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HON. H. C. QUIGLEY ON BENCH.

New Judge Presides for First Time at February Sessions of Court.—Phillipsburg Wife Describer is Punished.

February sessions of court convened on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with the new Judge, Honorable Henry C. Quigley, on the bench and the other officers at their proper places. The major portion of the forenoon session was taken up in hearing motions and petitions as presented by the several members of the bar.

The grand jury was called and Albert Schenck, farmer of Liberty township, selected as foreman. After the jury was duly charged by the court it retired to the grand jury room to pass upon the several bills of indictment that will be laid before them by the District Attorney.

The constables of the several townships and boroughs of the county made their quadrennial reports to the Court.

There was but one civil case upon the list for trial during the present week: Clair G. Heverley vs. Reuben Gleesner, being an appeal, case continued, it being special to the Court.

The trial list for next week's Court was then gone over, and among the cases disposed of were the following:

John Corman vs. Overseer of the Poor of the poor district of Howard township, being an action in assumption; continued on account of the illness of a material witness.

Commonwealth vs. Maynard Thomas Cameron, prosecutrix Mary Etta Cameron, charged with desertion and non-support of wife and children. This case is from the neighborhood of Phillipsburg, and the defendant waived the finding of the grand jury, and plead guilty. Sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and to pay to the prosecutrix monthly \$15.00 for the support of herself and children.

Commonwealth vs. George Murray, prosecutor, Sherman McDonald; charge assault and battery. This case was nolle prossed on motion of the District Attorney, and the county to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Harry L. Quick, indicted for assault and battery. Prosecutrix, May Eckley. This case grows out of altercation between the defendant and David Shilling, in the borough of Bellefonte, on the 31st day of December, 1915, at the home of Mr. Shilling's sister. The commonwealth alleged that the assault on Mr. Shilling was unwarranted and that Mr. Shilling was knocked unconscious by

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Political Calendar for 1916.

Spring Primary election, Tuesday, May 16.

General election, Tuesday, November 7.

First day for securing signatures on petitions for nomination, Saturday, February 18.

Last day for filing petitions with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for nominations for the primary, Tuesday, April 18.

Last day for filing nomination paper by independent bodies of citizens, for any office, Tuesday, October 3.

Last day to be assessed for the November election, Wednesday, September 6.

Last day to be registered, for voters who were not registered for the November election of 1915, in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, for the spring primary, Wednesday, April 12.

Last day to be registered for the spring primary in all other cities, Wednesday, April 26.

First day to be registered for the November election in any city, Thursday, September 7.

Second day, Tuesday, September 19.

Third day, Saturday, October 7.

Last day to pay tax to qualify for the November election, Saturday, October 7.

Last day when candidates may withdraw, before the primary, Friday, April 21, up to 4 p. m.

Last day for filing statement of expenses for the primary, Wednesday, May 31.

Last day for filing statement of expenses for the November election, Thursday, December 7.

Turnpike Company accepts Proposition.

The stockholders of the Centre and Kish-cuquillas Turnpike company last week notified Highway Commissioner B. J. Cunningham that they would accept the offer of \$17,615 for the 7.9 miles of turnpike between Bellefonte and Centre Hall. When this pike is taken over by the State it will leave but one toll gate in Centre county, and that in the Narrows on the road from Millheim to Rebersburg.

It Was a Girl.

The Reporter erred in making mention of a new arrival at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Foster, at State College, a few weeks ago, when we said a son was born. Instead it was a young girl.

MID-YEAR S. S. CONFERENCE.

Met in Bellefonte, Friday.—This District, the Largest in the County, is Without a "Front Line" Sunday-school.—Hope to Have Six by October.

A mid-year Sunday-school conference was held in the Presbyterian chapel, Bellefonte, on Friday morning and afternoon. Devotional services were conducted at the opening of the morning session by Rev. R. R. Jones, and at the opening of the afternoon session by Rev. C. C. Stuey. There were about thirty persons present at the morning session, and about sixty at the afternoon session. Out of fourteen county officers, all except two were present. Out of the twelve districts, six were represented by district chairmen. This, the eleventh district, was not represented by a district officer, but three Sunday-school workers, residing in the district, were present.

President I. L. Harvey presided at both sessions. Reports were made by the several county officers present, the most interesting one being the one given by the Superintendent of Teachers Training Department, A. C. Thompson. The reports of all departments showed lack of efficient organization in most districts. County officers, without exception, complained that they could get but few answers from district officers.

W. G. Landes, General Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, was present, and took active part in both sessions. He especially called attention to the necessity for Centre county to make an effort to get into the "Advanced Column" of counties in Sunday-school work. There are at present twenty-two counties in this column, but Centre county is not among them. Mr. Landes, after hearing reports from the various districts, believed Centre county could reach the "Advanced Standard" by the time the State Convention meets in York, in October.

The place in which Centre county is especially weak is in the number of "Front Line" Sunday-schools, there being but five in the whole county. The line of work marked out at this conference is, the pushing of as many Sunday-schools as possible into the front line in each district, the minimum to be 25 per cent. of the schools in the district.

The eleventh district, comprising the borough of Centre Hall, Potter and Gregg townships, is the largest district in the county, having twenty-four schools. There is not one "front line" Sunday-school in this district. We should make an effort to have at least six before October.

But some one will say, "Of what advantage is it to be a 'Front Line' Sunday-school?" It is of the same advantage that it is for a farmer to have up-to-date machinery on his farm, that is, in order to do more work, or better work.

The realization of this ideal in our Sunday-schools will depend largely on the superintendent. Is he interested in the Sunday-school? Does he know what the requirements are, in order to be a "Front Line" Sunday-school? Is he willing to make the effort?

As a resident of the eleventh district, and one interested in the Sunday-schools of the district, I hope that the superintendents of our Sunday-schools, as well as delegates, will all be present at our next district meeting, in order to devise plans for carrying out the suggestions of the recent conference.

REV. R. R. JONES.

The Yoder Horse Sale.

Yoder Brothers sale of western horses on the diamond in Centre Hall, Monday afternoon, was poorly attended owing to the inconvenience of travel occasioned by closed roads as a result of the snow storm of the day previous. Consequently few bidders were on hand and horses sold at rather low figures. Auctioneers Mayes and Huber labored hard in drawing bids from prospective purchasers and only on a few animals was the bidding spirited. Not that Mr. Yoder's horses were below par, for true to his promise, he had delivered a carload of stock that was second to none sold here at previous times. A. M. Rishel paid the highest figures of the sale—\$471 for a team; Samuel Durst of Earllytown purchased a fine team of horses at \$460. The highest figure on a single animal was \$231 and the lowest \$162.

Out of the lot of thirty-two head only nineteen were sold.

The purchasers and prices paid are given:

Levi Yoder, 1 team.....	\$202.50
G. S. Smith, 1 horse.....	171.00
A. E. Lambert, 1 team.....	402.00
M. E. Conner, 1 horse.....	292.50
Adam Bush, 1 horse.....	177.00
J. A. Witmer, 1 horse.....	199.00
Harry Griffith, 1 horse.....	169.00
Samuel Durst, 1 team.....	460.00
A. M. Rishel, 1 team.....	471.00
Al Koen, 1 horse.....	162.00
John Strickler, 1 horse.....	231.00
J. A. Witmer, 1 horse.....	225.00
Thomas Jodon, 1 team.....	373.00
Boaz Gingrich, 1 horse.....	186.00

Total for 19 horses.....\$3425.50
Average price per head..... 180.29

HOME TALENT SCORES A HIT.

Full House Greets "Uncle Ephraim's Summer Boarders." W. C. T. U. Treasury Enriched by More Than Sixty Dollars.

The home talent play, "Uncle Ephraim's Summer Boarders," given by the local W. C. T. U. and its subsidiary branches, in Grange hall, Thursday evening, proved a delightful event. Financially, too, it was a great success, the exchequer of the organization being enriched to the extent of almost seventy dollars. The weather conditions that evening were such that small hopes were entertained for a good house, it being supposed that the rain and icy condition of the sidewalks would deter many from coming. Home talent plays, however, appeal in a way that is foreign to outside theatricals, and seldom fail to draw a full house. So it was Thursday night. Long before the hour set for the rise of the curtain every available seat was occupied and many were obliged to stand throughout the performance.

The cast comprised twenty-seven actors and was very well selected. From Uncle Ephraim, the part taken by T. L. Moore, down the line to Sam Johnson, the dinky fun maker, the part taken by Roy Puff, it was apparent that parts were selected with a view to appropriateness. As is the case of every production of the stage there are one, two or three whose performances rank above that of the others, due in part to the position each holds in the play. In Thursday evening's performance there were several exceptionally good parts but so that it will not appear as detracting from the performance of the others no special mention of these will be made.

The scene was an old homestead which threatened to fall into the hands of 'Squire Briggs, a hard hearted old gentleman, because of Uncle Ephraim's failure to meet his obligations on the mortgage which the former held. The farmer's "extravagant" daughters had depleted the good farmer's purse and when the austere 'Squire demanded payment on the old farm, the noble daughters at once decided on a plan to raise the necessary funds. Taking city boarders looked like real money to the family and an advertisement in a city paper brought big results. The unloading of fifteen to twenty of the upper class of society at the old farm was attended with much amusement, the ubiquitous dinky, who never failed to be on hand for all occasions, furnishing the laughs. The unusual experiences of the "greenies" made farm life anything but a quiet, humdrum affair which the "high bred" had pictured it. Of course, there was a love affair sticking around somewhere and it worked out just fine when 'Squire's son fell in love with Uncle Ephraim's daughter Mollie, subsequently resulting in an engagement which the old 'Squire was bound to recognize as a good match. As a result he made the old farm a present to the prospective bride. A lawn party was pictured in the last act in which many things transpired, among which was the announcement of other engagements among the city folks who met for the first time on the old farm.

The performance of two children—Miriam Moore and Byers Ripka—in song and speech, is entitled to special praise. Several solos, by Mrs. S. S. Kreamer, Mrs. T. L. Moore, W. W. Kerlin and Dwight Foss, were highly enjoyed. Misses Beese Breon and Rebecca Kreamer furnished excellent duets on the piano.

The cast of characters in "Uncle Ephraim's Summer Boarders" is given herewith:

Ephraim Higgins.....T. L. Moore
Mrs. Higgins.....Mrs. S. W. Smith
Mollie, Annie, Susie, Betty, their daughters.
Freda Batley, Mary Whitman, Elizabeth
Squire Briggs.....D. Ross Bushman
Mrs. Briggs.....Savilla Bearick
Mrs. Placette.....Mrs. T. L. Moore
Mr. Placette, alderman of the town ward
Tom and Katie Placette.....J. H. Puff
Zion and Hazel Ripka
Zioner Saunders.....Roy Puff
Percy Augustus Walther.....James
Harold Bangs, their son.....Byers Ripka
Madam Bangs, an actress.....Mrs. S. S. Kreamer
Dorothy Bangs, her daughter.....Miriam Moore
Drucina Ketchum.....Mrs. D. W. Bradford
Mrs. Robert Lindsey VonCleave.....Martha Bond
Luelle and Marguerite VonCleave.....Mrs. G.
Polly Placette.....Mrs. W. F. Keller
Silas Stubbs.....Dwight Foss

Commissioners Decide on Pierce.

Deemer Pierce, of State College, was the fortunate candidate to land the job of sealer of weights and measures for Centre county, late Wednesday afternoon of last week. It took one hundred and forty-two ballots for the Commissioners to reach an agreement, after having been in session three different days. Of the nearly ninety candidates for the job those who were being supported most consistently were Deemer Pierce, J. M. Cunningham, J. Frank Smith, and Edward Markle. The position carries with it a salary of \$1000 per year and expenses to which there is no limit. It's a life job providing efficient service is given.

BOUNTY SWINDLES HAVE STOPPED.

New System of Payment on Noxious Animals Proves More Economical and Prevents Frauds.—Far Superior to Old System.

Since the State has adopted its new policy of paying bounties on noxious animals only when the pelts are sent to a certain receiving station at Harrisburg, swindles upon the State have stopped.

Up to April 15, 1915, bounties in Pennsylvania were paid by County Commissioners, and for a few years it has been most evident that the Commissioners were being imposed upon outrageously. Pelts of rats and cats were handed in and given bounties, being passed off as skins of weasels or minks or wildcats.

Under Pennsylvania's old plan the skin of a fox might be presented in one county and receive a bounty; later it would be shown to the Commissioners of another county and receive a second bounty. In fact, the scheme could be worked in all 67 counties of the State. In the end the pelt would probably be sold to some furrier, who might himself get a bounty before he dressed and sold it. There was no end to the possible graft under the old system. Now all is changed.

Today the man killing a fox or weasel or mink goes before a Magistrate and makes affidavit to the date, place and details of the killing. These officials are kept supplied with blank affidavits by the State, and this affidavit, duly sworn to, is sent to the State Game headquarters in Harrisburg, along with the pelt.

The skin is carefully examined, and if it be the pelt of an animal coming under the bounty laws, the face is split from a point between the eyes down through the end of the nose. The wisdom of this device is obvious. It prevents fraud. The same skin can never again be presented here for a bounty by the same man or another, for no animals with split faces will receive bounties. Only a few have tried to get ahead of the Game Commissioner by sending the same pelts in a second time.

Fifty per cent. of the resident hunters' license money is set aside by the State for bounties, and the past ten months' work shows that this sum, which is approximately \$135,000, will be about double the amount needed, since all opportunity for graft has been eliminated. The balance of the license money is used to pay game wardens and to provide needed game protection.

The number of animals sent in is really prodigious. During January, 1916, bounties were paid on 221 wildcats; on 1030 grey foxes; on 1299 red foxes; on 841 minks, and on 5598 weasels. The amount of money paid out on these was \$12,411. Large as this sum seems, it is small compared with the outlay under the old system, when the County Commissioners paid the bounties.

From the Millheim Journal.

At the sale of the real estate of John Stoner, deceased, last Friday, the property on North street was sold to Daniel Auman for \$145.

Stover Hess of Tripp, S. D., who has been visiting friends and relatives in this section for several months, left for his western home last Thursday. He was accompanied by Jay Winegardner, who has found employment there on a large farm at fancy wages.

The F. P. Mueser property on East Main street was sold last week to Mrs. R. Emma Hess, of Aaronsburg, who will occupy it in the spring. W. L. Campbell, the station agent at Coburn, had recently bought the home and had intended to move there, but he had a chance to buy the home at Coburn in which he now lives and he concluded to buy that and forfeit the money he had paid on the Millheim property.

The Philadelphia Record.

There never was a time in this country's history when a broad outlook upon the progress of events of national and international importance was so essential to everybody who wants to keep posted as the present. The European war is not only remaking the maps of at least three continents, but its influence is shaping political, commercial and economic conditions in the United States. It is not the function of the best of local newspapers to trace in detail the progress of these changes. That is the task of the big city daily, with its unlimited facilities for newsgathering in every corner of the world—and there is no newspaper better fitted for it than "The Philadelphia Record."

Past Grand Master of Masons Dead.

George W. Kendrick, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania, was stricken with heart failure Sunday morning, dying in the arms of his son at his home in Philadelphia. He was seventy-four years of age.

DEATHS.

Clarence Lingle, a son of Mrs. Henry Lingle, of Georges Valley, died at his home on Thursday evening of diabetes, aged nineteen years. The young man had been in ill health for the past year but had worked on the farm up to the very last. His condition took a sudden turn for the worse the day before his death. Funeral services were held Sunday morning in the Cross Lutheran church, in Georges Valley, and burial made in the cemetery connected therewith, Rev. J. M. Price of the United Evangelical church officiating. Surviving the deceased are his mother, three brothers and two sisters; namely, Calvin, Albert and Edward, Mrs. Jared Ripka and Miss Mary Lingle, all of Georges Valley. Also a half brother, John Holt, of Rebersburg. His father died only a short time ago.

Mrs. Barbara Gross, mother of Mrs. William Brooks, of near Centre Hall, died at her home in Bellefonte, Thursday a week ago, aged eighty-four years.

The Governor is for C. L. Gramley.

C. L. Gramley, who was unseated at Harrisburg, a few years ago by the Penrose forces, in favor of Harry E. Scott, has been promised the support of Governor Brumbaugh in seeking the nomination for the Legislature from Centre county. The Governor has sent word to Centre county that he expects to take an active part in the primary campaign this spring and see to it that a man favorable to his local option policy is nominated. Believing that Brother Gramley is the man for the job he has stated emphatically that he will work personally in Mr. Gramley's interests.

The Weather in February.

February closed its books with a record up to the real February standard. Twenty inches of snow fell during the twenty-one days and the only "below zero" weather this winter is credited to the month of February. On the 14th and 15th mercury dropped to 7 and 2 degrees below, respectively.

On the last Saturday in the month old Boreas took a hand in the weather making and blew a gale of almost two days duration, piling the few inches of loose snow into fence-high drifts so that travel over country cross roads was an impossibility for a time.

A Big Yellow Pine in Sugar Valley.

A few of the many original yellow pine trees still remain standing in the back forest of Sugar Valley. W. A. Rulme felled one of them last week on T. R. Harter's lumber job, the trunk of which measured 70 feet and produced six medium sized saw logs, out of which Mr. Mark sawed 1600 feet fine bridge timber.

Will Ask for Re-Hearing.

Clarence Long, proprietor of the Rebersburg hotel, has filed a petition for a re-hearing of his license case, before Judge Quigley. The Rebersburg hotel was one of a number of licensed houses that were refused by Judge Orvis previous to his retirement from office.

Death of a Child.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver K. Shuey, of near Zion, are mourning the death of their nine-day-old son, Murray Shuey, who died of pneumonia, Tuesday of last week. Burial was made at Centre Hall Thursday following, Rev. Schultz of Snyderstown officiating. F. V. Goodhart had charge of the funeral.

Let Nobody Be Deceived.

From Altoona Tribune (Republican.)

Colonel Roosevelt will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for president next June, unless he is convinced that he has no chance. If the convention names Justice Hughes the colonel will probably be bound by his declarations favorable to such nomination. If it fails to do that it will be confronted by the necessity of nominating Roosevelt or facing another revolt, with the Colonel as the Progressive candidate. We regret to perceive that many of the leaders of the Republican party seem disposed to favor his selection. Should he be nominated and elected for a third term the country will never be able to rid itself of him until death comes in and makes an end of his activity. Far better another defeat than such a victory.

They Like It.

From the "Froth," a paper published by the Penn State students, we glean this classic:

Tobacco is a dirty weed,
I like it;
It satisfies no normal need,
I like it;
It makes you thin, it makes you lean,
It takes the hair right off your head;
It's the worst damn stuff I've ever seen,
I like it.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Rev. Samuel Moody of Martinsburg was a pleasant visitor at the Mrs. Mary Bearick home, on Friday.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Bellefonte spent a few days with her sons, W. J. and T. L. Smith, and daughter, Mrs. C. W. Pennington, in this place.

C. K. Stitzer, the enterprising merchant at Pleasant Gap, motored across the mountain on Monday afternoon and attended to some business at this office.

Mr. Jacob Shater entertained a number of women at her home, east of town, at a quilting party, Wednesday. An excellent dinner was served at the noon hour.

Charles A. Eungard of Farmers Mills, called at this office on Friday and enrolled as a subscriber to the Reporter. Mr. Eungard was engaged in the threshing business for some years but recently sold out because of the ill health it occasioned him.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church, comprising about eighteen members, spent a day last week at the home of Lanson Burris, on the Mrs. Bairfoot farm, west of town, where they busied themselves with the needle.

S. S. Horner, son of George Horner, of Pleasant Gap, left for Ridott, Illinois, on Monday, to begin his fourth year on a large farm in that place, after spending two months at the parental home. His brother, Floyd Horner, decided not to return to Illinois but remain at home this year.

H. Lee Brooks, tenant on the W. H. Stuart farm, east of Boalsburg, will have a clean-up sale on the premises, Tuesday, March 21st. Mr. Brooks was in town last Thursday and arranged for the printing of the posters at this office. He will move to Boalsburg following the sale and drive a cream route.

T. F. Royer, of Sprucetown, was a business caller on Monday and arranged for the printing of his sale posters. Mr. Royer has decided to move off the farm because of Mrs. Royer's indisposition, and will make sale on Friday, March 24th. John Royer, of Colyer, will occupy the farm after April 1st.

Hilda, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Frank Mayer, Lemont, recently met with an accident while coasting with several of her school mates near the school building that resulted in a fracture of the left leg, below the knee. The little Miss was guiding a sledge flyer when it was turned from its course, striking a bank. She is improving from the mishap.

The \$460 team of horses which Samuel Durst purchased at the Yoder horse sale, Monday, will go toward stocking the second Durst farm, at Earllytown. Herbert Grove, the present tenant on the place, will leave in the spring to be followed by William Stover, of Centre Hall. The Dursts will stock the farm and give their personal supervision to the farming operations.

For the second time within a month the Genzel building, at State College, was on fire Thursday afternoon. Carpenters were working in the building repairing the damages caused by the first fire when they discovered smoke coming through the floor. An alarm was given, but with a few buckets of water the fire was extinguished. It was found that there was a hole in the floor just below the opening for the pipe from the furnace and this is supposed to have been the cause of Thursday's fire.

The announcement of the stockholders of the turnpike from Centre Hall to Bellefonte having agreed to sell at the State's figure, is indeed a good piece of news to Penns Valley folks—both motorists and others—for it will mean more travel for pleasure and business than ever before. The parting of the big end of a fifty-cent piece for toll for every trip across the mountain did not have a tendency to create more trips than were considered necessary, but with a free road travel across Nittany Mountain will be greatly augmented.

Bellefonte is already talking and planning for the Odd Fellows Anniversary celebration which will be held at that place Wednesday, April 26th. It will be the ninety-seventh anniversary of the founding of the Order in America. The Bellefonte council has already been asked to arrange for proper police protection for that day and also to have streets clear of vehicles during the march. Centre Hall lodge is making arrangements to be present in strong numbers and to make a most creditable showing in their new white uniforms. The home of the Moose lodge in Bellefonte will be the headquarters of the local Order.