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STATE DEMOCRATS TO MEET SEPT. 14

Roland S. Morris to Address Candidates at Notification Meeting—County chairman to Meet During Session.

Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, former state chairman, has been selected to deliver the speech at the notification meeting of the Democratic state candidates in Harrisburg on September 14. The candidates will be present and most of them will make short addresses. A. Mitchell Palmer, Democratic national committeeman from Pennsylvania, and other prominent Democrats, will attend the meeting.

For the first time in the history of any political party in Pennsylvania, a meeting of all the county chairmen has been called. The call has just been issued by Acting State Chairman Joseph F. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, from state headquarters. The meeting will be held during the morning of the notification meeting at the Harrisburg Board of Trade Building, starting at 11 o'clock.

The state committee has also been called together for the same day and will meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the time when the notification meeting is held.

The Democratic party has already adopted a state platform, but so far the Pennsylvania Republicans have no platform. Chairman Crow, of the Republican state committee, was authorized to name a committee on platform, but up to the present time the committee has not been named.

According to reports being received by Warren Van Dyke, secretary of the Democratic state committee, at headquarters, the sentiment for President Wilson throughout the state is gaining rapidly. Newspapers that have never supported a Democratic presidential candidate are now openly for President Wilson.

The Altoona Mirror, an independent Republican paper, is now endorsing the candidacy of the President. The Reading Herald, which is published in a Democratic community, but which has never before supported a Democratic presidential candidate, is for Wilson. In a recent issue it said in big top lines:

"Now that Mr. Wilson has accepted the nomination, let us proceed to elect him. He is serving us well. With four years more he may serve us better."

LOU.S.

Who just now, wouldn't want to be sixteen, and sweet, too.

Mr. Edward Royer, of York, is visiting friends hereabouts.

Wm. Bower, whose chief crop from the soil is potatoes, informs the Reporter that the tubers are not of greatest nor numerous in the hill.

Dr. C. F. Smith, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was in town for a short time Saturday, having spent the week among friends in Centre county.

Grasshoppers by the hundreds of thousands are on every farm. Much of the young clover has been trimmed off its leaves, and tender grasses are also being devoured.

Dr. G. Van Vitzbush died at Springfield, Oregon. He was a son of the late Dr. S. L. Van Vitzbush, of Lewisburg, where interment was made. His age was fifty-three years.

Many of the public schools throughout the state will open on Friday, organizing classes, assigning lessons, etc., so that on Monday following work in real earnest among the students may commence.

Dr. S. W. Fletcher, director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, has been appointed professor of horticulture at The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture and Experiment Station, the appointment to take effect September first.

F. V. Goodhart, the local undertaker, assisted undertaker Campbell, of Millheim, at the funeral of Mrs. D. J. Nieman, his part being the transporting of the body from Millheim to Lock Haven, where interment was made. The Goodhart automobile hearse was used.

Miss Sara Neff, eldest daughter of Prof. and Mrs. C. R. Neff, and a graduate of Penn State, 1916, left for Pittsfield, Maine, last Thursday, where she has accepted a position in the Maine Central Institute, department of home economics. Miss Neff graduated in this department at "State."

A. S. Fleck and family came to Centre Hall anticipating the pleasures of a two weeks' vacation, but on being comfortably quartered on Grange Park, he received word that his vacation period had been cut in two. Not caring to lose a position with the DuPont people, worth almost \$200 a month, Mr. Fleck thought it best to sacrifice the pleasure, and beginning of this week returned to Niagara Falls, N. Y. Mr. Fleck is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brooks, whose guest he and his family were while here.

STILL AT MT. GRETNNA.

Boat Troop's start for Border Is Delayed.—U.S. Army Officer Training Men.

By PRIVATE WILLIAM BAILEY.

Mt. Gretna, Pa., Sept. 8, 1916

Instead of dating this letter enroute to the Mexican border, I am required to head it "Mt. Gretna," for our going has been postponed owing to the fact that we still lack all the necessary equipment.

The United States paymaster was in our midst this week, but as the majority of the boys are under 21 years of age, it will be necessary to procure the signatures of parents before pay can be lifted. Consequently First Sergeant Foster is at present on that errand in Centre county.

We have been informed that we are to get our drilling from a United States officer. Lieutenant Boal is again doing a good turn by paying for the services of this officer out of his own purse. This goes to show that Lieut. Boal is leaving nothing undone to have his boys measure up to the very best drilled men in the country.

This (Friday) afternoon a gale swept over our camp and came near tearing our big stable tent from its fastenings. We all worked hard to keep it to the ground and finally succeeded. At present we are having a big rain and some of the boys are out testing their "slickers."

Yesterday I, with others, was granted a leave of absence to go to Lebanon fair. So far as agricultural exhibits are concerned the Grange Encampment and Fair at Centre Hall far outclasses this fair. There was a big exhibit of farm machinery, as well as all the different makes of automobiles.

As the call for two hours drill is now reaching my ears from the bugler's trumpet, I will close.

With best regards to all back home.

WILLIAM BAILEY.

Bar "Alcoholic Breaths."

Under a new state code all employees with "alcoholic breaths" are banned and it is proposed that there shall be an official "breath smeller" at the gates of all power factories, acid works and chemical establishments to detect whether an employee is coming to work under the influence of liquor.

The present salary received by the mail carriers on rural routes is sufficiently attractive to cause large numbers to appear at civil service examinations to fill vacancies, consequently a large class is looked for at the examination to be held at Lewisburg or a carrier to serve on route two from Millmont. The vacancy was caused by the accidental death some weeks ago of J. Russell Dayman.

There are many complaints about the dirty condition of paper money, but many of us are exposed to it so little that we are not worrying about the microbes.

DROWNS IN PENN'S CREEK.

State College Young Man Fell into Five Feet of Water and Lost Life.

Scarcey more than five feet of water, at a point on Penn's Creek, near Farmers Mills, proved too much to overcome by Willard Norris and resulted in drowning one night beginning of last week. The young man, whose age was about twenty-one years, was one of a party of four from State College who went to Penn's Creek in an automobile on a fishing expedition, expecting to spend the greater part of the night in the sport. His companions were John Spangler, formerly of Potter township, Jesse Gearon and C. B. Struble. On reaching the creek the car was located and fishing commenced. Near the farm residence of George K. Long there is a "swimming hole," well known to the boys of that community, which at the time of the accident contained about five feet of water. Into this pool the young man, who had previously told his fellow fisherman that he could swim, plunged or fell. Mr. Spangler was near by, and noticing that the man made no effort to swim gave the alarm and rendered what assistance he could, but not being able to swim himself he was little he could do. To add to the difficulty of rescuing, the lautern Spangler carried burned out. It was then the assistance of George K. Long was sought. He hurried to the scene, swam into the pool and brought out the limp body.

Although the man had lain in the pool for a half hour or more, efforts were made to resuscitate him, but with no results.

On being convinced that every spark of life had fled, the body was wrapped into blankets and was carried by automobile to his home at State College.

Mr. Norris was the son of Mrs. Jennie Norris, who survived, as do also a wife and child.

The funeral was held on Friday,

interment at Meyer's cemetery.

REISH-HOMAN.

Local Young Couple Made Man and Wife at Pretty Home Wedding, Saturday Noon.

By PRIVATE WILLIAM BAILEY.

Mt. Gretna, Pa., Sept. 8, 1916

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Homan, on the Brush Valley road, immediately east of the borough, at high noon, Saturday, when their daughter, Miss Lula Winifred, became the wife of William Heckman Reish, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Reish, of Potters Mills.

The home was beautifully decorated with ferns and hydrangeas. The bride was dressed in a pretty white silk taffeta dress and carried a bouquet of white lily flowers. The groom wore blue. Miss Esther Parsons, of Lewistown, was bridesmaid while Warren Homan was best man.

Rev. J. E. Reish, of Loganton, a cousin of the bride, tied the nuptial knot, using the beautiful ring ceremony of the Lutheran church. Besides the parents and families of the bride and groom only a few out of town relatives witnessed the ceremony, namely, Miss Millie Meek, of Junita; Mr. and Mrs. Chester E. Homan, of State College; and Miss Ruth Parsons, of Lewistown.

A wedding breakfast was served and at 2:30 o'clock the young couple were taken to Lock Haven by auto by J. C. McClellan of Potters Mills, and there took the train for a short honeymoon.

The groom has rooms furnished at State College where the newlyweds will live while Mr. Reish continues his schooling at Pennsylvania State College. He begins his sophomore year in that institution next week, in the school of civil engineering. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homan and a young lady of home-making qualities.

Both have a host of friends who wish them an abundance of joy and happiness on life's journey.

P. O. S. of A. Camp Organized Here.

Thursday evening of last week thirty-one names were placed on an application for a charter for a Patriotic Order Sons of America camp in Centre Hall, at a meeting held in Grange Arcadia. J. W. Yeisley, of Millmont, a State organizer, called a meeting for the purpose of organizing a camp and following the signing up of a larger percentage of those present, proceeded to organize. The following will serve as the first officers of the new order:

Past President, E. S. Ripka; President, T. L. Smith; Vice President, C. D. Bartholomew; Secretary, D. Ross Bushman; Ass't Secretary, E. E. Bailey; Financial Secretary, E. W. Crawford;

Treasurer, D. W. Bradford; Master of Forms, R. D. Foreman; Conductor, Harry E. Weaver; Chaplain, C. T. Urst; Inspector, E. M. Brown; Guard, Samuel Gross; Right Sentinel, Alfred Crawford; Left Sentinel, William Garis; Trustees—M. M. Keller, Robert Glasgow, G. W. Harter.

Thursday evening, September 21st, was set as the time for instituting the order. The charter will remain open for a period of six weeks, during which time all who desire may enroll as charter members.

CENTRE MILLS

(Received too late for last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Breon visited friends in Penns Valley on Sunday.

William Vonada and two daughters visited friends at Fidler on Sunday.

William Campbell of Lock Haven visited his old friend, Lenk Bechtol, on Sunday.

Mr. Royer, of Millheim, who built a cider press near the gap last summer, has again opened for business.

Ray Held departed for Centre Hall on Monday where he will help Mr. Bartges for the next two weeks.

Ira Shultz and family, accompanied by Mrs. John Shultz, visited with friends in Union county on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeny and two little daughters visited friends in Sugar Valley on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Reish and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hackman and baby daughter motored to Centre Hall on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings and children, Mr. and Mrs. William Krebs and children visited Mrs. Cummings' parents, at Tusseyville, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kline motored from Jersey Shore on Friday and on Saturday in company with Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kline and Miss Eva Bailey, left or Altoona, returning on Monday.

Among those who attended the services in connection with M. E. quarterly conference at Spring Mills on Tuesday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kline, Lucy Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heckenburg and Raymond Balf.

CROPS IN MICHIGAN.

F. A. Stiffler Writes Interesting Letter from East Tawas, Giving Crop Reports for 1916 Season.

Editor Reporter:

Enclosed find money order for \$3.00 to pay for my subscription the past year and also for another year. I desire the Reporter to continue without a break.

The residents of Oscocounty, Michigan, will not forget soon their experiences of this present record breaking summer. We have had all kinds of funny weather—the freakish variety of which the most of our people have never seen. We are told we had the coldest and wettest April, May, and June in forty-six years and we know from actual experience that they have not lied. All through this and many other counties farmers on clay soils were unable to get anything planted before June 1st, which would have worked out all right and profitably for them had the two succeeding months been normal. July and August were record smashers, the mercury hovering around the 100 degree mark throughout both months and twice went to 104. The results of these extremes can be seen now on nearly every farm and can be summed up like this: Early potatoes, slow to come up, make large growth of vines and have very few potatoes under them, and are selling now for \$1.50 per bu.; quality good. Corn as a general result will be a failure with us while in isolated spots you will see a good field—that is, where the flint varieties were planted. The season was fine for corn where it was planted early. The writer planted three acres—one of sweet corn and two of the smut nose-flint variety—on sandy black loam land, and a better crop could not be desired, but I planted on the 24th of May. Sweet corn I grow to market in our town; my 20-acre farm lies within the city limits and only one mile from the city proper and that is why it is very profitable for me to grow truck. I planted everything early and left it for rain. I dodged the showers and planted. I did not grumble about the weather, go to town and get a drink, and wait until it was too late to plant profitably. The results can be summed up this way: I am selling potatoes at \$1.25 per bu., cabbages, of which I will have 2,000, at 5 to 10c per head; sweet corn at from 12c to 15c doz.; carrots, beets, rutabagas, etc., to my neighbor farmers as well as to the city people, and am working over time to supply them. Most all the above named vegetables did not grow on many farms this year and high prices will prevail everywhere. The hay crop was double this year all over the state; price \$7.00 to \$10.00 per ton. Butter, 30c and scarce. Apples, a good crop; huckleberries, fair crop—\$2.00 to \$3.00 bu.; eggs, 30c doz. Prices for live stock great and in demand.

Yours truly,
F. A. STIFFLER,
East Tawas, Mich., Sept. 5, 1916.

Credits President Wilson for Act.

H. R. Brungart, of Wilkinsburg, salesman for the Grand Rapids Plaster Company, writes the Reporter under recent date:

"Business is very good in our line but we are seriously handicapped on account of the shortage of common labor which is delaying our shipments from ten days to two weeks. Are not able to run the mills to capacity. Since the railroad strike has been averted, thanks to President Wilson, we can breathe a little easier."

Annual Reunion of 45th.

The annual reunion of the 45th Regt. Penns. Volunteers of the Civil War will be held in Bellefonte, Sept. 27th and 28th. Headquarters will be at the Brockerhoff House. Business meetings will be held in Gregg Post room, High street; public meetings in the court house on the evening of 27th. Prominent speakers will make addresses.

A splendid program has been arranged including a motor run to State College and the Penitentiary.

Penney to Enter Detroit.

At an expenditure of about \$40,000 it is said the Penney will enter Detroit. The Penney will extend its line from Toledo and use the Pere Marquette tracks.

Thomas A. Edison, the wizard of electricity, has declared he will vote for President Wilson. When the inventor of the electric light and a thousand other modern conveniences makes up his mind to vote that way in November, some folks ought to be thankful to follow his lead.

Lewisburg passed an ordinance creating a sinking fund to liquidate the interest, tax and principal of the \$16,000 bonds, recently issued, within a period of thirty years.

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH.

The Life Work of the Late G. L. Goodhart, Written by One Who Knew Him and Loved Him.

George Luther Goodhart was born near Potters Mills, Centre county, on March 23rd, 1845, died at his home in Centre Hall, August 28, 1916.

In every portion of our country, especially the west, we find Pennsylvania societies. These men and women are proud of their native state and ancestry, going out of our fertile valleys and prosperous towns to make new homes, but take with them their ancestral characteristics of thrift, honesty and religion.

To those who remain at home equal honor should be given; to them is entrusted the charge of perpetuating the many virtues, stability of character and unadulterated probity of a God-fearing ancestry in our own homes. To this rear guard belonged the subject of this sketch.

From a long line of patriotic and pious ancestry he inherited the many traits of character that were so prominent in his whole life. From the fraternal side came the hardy, plodding, painstaking German character; from the maternal side the quicker, more intense and to a degree impulsive character of the Scotch Irish.

His father, John Goodhart, was a native of Perry county, but his early manhood and mature years were spent in Penns Valley.

At Sprucestown (near Potters Mills) he with other branches of his business, manufactured many of the famous Conestoga wagons that before the advent of the railroads were extensively used in the transporting of merchandise and grain to shipping ports or other towns of importance.

Germany at an early date and have quite a revolutionary history. The mother of the subject of this sketch, Martha Gregg (McEwen) Goodhart, was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Gregg McEwen, and lived her whole life here. Henry McEwen, with his young wife,