



PROSPERITY FOR THE FARMER.

Harvest This Year Will Be Most Valuable Ever Produced.—Billion Bushels of Wheat.

American harvests this year will be the most valuable ever produced. With the wheat crop exceeding a billion bushels, the largest ever produced in one season by any nation, and a corn crop which also may prove to be the largest ever grown, the government's October crop report, issued recently, announced preliminary estimates which indicate record harvests of oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, rice, tobacco and hay.

Corn still is king of crops with indications of 3,026,159,000 bushels. While that is 98,000,000 bushels below the record of 1912, the final production, when the harvest is finished and all statistics compiled, may more than make up the difference. The higher prices this year assure the most valuable corn crop ever grown. At prices to farmers prevailing October 1 the corn crop is worth \$2,133,000,000.

Wheat prospects increased as the growing season progressed and the government's early season forecasts moved up month by month so that today's preliminary estimate of production was placed at 1,002,029,000 bushels. Wet weather at harvest time, however, reduced the quality of winter wheat so that much of it will not be available for milling purposes and will have to be used for feed. At prices prevailing October 1 the farm value of the crop is \$910,844,000, considerably more than ever was paid for a wheat crop before.

September weather was particularly destructive to potatoes, causing a reduction of 37,758,000 bushels, or ten per cent. in the forecast of production. Tobacco also suffered from unfavorable conditions, which caused a decrease of 21,345,000 pounds in the production forecast. Tobacco, however, promises to exceed the record crop of 1909 by 43,600,000 pounds.

Oats will exceed the record crop of 1912 by almost 100,000,000 bushels. Barley will exceed its record by 13,000,000 bushels; sweet potatoes by 5,000,000 bushels; rice by 500,000 bushels, and hay by 8,000,000 tons.

The potato forecast has declined to 368,000,000 bushels, a reduction of 38,000,000 bushels, or nearly ten per cent from the September 1 forecast according to crop estimates.

THE JUDGEHIP.

"The passage of the non-partisan act was intended not only to remove the selection of judges from the domain of party politics, but also to compel the electors to exercise a free and independent choice of candidates. As the non-partisan ballot is a separate one, and as the voter must specifically mark the candidate of his choice, the law has done everything possible to make the selection of the judiciary a matter of conscience and not of party, of free and unbiased judgment and not a perfunctory or incidental act. While there have been some unfortunate results at judicial elections since the enactment of the present law, yet, on the whole, the results have been satisfactory. Still, it cannot be said that the demonstration is complete. It will be the fault of the electors if they fail to avail themselves of their opportunity to perform their duty as free citizens in the important matter of the election of judges."

No more important civic duty devolves upon the citizen. The ultimate test of government, the final flower and fruit of justice, is realized in the courts through the appointed or elected officers who preside in those tribunals. At no other time and upon no other occasion is so high a demand made upon the patriotism, discrimination, intelligence and integrity of the voter."

The above is taken from the North American of recent date. It fairly and very tersely states the purposes of the non-partisan Act of Assembly. This act was framed by Republicans, passed by a Republican Legislature and approved by Governor John K. Tener, a Republican. The whole thought of all those who framed, passed and signed the Act was to relieve the judicial office from the turmoil of politics. While this is so, both the Republican and the Gazette of Bellefonte and the Ledger of Philadelphia are putting out Mr. Quigley as the Republican candidate. How do they know he is? He advertised himself as a non-partisan candidate.

FOR PROTHONOTARY



D. R. Foreman

Ernest Speer for Recorder.

Mr. Speer, the Democratic candidate for Recorder of Deeds, came to Bellefonte in the year 1873, forty-two years ago, with his father, the late William T. Speer, who was the assistant superintendent in the building of the Bellefonte car works. He received his education in the public schools of Bellefonte, Bellefonte Academy and the Pennsylvania State College. Returning from college he taught a private school in Bellefonte and afterwards went into the law office of Clement Dale, Esq., for the purpose of preparing himself for the bar. Later he read law in the office of the late firm of Hastings & Reeder. He was getting along nicely but while there he became interested in newspaper work, and finding that he had special talents along that line he relinquished the study of law, and for twenty-five years had been prominently associated with the newspapers of Centre county. He has always been a Democrat but for years there were no openings in the Democratic printing offices, and in order that he might make a living the Gazette and Republican offices kindly gave him employment where he rendered the most efficient service as a local writer, leaving the editorial work in the hands of the editors of these respective papers. For four years he acted in the capacity of associate editor of the Centre Democrat where his excellent service was appreciated by the reading public. In addition to his local editorial work he achieved considerable notoriety as a writer of the "That Column" as found in both the Gazette and Centre Democrat. In fact his witty "Thats" attracted such wide-spread attention that an offer came to him from one of the largest daily papers in Philadelphia to go to the Quaker City and take a place on the editorial staff for which he was well adapted, but he was deterred from doing so by the love of Bellefonte and his home which has been broken up by the death of his parents within the past few years.

Although thoroughly capable of doing editorial and clerical work Mr. Speer, as many know, is incapacitated from doing any kind of manual work from the fact that he is a cripple, and he is now asking the voters of Centre county to give him a "boost" that will make his future life a little easier for him. Anything that his friends may do for him at the coming election will be highly appreciated. He was given the nomination without a contest and the people should see he gets a second term to which he is entitled. It was demonstrated during the last term that he is well qualified to fill this important position. This is the testimony of both Republicans and Democrats who have business with the office. The work in the Recorder's office was never more accurately and promptly done than it has been under Mr. Speer's administration. He is a clean, competent and courteous official and should receive the attention of the voters. The report that he has money to burn is not correct. He saved his money while others squandered it. Give him your vote on Nov. 2nd.

Union County Fair Next Week.

The dates for the big Union county fair have been set for October 19, 20, 21 and 22. The fair promises to be one of the unusual attractions this year. The races promise to be one of the biggest features of the fair and in addition to the regular racing program arranged by the fair association there will be a "colt" race in which horses of three years of age will race.

As in former years an effort will be made by the fair association to have the track record of 2.08 1-4 lowered and a special prize is offered to the driver of the horse lowering the record of this track, which is one of the best half-mile tracks in this section of the state.

Special railroad rates will prevail on the railroads and on Thursday the regular excursion will be run from Centre county carrying a large number of people from that section.

The band from the I. O. O. F. Orphanage near Sunbury has been engaged to furnish music on Wednesday, the Coburn band on Thursday, and the Shamokin Dam band on Friday. The free attraction each day in front of the grand stand will be worth while witnessing and some new features will be added by the committee having that event in charge.

For the races the following judges have been named: J. W. Zeller, S. B. Jackson, Carlisle, and Anthony Armstrong, of Allenwood; timers E. Eyer spyke, Dr. A. O. Cawley and Hon. C. K. Sober.

The judge of the livestock will be Dr. M. E. Conrad, of West grove, Pa., a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

The Mitchell Troup of acrobats has been secured and will furnish the free attraction in front of the grand stand each day. This troupe comes here very highly recommended and no doubt their exhibitions will please the large number of people who will be present at the fair.

WHAT A DEMOCRATIC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS DONE WITH A GREAT DEBT.

Messrs. Noll and Grove Have Proved Themselves True Servants of the People in Reducing Debt from \$139,505 to \$6,685 in Three Years.

There is no office in the county which comes so close to the people and is to them of so much importance as that of County Commissioners. They are the taxing authority and also the disbursing officers of the county. True the disbursing is done through the treasurer's office, but he always pays out on the order of the Commissioners.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE OFFICE.

The manner in which the office is conducted by the different boards marks the difference between the politics of the board. On the first Monday of January, 1888, for the first time in many years the majority of the board was Republican. The auditors' report for the year 1887 filed in February, 1888, showed a balance in favor of the county over and above all liabilities of \$24,096.00. The term of the Republican board elected in 1887 expired on the first Monday of January, 1891. The report of the County Auditors for the year 1890 shows clearly that the balance in good solid cash, left by the preceding board was gone and the county in debt over and above all assets, \$5,267.63, and this sum had been so well padded with uncollectable notes and worthless claims that there was but little of it could be used.

In order to make this balance, the board had used for county purposes, \$20,000 or a little more, which had been collected as school, road, and poor taxes, on unseated lands in the several townships, so that there was an actual indebtedness of over \$25,000, when the term of the Republican board expired. The Democratic board which came into office on the first Monday of January, 1891, had to raise the money due the several districts, for school, road and poor purposes, and which had been misappropriated by the predecessors.

The board (Democratic) which took charge of county affairs in January, 1891, continued in office until the first Monday of January, 1897. This board not only paid the debt left by their predecessors, including the amount due the townships, and left balance of cash and assets of \$13,701.70, and the assets were perfectly good. All this was done on a three mills tax. From the beginning of 1897 to 1900, the next board managed county affairs very well and left the office with a balance of \$24,299.12 in favor of the county. From 1900 to 1903, the majority of the board were Democrats and when their accounts were settled the county had to its good \$25,001.38. From January, 1903, to January, 1906, the majority of the board was Republican and when their term ended and accounts were settled the county was in debt \$32,517.00. From 1906 to 1909 the majority of the board was again Democratic, but the debt of the county was only \$14,213.00 when accounts were settled. This board was succeeded by a board, the majority of which was Republican, and when their accounts were settled in 1913 the county was found to be in debt \$139,505.84. The millage remained at three mills until 1906, then it was raised to five mills.

The majority of the present board is, as the people well know, Democratic. It was theirs to wrestle with this great debt. They proceeded to do, and have bravely met the demand made upon them. During the time they have been in office the debt has been greatly reduced, as the figures following show:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Debt January 1st, 1912: \$139,505.84; Amount of debt January 1st, 1913: \$80,699.22; Amount of debt January 1st, 1914: \$38,540.12; Amount of debt January 1st, 1915: \$6,585.61.

Cash in treasury January 1st, 1915, \$32,321.73

Rate for county purposes is 4 mills.

From this statement of facts and figures it will be seen that for many years past a Democratic board of Commissioners had invariably to shoulder and pay a large debt left by their Republican predecessors.

To men who understand business it appears that to have undertaken the re-modeling of the court house without having made some provision to meet the debt was extreme folly. Not having done this, it became the duty of the present board to do so and nobly have they met and performed this duty.

This is greatly to the credit of Messrs. Wm. H. Noll and D. A. Grove, who are now before their fellow citizens for re-election. The voters should remember this and endorse their good deeds in the faithful and intelligent manner they have discharged their official duties. To do anything else is to open the door to increase of debt and extravagance in the Commissioners' office.

Health Service for Students at Penn State.

The Pennsylvania State College has established a Health Service to care for the large body of students now in attendance at the institution. It is under the supervision of Dr. Warren E. Forsyth, recently of the University of Michigan. Consultation, office treatment and simple medicines are given free at the dispensary to both men and women students. Patients occupying a room in either the hospital or the infirmary are charged a reasonable price for board, nurse's care and physician's attendance. Students may summon the college physician to their rooms and are charged fifty cents by day, or one dollar by night for every call.

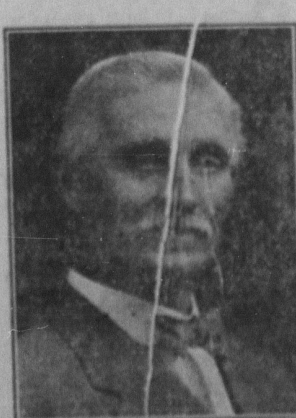
Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mr. Annie Gray Shenk died in Tyrone Wednesday evening of last week, aged fifty-one years. She was born in Half Moon Valley and was the daughter of Miles D. Gray.

George R. Loder, a farmer of Walker township, died at Zion, of heart trouble, aged sixty years.

William Coble died at Houserville as a result of an apoplectic stroke, aged eighty-six years.

FOR COMMISSIONER



D. A. Grove

Spoke on Woman Suffrage.

Many male friends to the cause of woman's suffrage were won at the close of the speech made by Miss Emma MacAlarney of Harrisburg, on the diamond in Centre Hall, Wednesday evening of last week. The suffragists' party was made up of a dozen intelligent women of Bellefonte and two male advocates—Col. D. F. Fortney and John Blanchard, Esq. They arrived in Centre Hall at nearly eight o'clock in a big yellow transportation car, flying a number of large paper plumers, yellow in color, of course.

At eight o'clock Col. Fortney stepped on the running board of the car and in his characteristic forceful manner declared for the extension of the franchise to the female portion of the population. He then introduced Miss MacAlarney who presented her subject in a logical, convincing and pleasing manner. Undemonstrative and yet driving her claims with much force, she appealed to the large number of voters who curbed the sidewalk, in a fine womanly manner, presenting some new thoughts on the subject along with the oft-repeated ones. Her reason for claiming woman suffrage to be a success is that wherever it has been granted in no instance has it been lost. For almost an hour she held her audience with her clear logic, leaving a favorable impression upon those who will decide in a few weeks whether the ballot shall be given to the women of Pennsylvania.

Friday of next week has been designated by Nathan C. Shaffer, superintendent of public instruction, as fall Arbor day.

The election this year comes on the earliest possible date, namely, the 2nd. The first Tuesday after the first Monday is the established rule and the first Monday in November this year happens to be the first day of the month.

LITTLE LOST IN MOUNTAINS.

Three-year-old Lester Fryer Walks Four Miles in Mountains near Coburn.—Started After Older Brother Who Went for Chestnuts.—Appears at Ammon Ro's Place.

There was a ripple of excitement in the little town of Coburn Sunday afternoon when seventy-five to one hundred people searched the mountains and Penns Creek for little Lester Fryer, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fryer, who disappeared mysteriously from his home in the afternoon. While the parents were frantic with fear for his safety and the good people there were searching every foot of ground on the nearby mountains and traversing the banks of E. V. Creek, the little tot was in safe keeping at the Ammon Ro's place in the mountains four miles from his home.

The Sunday previous the father had taken little Lester to the mountains to gather chestnuts, carrying him nearly all the way. Last Sunday James Swab, a brother-in-law of Mr. Fryer, who was visiting at the place, started for the mountains in quest of chestnuts, taking with him an older Fryer boy. Little Lester expressed his eagerness to go along but was denied the privilege. The child remained about the house for a half hour and then unobserved by his parents, secured his cap and started off. It was some time before his absence was noted and when calling failed to bring an answer the parents began to feel uneasy.

The immediate neighborhood was given a general searching and when this failed to bring about his presence the neighbors were asked to assist in finding him and in a short time the whole community had taken a hand in forming a searching party. The little tot, meanwhile, was plodding on, hoping to find his older brother and all the while getting further from home. At six o'clock in the evening he appeared at the Ammon Ro's place, located far in the mountains, cap in hand. A pair of new slippers were worn through by the climbing over the rough mountain. Mr. Ro, falling to gather any information from the child regarding his identity, suspected that he was lost and started immediately for the nearest farm buildings in the vicinity of the Paradise church, where he made known the finding of the child. The telephone was put in use and in a short time word was received at Coburn that the little boy had been found. The parents' gloom turned to joy and at ten o'clock that night little Lester was returned to his home.

Progress Orange Meeting.

A request meeting of Progress Orange will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program follows: "Oce thing I want to see done for the betterment of the school?"—J. J. Arns.

"How much work should the children do on the farm after school?"—By J. Cloyd Brook.

"What does Pomona stand for in the Orange?"

"The Farmers' tools—What should they consist of, and their care?"—Select reading—Florence Rhoad.

Free Library in the G. Grange Hall.

Fifty new books have just been received from the Pennsylvania Free Library Commission and have been placed in the Grange Hall for the free use of everyone in the town and community. Everybody is invited to visit the library on Saturday from 3 to 4 o'clock and inspect the books. Young people are especially urged to interest themselves in these books.

If the south side Centre county citizens want representation among the officers in the courthouse during the next four years, they must vote for Foreman, Smith, Harter and Brumgart. There are no other candidates on either of the tickets from the south side. The voter, irrespective of party, will not make a mistake if they vote for a south side man for Prothonotary, Register, Treasurer and Auditor.

The frost was surely on the pumpkin on Monday morning, while the corn was in the shock.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY



D. Paul Fortney

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Mrs. D. K. Keller suffered several days last week with sciatic rheumatism.

Henry Mitterling and William Reish, students at State College, were home over Sunday.

Miss Vera Nearhood of State College spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knarr.

Prof. J. T. Marshman of State College will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and at Spring Mills in the afternoon.

The ordinance granting the State-Centre Electric Company a franchise to furnish light in Centre Hall borough is published in this issue.

T. L. Smith had the ill luck to tramp on a board having an exposed nail, last week, which resulted in the nail penetrating the great toe on the left foot.

The office of treasurer requires a man at its head with business qualifications as well as an accountant. Both these qualities will be found in Mr. Harter, the Democratic nominee.

Governor Brumbaugh and the other members of the party in the chief executive's car, made a brief stop in Centre Hall. It was an involuntary halt, but no fault of the roads through this borough.

The bang! bang! bang! that will be heard all along the mountain side tomorrow, with the opening of the hunting season, will give you a faint idea of what's going on among the European belligerents.

F. C. Brungart of Tusseyville, the automobile dealer, last week received a Regal touring car which he is using for demonstrating purposes. Mr. Brungart has several prospective purchasers on the string.

The electric baseball score board in operation at Bellefonte during the world's series has been a source of attraction to a number of local enthusiasts and quite a few trips have been made since the opening on Friday.

Henry Stoner of State College recently sold the E. E. Bierly farm, at Rebersburg, which he purchased last spring, to William F. Sawley of Nittany. The farm contains 180 acres and timberland and was sold for \$6,400.

Mr. W. A. Kris, while on her way home Friday evening, fell off the walk at the Harry Miller residence and cut her face rather severely. Owing to the darkness she was unable to see clearly. Mr. Miller accompanied the unfortunate lady to her home.

After being in an insurance office in Patton for a period of almost ten years, Miss Gertrude Bartholomew last week took a similar position in the Commonwealth building, Pittsburgh. She is the daughter of Mr. Elizabeth Bartholomew, and claims Centre Hall as her home.

Joe Casor, under whose supervision the road from Old Fort to the Millin county line is being built, is so proud of his position that in addition to having the road bed in fine order for the Governor and party he had several men stationed at the sharp curves in the mountains who signaled to approaching cars as to whether the track was clear or otherwise. With this forethought on the part of the road man, the curves were taken without slackening the speed.

Wednesday evening of last week the Epworth League of the Methodist church of this place tendered a reception to those persons who have recently united with that church. After the regular prayer service which was held at an early hour, the children of the Junior League entertained the audience with a few exercises and songs. A recitation, "No Sects in Heaven," was then given by Mrs. D. Woodie. Light refreshments were served during the evening. The ladies' quartette sang several of their selections. At an early hour all went home feeling that the evening had been well spent. About ninety persons were there.

The old Lewistown pike from Centre Hill to the base of the Seven Mountains was indeed in fit condition for the Governor of a commonwealth like Pennsylvania to pass over on his tour of Central Pennsylvania on Thursday of last week. The road is nicely rounded up and would be in fine condition to top dress with lime stone to make it more permanent. At Centre Hill the grade to the front of the old Keller business stand, now a sad relic of the former business activity in this locality, was lowered by several feet, making the former dangerous hill one of safety. The writer is indebted to Walter D. Ludwig, the forester at Boalsburg, for a spin over this road and into the Seven Mountains where Governor Brumbaugh and party were met.