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COUNTRY ABOVE PARTY.

One part of the national-defense speech delivered last week by James R. Mann, the Republican leader of the House, ought to be committed to memory by every member of Congress:

I think, then, that we ought to provide these great forces; that it ought to be considered an emergency matter, entirely apart from the ordinary routine or expense of Government, without regard to partisanship or party lines. If England and France and Germany and Italy can consider these propositions without party lines, a country like ours ought to be able to sweep aside mere partisan considerations and try all to stand together, loyal to our country, in the effort to aid the Administration of our Government.

That is the only spirit in which the Congress of the United States can afford to act in considering the defense of the Nation.

If the Republicans of the House and Senate measure up to the standard of patriotism defined by Mr. Mann, the preparedness bills will be enacted into law and the necessary money appropriated to carry out the army and navy program.

There are many Democrats who oppose the President's recommendations on the theory that national defense is militarism. There are Republicans who oppose them for the same reason, and other Republicans who would commit the country to schemes of military expansion that the country will not tolerate. But if all the Democrats and all the Republicans who believe in rational measures of defense will work together and vote together, they will command an overwhelming majority in both branches of Congress.

It is necessary only to forget partisanship, forget that 1916 is a Presidential year, and to remember that two-thirds of the civilized world has been plunged into ruthless war the nominal causes of which hardly arise to the dignity of being trivial.

The Governor Married.

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh and Miss Flora Belle Parks, his ward, were married Saturday afternoon in the Germantown Church of the Brethren in Philadelphia, after extraordinary but little precautions had been taken to keep the wedding time and place a secret. The Governor's marriage came as a complete surprise to his friends and to the public generally. From time to time he had been reported as engaged, but Miss Parks' name had never been mentioned in this connection. She is a distant cousin of the Governor's and has been a member of his household for more than twenty years.

The wedding ceremony was performed according to the curious Dunkard rite by Rev. George Dilling Kuntz, pastor of the First Church of the Brethren, Carlisle and Dauphin streets, of which the Governor is a member, assisted by Rev. Milton C. Swigart, pastor of the Germantown Church. Neither the bride nor the bridegroom had any attendants.

The whole marriage ceremony was extraordinarily brief, only eight minutes elapsing from the time the Governor entered the church until the couple came out again.

Cutting Down Licenses.

The Columbia county court last week laid down its decisions in which 31 out of 84 applications for liquor licenses were granted. Berwick, Catawissa and other places dry last year, were again refused. Three distilleries in the county were refused retail licenses, it being alleged that the laws had been violated. The Northumberland county court granted nearly four hundred applications last week. A strong effort was made by the anti-liquor element to close the three hotels at Watsonstown, alleging that the licenses were unnecessary. The court granted all applications in that place.

Will Raise Hogs on Big Scale.

Organized with a capital stock of \$25,000, a number of Altoona business and professional men have formed a company which will be incorporated as the Pennsylvania Hog company, and will raise high grade porkers.

The farm belonging to the William H. Herr estate, near Reynoldsdale, has been leased, and the whole tract of 471 acres will be used in connection with the business.

Dyeing Scales.

Have you noticed the color of the paper used by most of the city daily papers of late? Instead of being white it has a yellow tinge. This is due to the scarcity of dye materials and is what we are all coming to in the near future. Colored print paper used in the average shop for bill work, etc., is getting scarcer every day and it is only a question of time when it cannot be obtained at all. The colors at present are decidedly dim and it looks as though the printer was cutting down on expenses and getting an inferior grade of paper. Such is not the case, however, as the poorly-colored stock of today costs the printer more than the gaudy colors of yesterday.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING.

New Officers Installed at First Quarterly Meeting in New Year.—Electric Light for Grange Park.

The first session of the Centre County Pomona Grange in 1916 was held at Centre Hall, in Grange Arcadia, the last Thursday in January. It was a notable session in many respects, the entire time having been given over to the installation of officers, the hearing of reports of the various projects conducted by the Order, and initiation of several members. The road conditions were such that automobiling was not agreeable, and this reduced the attendance, yet every officer except one (Mrs. D. S. Peterson, Ceres, of Pennsylvania Furnace) was present for the installation ceremony, which was the first item on the program after the session had been formally opened.

The installing officer was David K. Keller, cashier of the Penna Valley Banking Company, who has been a member of the order ever since he reached the age entitling him to admission. Hon. Leonard Rhone gave the unwritten work to the officers.

The retiring Master is Austin W. Dale, of Boalsburg, who served in the Order in many capacities prior to having reached the presiding chair. He had been an efficient officer, thoroughly in sympathy with the Grange and its movement. The new Master is Prof. C. B. Neff, of Centre Hall, a farmer. He is not so much an enthusiast in the great movement "to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before," but is rather giving attention and urging the farmers to adopt better business methods, opening of markets where the present products from the acre may be sold at a reasonable profit, and advocating legislation placing farmers on an equality with others having less claim for State and National consideration. He believes every farmer ought to be educated—have a liberal education, and in a measure is opposed to industrial education because of the growing tendency of the great corporations to induce young men and women to educate the hand only, dwarfing the mind so that the man becomes a mere machine to respond at the touch of the button by the captains of industry. He believes there are greater questions to solve than multiplication of tons and bushels on the farm.

The first business project under the management of the Order to report was that of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The quarterly report rendered by the Secretary, D. K. Keller, shows the insurance in force to be \$1,276,844, with notes aggregating \$96,026 to back up the fire losses. The auditor's report for the year 1915 indicates that the total operating expenses of the company, which includes all salaries, mileage, writing of policies, was but \$578. The losses by fire were \$6152, and the average total cost of insurance per one hundred dollars for one year, for a period of thirty-nine years, twenty-one cents. This is undoubtedly a fine record.

The Grange Encampment and Fair Association reported its gross receipts for the year to be \$2019 and expenditures two hundred dollars less. It will be recalled that in an article printed in these columns last fall it was set forth that this fair and encampment was conducted without charging admission fee, which obliges the revenue to be obtained from three sources—sutlers, exhibitors and rents from tents.

The statement rendered by Patrons Co-Operative Creamery Company was not complete, but the indications are that the enterprise did a safe business in 1915. The total volume of the second year of business was \$15,438. The creamery is located in a section surrounded with similar institutions and canvassed by others at a distance which accounts for the small business done. The thing farmers are interested in most is not the profit from the shares of stock, but to secure the market price for their product, correct weight, and measure, and this the patrons of this concern are getting.

The Patrons Rural Telephone Company did its best year of business since its organization in 1908. The gross receipts were \$590, dues and commissions. This, of course, does not include the telephone rentals, aggregating about \$8000, collected for the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

An index to the spirit of this meeting is the statement that there was turned over to the treasurer the sum of \$53.00 from initiation fees and dues.

At noon an elaborate luncheon was served on the first floor of Grange Arcadia. An hour and one-half was devoted to social intercourse, the many members from the various sections of the county coming into closer touch than during the regular sessions.

The initiatory step was taken to light the entire camp grounds with electricity.

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THE CENTRE COUNTY BANQUET.

A Number of Prominent Men Spoke on the Occasion at Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, Thursday, January 27th.

The Centre County Association banquet, which was held at the hotel Walton, Philadelphia, on Thursday evening, January 27th, proved to be one of the biggest and most enjoyable gatherings of Centre county people in Philadelphia held in many years. More than one hundred names were printed on the program, most of which were of the members of the association. The following speakers had an important place on the evening's program: Hon. John Francis, Warden of the Western Penitentiary, whose subject was, "Aims and Objects of the New Method of Teaching Criminals"; Hon. William Keller, Deputy Attorney General of Pennsylvania, "Centre County and Her Public Men"; Col. John L. Spangler, and Roland S. Morris, Esq.

That the menu measured up to the other features of the gathering is shown by reprinting from the high-class piece of printing which was issued for the occasion. Who would not have relished a layout such as this:

MENU

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| Blue Points | Olives |
| Radishes | |
| Puree Merguez Walton | |
| Planked Halibut Florentine | |
| Roast Turkey | |
| Cranberry Sauce | Small Peas |
| Pommes De Terre Rissole | Sherbert Royal |
| Salad Lettuce, French Dressing | Rainbow Ice Cream |
| Fancy Cakes | Coffee |
| Nuts | Bon Bons |

A number of songs, filled with the old home spirit, were sung at the gathering. Two of them are published herewith, and we think that we can hear the more than one hundred diners make the banquet hall ring with the beautiful sentiments expressed in this song:

OLD CENTRE

(Tune "Nellie Gray")
There's a shady little village
In old Centre County, fair,
The only place that's "Home, Sweet Home" to me;
For, no matter where I wander,
I miss the atmosphere
Of my birthplace, where I would like to be.

CHORUS

Oh, that village so fair, and the creek flowing there,
With the mountains in the background, so blue;
If I were only able I would hasten back again,
My childhood friendships to renew.
It's so quiet and so cozy,
So peaceful all the while;
The grass is growing in the shady street,
When my days are almost ended
To old Centre I'll return;
To my homeland I would fain retreat.

There, can you hear them as they take the tune of "It's a Long Way to Pipperry" and adapt the words to fit Centre county? Here it is:

IT'S A LONG WAY TO CENTRE COUNTY.

Up to mighty Centre came an Irishman one day,
As the streets are paved with gold, sure every one was gay;
Singing songs of Millheim, Howard and Phillipsburg fair,
Till Paddy got excited, then he shouted to them there:

CHORUS

It's a long way to Centre County, it's a long way to go;
It's a long way to Centre County, to the sweetest girl I know;
Good-bye, Millheim, Howard; farewell, Phillipsburg fair;
It's a long way to Centre County, but my heart's right there.

Playing on Road When Struck by Auto.

Last Thursday noon while the scholars of the Pine Hall school were playing the game of "tag" on the State road in front of the school building, little Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Corl, attempted to cross the road in front of an automobile owned and driven by W. C. Rotison of near Huntingdon. The car was going at a very slow gait when it caught the boy, dragging him some distance before the car could be stopped. The lad's hip was broken and he also sustained several ugly scalp bruises that required a number of stitches. Mr. Robison took the boy to a nearby house and called Dr. W. S. Glenn who adjusted the fracture and later the lad was taken in a car to his home, where he is getting along nicely.

Federal Building for Lock Haven.

The treasury department has approved by a federal building site at the northeast corner of Main street and Nesbit lane, Lock Haven, for \$22,000.

This action, it is believed, means that work on the erection of a federal building will be started within a short time. An appropriation of \$100,000 for the building has been passed.

The site selected is a short distance from the present postoffice building near the corner of Main street and Bellefonte avenue.

Rider-Killed.

Robert C. Rider and a girl, E. Lingle, both of Coburn, were killed in a marriage by Rev. T. W. MacLach, at the United Brethren church in Bellefonte, Tuesday of last week.

105 SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEET.

Seventy Absent from Sessions of the Centre Co. School Directors' Association Held in Bellefonte Last Week.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Centre County School Directors' Association was held in the court house in Bellefonte, Friday and Saturday. One hundred and five directors from thirty districts were present. All the speakers whose names appeared on the program were on hand and there were a number of good talks at the various sessions.

On Saturday the following officers were elected to serve for one year: H. S. McClintock, president; M. S. McDowell, first vice president; James E. Harter, second vice president; Charles F. Cook, secretary; A. C. Mingle, treasurer. Dr. Thomas I. Mairs and Dr. H. F. Bltner were elected as delegates to the State Association which meets in Harrisburg to-day (Thursday) and to-morrow.

The next meeting of the association will be held in the High school building, Bellefonte, November 14 and 15.

The names of the directors present are appended:

Bellefonte—Charles F. Cook, A. C. Mingle, Mrs. M. E. Brouse, Mrs. C. E. Gilmore.
Benner township—Wm. N. Fishburn, J. Wm. Bodie, W. W. Tibbens, C. E. Lutz.
Boggs township—John R. Burd, W. J. Brooks, L. C. Brady, James McMillen, Harry O. Miller.
Centre Hall—H. F. Bltner, H. G. Strohmeier, J. G. Dauberman, F. E. Geary, E. A. Ripka.
College township—Geo. H. Ross, W. E. Groff, Frank Kilts.
Curtin township—R. J. Mann, James Nyman.
Ferguson township—J. W. Kepner, N. C. Neidigh, Chas. T. Homan, Jacob Harpeter.
Gregg township—C. A. Weaver, J. W. Zerby, D. W. Corman.
Haines township—M. O. Stover, H. O. Fielder, A. M. Bower, W. A. Giesewitz.
Half Moon township—H. B. Waite, Wm. F. Way, J. O. Peters, Harry Fisher.
Harris township—Geo. D. Fortney, Chas. Kuhn, E. W. Hess.
Howard Boro.—E. J. Wolfe, J. H. Markie, H. C. Holter, C. H. Fischer, W. H. Hoiler.
Howard township—Jacob Koble, Roland Litch, Samuel F. Diehl, H. S. Schenck, L. M. Tobias.
Huston township—C. M. Myers, E. G. Williams, Wilson Silver, J. W. Wagner.
Liberty township—W. R. Schenck, H. O. Fietzner, J. C. Bechdel, N. J. Spangler, J. H. Clark.
Marion township—W. N. Weaver, H. A. Corman.
Miles township—H. A. Meyer, George E. Wise, H. N. Esterline, J. N. Royer.
Milesburg—O. E. Miles, P. H. Haupt, Rev. J. J. Wolf.
Patton township—Geo. R. Clark, Chas. T. Sellers, Thos. M. Huey, John Haugh.
Penn township—J. E. Harter, Percival Tharp, James Immel.
Phillipsburg—S. H. Wigton, A. W. Marks.
Pottersville—Ed. Crawford, F. P. Floray, J. J. Arney, J. E. Bubb, Wm. Bower.
Snow Shoe Boro.—J. H. Watson.
Spring township—John H. Barnhart.
State College—Thos. I. Mairs.
Taylor township—J. T. Merryman, Henry Lewis, Benj. Weaver.
Union township—Shadrach Parsons, H. M. Miles, T. G. Ingram, J. J. Warner, Ed. Flick.
Unionville—H. I. Steve, I. J. Eckenroth.
Walker township—J. C. Nolan, A. B. Beck, C. N. Lee, H. D. Vonada.
Worth township—H. F. Williams, E. T. Spotts, W. W. Schultz and A. L. McGuire.

LOCALS

Mr. J. L. Runkle of Bellefonte spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer spent a day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meyer, in Reedsville.

C. M. Arney built an addition to his dwelling house last week and will in the near future install a bathroom outfit.

Newton E. Emerick, who is employed in the manufacture of war munitions at East Pittsburgh, spent a week with his family in this place, returning on Tuesday.

The Bellefonte High school orchestra will give a concert in the Grange Hall to-night (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the graduating class of the local High school.

Henry Mitterling, Samuel Ashbrook and Victor Black, all Penn State students, spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitterling, in this place.

John F. Hagen, the boss carpenter, of Farmers Mills, informed the Reporter on a visit last Thursday that the Hagens just completed a big building proposition in State College which meant the erection of six buildings, including a large handsome fraternity house and a grand dwelling house for Mrs. Elese Foreman Glenn.

Owing to an error by the Governor in making out the commission for William F. Shelton as justice of the peace for Millheim, it was necessary to have new papers drawn appointing Mr. Shelton to the office for serving only the unexpired term of the late F. P. Mueser, which runs to January 1, 1918, instead of a full term as the first commission granted.

Ray Durst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Durst, of Earlstown, is one of the leaders in having had a wireless station fitted up at the High school in Bellefonte, where he is a student. The station is not a toy but a real working force and each evening the young men receive radio-grams from Arlington, Virginia; Brooklyn Navy Yard, and other places.

W. G. Runkle, Esq., Takes Bride.

W. G. Runkle, Esq., of Bellefonte, and Miss Mary E. Runkle, of Shamokin, were married at the bride's home, by the Rev. W. E. Fisher, D. D., on Saturday evening.

Mr. Runkle attempted to keep the contemplated step a secret but this proved futile and when the prospective groom boarded the train at Bellefonte Saturday afternoon, he was met with a deluge of confetti and given a rousing send-off.

Following the ceremony the bridal pair departed for Philadelphia on their honeymoon trip, and expect to return to Bellefonte to-day (Thursday) where they will make their future home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Runkle, of Shamokin, and is held in high esteem by her many friends in that city. The groom is a Penna Valley product, having been born and reared at Tusseyville. A few years ago he served two terms as District Attorney of Centre county, and after his term of office expired he resumed the practice of law and now is one of the leading attorneys at the Centre county bar.

The Reporter extends congratulations.

Youth Throws from Horse: Killed.

William Rankin Furey, oldest son of William M. Furey of Pittsburgh, and grandson of Mrs. W. Morris Furey, of Bellefonte, when out riding on Thursday evening at Marline Military School, New York, was thrown from his horse. The animal kicked him in the face, crushing the nose and cheek bone besides injuring the eye and brain. Three specialists operated upon him in the hospital of Good Shepherd, Syracuse, hoping to save his life but death came to relieve him of his suffering Monday morning. He was a bright intelligent boy, seventeen years of age. His parents left Syracuse with his body for burial at their home in Pittsburgh.

Mr. W. Morris Furey and daughter, Margaret, of Bellefonte, will attend the funeral.

Mr. J. G. King, of this place, is an aunt of the deceased.

Results of M. E. Revival.

The revival held in the First M. E. church of Nescopeck, of which Rev. G. W. McClain is pastor, closed last Sunday evening. There were twenty-four conversions and twenty-one accessions to the membership. During the year the membership of this church has been increased, including those herein mentioned, by forty-five. All of the interests of this church are being well cared for, and a prosperous future is before it.

The town of Nescopeck is in an united effort against an application for liquor license with the M. E. church leading. Nescopeck is "dry," and must remain so, says Brother McClain.

Will Give "Dutch Supper."

A "Dutch Supper" will be given by the members of the Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., in this place, in Grange Arcadia, Saturday evening, February 19th. All the famous Dutch dishes, including sauer kraut, gingerbread, pumpkin pie, and baked beans, as well as ice cream and cake, will be served. The small sum of twenty-five cents is asked for this choice menu.

Mule Sale at Centre Hall.

On Saturday February 12th, at 12:30 o'clock, Joe Kindig will sell a carload of mules at the Centre Hall hotel stables. These animals are an extra good lot, are coming two years old and are big enough and ready to go to work. Also, a few pairs of good broke mules. This will be a great opportunity for the farmers.

L. F. Mayes and E. E. Hubler will auction off the animals.

Five male deer have been ordered shipped to W. C. Kerstetter, state game protector, near Coburn, from the state of Michigan, to be placed in the Coburn game preserve. Mr. Kerstetter received notice to this effect from Joseph Kalbus, secretary of the state game commission, a short time ago. The new blood that will consequently be introduced will have a tendency to produce larger and more healthy deer for roaming over the rugged points of the Seven Mountains.

The State treasury has run so low on funds that it is very likely that no payments other than salaries will be made for some time. The working capital should never fall below the \$3,000,000 mark, but for the first time for many years has gone far below this figure, with but \$1,000,000 in the treasury. There are a number of school appropriations yet to be paid, but until some source of revenue opens up these payments must be deferred.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

E. E. Ripka is converting a part of his stable into an auto garage.

Miss Mary Foreman of State College spent Saturday with relatives and friends in this place.

Miss Emma Smith of Bellefonte is spending a few days with her brothers and sister in this place.

Prof. P. H. Meyer delivered a York piano to the home of George Menseh in Millheim, last Thursday.

John D. Meyer of Altoona spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, in this place.

W. O. Resnick took possession of the coal yards and grain warehouse, formerly owned by W. M. Bailey, at Milroy, on Tuesday.

B. F. Bickert, of near Spring Mills, was a caller on Monday and advertised sale of farm stock and implements for Saturday, March 18th.

The school directors meeting in Bellefonte, Friday and Saturday, was attended by Messrs. J. G. Dauberman, H. G. Strohmeier, Dr. H. F. Bltner, E. E. Ripka and F. P. Gear, the local board.

Fifteen months of steady employment is guaranteed the employees of the Altoona car shops through the receipt of an order for 1,350 freight cars which was received by the Altoona officials last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer and family were guests over Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Burris, at Yegertown, making the trip in their Buick car. The roads over the mountains were found to be in bad condition.

Rev. John A. Bright of Typek, Kansas, an evangelist of note, is at the home of his brother, Cyrus Bright, at Aaronsburg, it being his first visit to his old home in eight years. On Sunday he preached a most edifying sermon to a large audience in the Lutheran church at Aaronsburg.

Maynard Meeker, farmer on the Dr. A. G. Lieb farm, east of town, was a caller on Monday and placed the printing of his sale bills at this office. This sale will be a clear-up one and Mr. Meeker has a lot of first class farm articles. Following his sale, on March 10th, Mr. Meeker will get ready to take possession of the Old Fort Hotel.

To be affected by heat in January seems almost paradoxical, and while humanity did not suffer aerially a number of horses that were driven at the usual gait came so near to the point of collapse last Thursday that it occasioned no little concern to the driver. The thermometer rose to sixty-eight degrees with high humidity prevailing.

12, 14, 22, and 29 are the important days in the present month. The first is Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the second St. Valentine's Day, the third date the Father of His Country's birthday, and the last date is more or less important from the fact that it is given you only once in four years. There is another date, while not printed in red ink on the calendar, yet comes in for a little consideration because of the fame the Ground Hog has given it.

March and Pennington, the two convicted murderers who for the past few months have come in for an undue amount of space in the press because of their back and forth movement from the shadow of the electric chair to the sunlight, have a remote chance of escaping the law's extreme punishment after all. The governor has again granted them a respite, this time until February 21st, and in the meantime the pies of insanity will be worked hard by the murderers' lawyers to save their hides.

The Reporter acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the annual mid-winter number of the Los Angeles Times, from D. B. Kline of that place. The edition consists of 190 pages and is the most elaborate and handsomely printed newspaper that has ever come to our desk. Five of the seven parts are in magazine form, multi-colored, and contain a wealth of information on the advantages and resources of that great state. It is this style of advertising that has done so much in building up the population of that section of country.

The following was taken from the Freeport (Illinois) Bulletin, last week: W. L. Royer of Taylor, North Dakota, formerly of this county, is in the city on his return from a trip to his old home in Centre county, Pa. Mr. Royer brought with him a well preserved 1914 apple which was presented to him by Mrs. W. B. Bower, a neighbor. Not knowing any other name for the kind of apple, Mr. Bower has called it the Woodrow Wilson apple, which would no doubt please her husband who is one of the numerous Democrats in Penna Valley.