H. Bottenhorn, Carolyn R. Buckolt, H. S. Cocklin, Edith G. Cole, and Martha Couner, of State College.

Returned from West.

Jacob Gephart of Rebersburg, and his half sister, Mrs. Martha Lutz, of Centre Hall, returned Wednesday of last week from various parts of Illinois where they spent five weeks with the former's son and daughter, Charles Gephart and Mrs. Ammon Schroyer, and also with Jasper and Aaron Gramley. They were so well pleased with the country there that they expect to return again in the fall.

Announcement of Auto Service.

The undersigned, having just returned from Philadelphia with a 1916 model, seven passenger Paige touring car, desires to announce to the public that he is ready to give the best service to parties desiring to make tours to any part in or out of the state, especially to Gettysburg, Atlantic City, and other points of interest, at very reasonable rates. Short trips also given best attention. Experienced driver. Address J. C. MULLENBAHN, Spring Mills, Pa., R. D. S. 4.

Ripka Reunion, August 13.

The Ripka families will hold their annual reunion on Grange Park Friday of next week, (August 13th). The general public is invited to enjoy the day with them.—E. S. Ripka, Secretary.

THE WOMAN'S LIBERTY BELL



Will be in Centre Hall on Saturday, from 1 P. M. until 2 P. M.

For one hour on Saturday afternoon the Woman's Liberty Bell, on its triumphant tour of the state, will be in Centre Hall, where it may be viewed. The bell is a replica of the Liberty Bell of 1776 fame, the only feature missing being the crack. The bell weighs 2000 pounds and is conveyed on a motor truck. Accompanying it are speakers of national reputation. Regardless of what your views on the woman's suffrage cause may be, the bell and what it stands for will prove interesting to everyone. The bell will arrive at one o'clock and leave at two o'clock for Boalsburg.

In case of rain the exercises will be held in Grange Arcades.



MRS. RICHARD Y. FITZGERALD, of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, who will speak.

State Now Free of F. & M. Disease.

At a meeting of the Pennsylvania Live Stock Sanitary board, last week, the entire state was declared to be free from foot and mouth disease and in the future there will be no restriction upon movements of live stock originating and ending within the state except from a few premises which are under special quarantine.

Cattle and swine originating in federal closed exposed and modified areas continue to be forbidden to enter this state but live stock from federal free and restricted districts may be brought here for immediate slaughter. Philadelphia and Allegheny counties are still under federal quarantine and cattle can be shipped from them into other states only subject to federal regulations.

CENTRAL STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Charles Loss, Principal. This school affords rare advantages in the special Musical Expression, Domestic Science, Kindergarten, and Commercial courses. The regular Normal course in Music, Domestic Science, Domestic Arts, Manual Training, and Physical Training are well planned and are giving excellent results.

For those not desiring the regular Normal course, which are very strong, but a special course, this school should receive careful consideration. Send for a catalogue and learn more. Lock Haven, Pa.

Millheim's annual union picnic will be held Thursday of next week.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Mary Hartman, widow of Fred Hartman, died at the home of Jacob Gephart, in Rebersburg, Thursday morning of last week, following an illness of three weeks. Funeral services were held in the United Evangelical church Saturday afternoon and interment at Rebersburg, Rev. Kessler officiating. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Minnich and was born near Rebersburg fifty-eight years ago. Her husband preceded her to the grave five years ago. No children were born to their union, and the only surviving relative is a brother, John Minnich, of Wolf's Store. She made her home for the past eighteen months with Mr. Gephart. In early life she identified herself with the U. E. church and was a faithful member at its services.

Ida Isabe, the two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, of Pleasant Gap, died on Saturday afternoon following a short illness with whooping cough. Funeral services were held the following day and interment made in the Sunnyside cemetery at Rebersburg.

Registered Voters in Centre County.

The registration assessors in every voting precinct in Centre county have made their returns of the voters who have declared their party affiliation and they were compiled in the commissioners office last Friday. The official figures show the following result: Republicans . . . . . 5556 Democrats . . . . . 4347 Washington Party . . . . . 210 Socialists . . . . . 127 Prohibitionists . . . . . 176 Not Declared . . . . . 518 Total . . . . . 10,934

The Army Worm Coming!

Look out for the army worm! They are marching in greater numbers than the combined Allies and German forces, from the south and east, and are due this way before very long. This destructive pest failed to damage much of the crops of Centre county farmers last year and if they put in their appearance shortly the only crop left for them is corn. In anticipation of an attack upon this crop the Department of Agriculture at Washington has issued the following notice: "When a close examination of a corn field shows the presence of the fall army worm actually attacking the corn the department recommends dusting them with powdered arsenate of lead, using from 3 to 5 pounds per acre, mixed with two or three times its weight of flour. But care should be taken for fear of poisoning corn fodder."

Williamsport Commercial College.

A business education is the best investment young people can make. Bookkeepers, Stenographers and office people can always get good positions. Salaries are good. Work is pleasant, and promotions sure. We train young people in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, English branches, and for office work. Fall term begins September 1st. Write for catalogue giving all information, and names of 600 graduates holding positions.—F. F. Healy, Proprietor.

PLEASANT GAP, 9; CENTRE HALL, 5.

Team Across the Mountain Clinches Victory in Eighth Inning by Scoring Five Runs.

The hustling little town of Pleasant Gap is building more than a number of fine brick and frame houses this year—it is also building a first-class baseball team that is putting to rout a number of clubs that boast of ability on the skilled diamond. Saturday afternoon they increased their percentage of victories and incidentally caused a slump in the standing of the Centre Hall club whose record this year stands two victories and four defeats. The game was played on the victors' new grounds which lies at the upper end of the town, so close to Old Nittany's point, around which winds the road leading to the pretty little village, that it almost served the purpose of a "back stop" for the sky high foul balls of which there were not a few during the game.

But to get to the game, which was anyone's up until the eighth inning. Loos, for Pleasant Gap, and Bradford, for the locals, were both in fine form and while hits were not a minus quantity during the game, they were so well scattered in the first seven innings that little scoring resulted. It was the eighth inning that frosted the hopes of the visitors who were only one run in the rear and who had visions of a victory since they had suddenly found their batting eye and were pounding out bingles with more frequency. In this inning Centre Hall failed to score in their time at bat but Pleasant Gap filled the bases in short order and Miller then put the game on ice for his team by driving the ball into left field for a two bagger, scoring two runners. Hassinger followed with a lick of like dimensions and two more runs scored. This was the only time Bradford felt the sting of the Gap's attack, his pitching for the seven previous innings having been excellent. Knarr was the leader with the stick, making no less than four safe singles in five times at bat.

The box score follows:—

Table with columns: CENTRE HALL, R, H, O, A, E. Rows: Auman, cf; P. Bradford, 3b; Knarr, s; W. Bradford, p; Bailey, 2b; Kroyer, 1b; Kettler, c; Tresler, rf; Crawford, lf.

PLEASANT GAP

Table with columns: R, H, O, A, E. Rows: Soldi, 2b; Miller, 1b; Viedorpher, lf; Zimmerman, cf; Hassinger, c; Loos, p; Kettler, c; Knarr, s; Kestetter, 3b.

Centre Hall—0 0 0 1 1 1 0 2—5

Pleasant Gap—1 0 2 0 0 1 0 5—9

Spring Mills Defeat Boalsburg.

Spring Mills downed Boalsburg on the former's grounds, Saturday afternoon, by the old-fashioned score of 12 to 1. Spring Mills has one of the best teams in the county at the present time and the players are all young and of excellent physique. The winners gathered thirty-two hits off Boalsburg's three twirlers, while Corman pitched his usual air-tight brand of ball, allowing only four bingles, one of which, by Lytle, was good for three bases. Corman also caused ten of the enemy to dent the ozone on the third strike and was supported in good style. "Stuffy" Stover, of minor league fame, essayed to relieve Shutt on the mound in the second inning and was compelled to quit when he strained a ligament in his pitching arm. The line-up was as follows: Boalsburg—Weaver, ss; J. Stover, c, p; Coxey, 3b; Lytle, 1b, p; Shutt, p, c; R. Stover, lf; Ishler, cf; Houtz, 2b; Lucas, rf. Spring Mills—E. Gramley, ss; J. Goodhart, cf; W. Gramley, 1b; R. Corman, 2b; Condo, 3b; Meyer, rf; Allison, lf; H. Goodhart, c; J. Corman, p.

Home for Aged Evangelicals.

The Central Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical church last week purchased the Colonel Eli Siffer mansion, located just north of Lewisburg, from Dr. L. K. Ross and will convert it into a home for aged women and orphans of Evangelical families. The purchase price was \$30,000. The mansion was the home of the late Colonel Eli Siffer at one time state treasurer of Pennsylvania and secretary of the commonwealth under Governor Curtin.

Festival by Ladies' Temple.

The Ladies' Temple, K. G. E., will hold a festival in the Grange Hall, Saturday evening, August 14th. Ice cream, cake and coffee will be served. The proceeds derived will be used in furnishing a room where friends accompanying members of the lodge may rest while lodge is in meeting. Everybody is cordially invited.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

J. R. Smetzler of near Potters Mills was a business caller on Monday.

Merchant C. M. Smith and wife of Coburn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ripka, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meyer of Reedsville, and J. D. Meyer of Altoona, were Sunday visitors at the home of the gentlemen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer.

Two names, unseating in their very appearance, have been stricken off the pages of the metropolitan dailies—Thaw and Becker. The sooner they are forgotten the better for all.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris P. Breen of Camden, New York, have announced the arrival of a son, the first born, on Sunday, July 25th. The newcomer has been named Perry Henry Breen.

While attending the services at the Tabernacle Thursday evening of last week, Mrs. F. P. Geary became suddenly ill and it was necessary to take her home. Her condition was not serious.

William M. Houser and son, Ralph, and the former's father, John Houser, of Linden Hall, were in Centre Hall Thursday. The elder Mr. Houser has not been in the best of health for some time past and their errand at this time was to consult a physician.

During the thunder storm Monday afternoon a bolt of lightning hit the barn of R. W. Heading, a farmer residing near Milroy. The barn was hit a few minutes before 3 o'clock and at 3:15 was a total wreck. Two horses, two calves and a large quantity of grain were consumed by the flames.

Miss Isabel Fleck, ten years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Fleck of Niagara Falls, N. Y., made the trip alone from her home to that of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks, west of Centre Hall, where she will remain until the New York schools open. She will also visit her aunt, Mrs. Brszer, at State College.

An announcement of the arrival of Daniel Reynolds Carroll, on July 24, weight 8 1/2 lbs., has reached this office. Mr. Carroll was formerly Miss Louella Reynolds of Reedsville, and is well known in Centre Hall. She and Mr. Carroll are now residing in Kansas City, Missouri, where Mr. Carroll is manager of a large five and ten-cent store.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Packer of Bradfordsville, Massachusetts, were arrivals in Centre Hall Friday and will spend a month with the latter's mother, Mrs. Sarah Kerlin, and also at the home of her brother, A. E. Kerlin. Mrs. Morrill was Miss Nellie Kerlin, a former member of the Reporter force, and her many friends here were glad to greet her.

Use of bicycles or motorcycles in the rural delivery service is prohibited by an order issued by Postmaster General Burleson, effective January 1, 1916. In announcing his order Mr. Burleson holds that vehicles of these types do not have the carrying capacity needed for the parcel post service, and do not afford necessary protection for the mail in bad weather. The order will affect about 8000 carriers who now use bicycles or motorcycles to cover their routes.

Ralph Bathgate, a chemist at the State College experiment station, was taken suddenly ill while conducting a series of experiments in fertilizers recently and conveyed to the home of his sister, Mrs. Dr. E. Roan, on East College avenue, where he has since been in a precarious condition, his life having been despaired of several times. His rugged constitution, however, has managed to pull him through thus far, although he is not out of danger. Mr. Bathgate inhaled the gases which poisoned his system.

Mrs. M. H. Smith with much pride was raising a flock of thirty-three young turkeys and was contemplating swelling her bank account when they were ready for market in the fall, says the Millheim Journal. On Friday evening the old hens and the gobbler and five young ones returned from the fields to the barn. Not knowing what had become of the others Mrs. Smith told her husband to go and look for them. In one of the fields along the Aaronsburg road he found the twenty-eight turkeys dead, scattered within a small radius. They had been killed by dogs. Now Mrs. Smith keeps a gun in readiness to shoot any dog that he finds on his premises, not accompanied by its master.