



WILSON'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

The New York World

In nearly every state Mr. Hughes ran behind his ticket and President Wilson ran ahead of his ticket.

To appreciate the extraordinary political change that has resulted from Mr. Wilson's leadership of the Democratic party it is necessary only to read the returns in the Presidential election of the last twenty years.

In 1896 Mr. McKinley's popular plurality over Mr. Bryan was 601,854, Mr. McKinley having 271 votes in the electoral college to Mr. Bryan's 176.

In 1890 Mr. McKinley's popular plurality was increased to 849,790 his vote being 292 to 155 for Mr. Bryan.

In 1904 the Republican ascendancy increased tremendously. Mr. Roosevelt's popular plurality was 2,545,515 and he had 336 votes in the electoral college to Judge Parker's 140.

In 1908 the Democratic party picked up a little but not much. Mr. Taft's popular plurality over Mr. Bryan was 1,269,804. His electoral vote was 321 to Mr. Bryan's 162.

Thus in four successive Presidential elections the smallest Republican plurality in the popular vote was 601,854 and the smallest Republican majority in the electoral college was 95.

In 1912 the Roosevelt bolt destroyed party lines, and although Mr. Wilson was elected by an enormous majority in the electoral college, the combined Taft-Roosevelt vote was 7,604,563 against a Wilson vote of only 6,283,019. The Republican-Progressive plurality of the popular vote was 1,311,152, or slightly more than 1908.

In 1916 the Wilson popular vote is 2,160,000 beyond the previous Democratic record. It is 900,000 more than the Roosevelt total of 1912. It is more than 400,000 in advance of the reunited Republican party. There is no more talk of a minority President.

Mr. Wilson has put the two parties on an equality again. The great Republican majorities of the last twenty years have been broken, and the country will profit from this restoration of the balance. There is no better assurance of good government than two parties practically equal in power and each at the mercy of the independent vote.

Fall Plowing.

The time is here for fall plowing of sods for corn in the spring, in the central and southern part of the state and in the northern part for plowing corn stubble for oats. "Various considerations move farmers to fall plowing," says Franklin Menger, soil expert of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. "One is that usually the weather is favorable and the land in splendid condition for plowing during the months of October and November, and consequently a larger area can be plowed in a shorter time. Another is that clay soils will produce larger crop yields when the usually compacted sod, by over pasturing, is broken up in the fall so that the water from the snows of the winter and the rains of spring can more easily penetrate the soil and carry to greater depth the moisture and the nitrogen the snow usually contains. In this way the fertility is enhanced without any cost to the farmer.

"Still another reason for fall plowing sods on clay soil which have not been pastured, and upon which a second crop of the clover and the grasses have grown up, is that this mass of organic matter, which has taken up the fertility that has been made available during the fall months, will remain comparatively green and the agencies of decay, because of the presence of air, will as soon as the warm weather of the spring comes, make available the stored up fertility for the use of other plants. To build the soil into organic compounds in the plant tissue, the furrow slice should be set at an acute angle, or in other words set on edge, before these clovers and grasses have become completely dry because of the action of frost and winds of winter.

"Fall plowing of sods in the southern section of the state is a method of storing moisture and fertility when done in the right way. Weathering of the mineral components of the soil is another benefit derived from fall plowing when done as previously indicated, because alternate freezing and thawing reaches larger soil areas and reduces a larger quantity of the soil mineral to a more finely divided condition and which are, therefore, more readily acted on by plant roots. Sandy soils and loams should not be fall plowed in any part of this State, except where these soils are covered with snow from December to March."

The first stretch of concrete roadway in Central Pennsylvania was finished last week at Burnham. It is about three-quarters of a mile in length and extends almost the entire length of the Standard Steel Works. The construction of this piece of road required 3700 sacks of cement.

MILLHEIM TO HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Grants Franchise to State-Centre Electric Company at Meeting of Borough Council, Monday Night.

The Millheim borough council, at a meeting held on Monday night, granted the State-Centre Electric Company a franchise to do business in that place. The franchise is patterned after the one granted by the Centre Hall borough council to the same company, which gives the electric company the right to operate so long as the present Public Service Commission, or a similar public servant, is in existence.

LOCALS.

Rev. D. S. Kurtz spent a few days beginning of the week in Lancaster.

The members of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran church and Sunday-school will hold a social in the church on Saturday evening.

Robert Goodhart, one of the Penn's engineers, of Altoona, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary Goodhart, over Sunday.

Elwood Brooks, of Pleasant Gap, is doing the plaster work for the new local K. G. E. hall, on the third floor of the Reporter building.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Horner and Charles Taylor, of Tusseyville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Horner's daughter, Mrs. E. E. Bailey.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, at Tusseyville, will hold their annual thank-offering service in the Union Church, on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

S. P. Hennigh, one of Georges Valley's progressive and substantial farmers, was a caller at this office Monday. He related that while he is no hunter he was pleased to see five fine deer pasture contentedly in his wheat field quite close to the barn.

Belgium prisoners in Holland are making the most of their time spent behind the bars by learning the American language through the means of correspondence with American girls. Centre Hall boasts of a few of these feminine "teachers," but it is doubtful whether the "instruction" runs along the line of reading, 'ritin' and 'rithmetie.

The H. J. Lambert property, on East Church street, is now one of the most substantial and coziest in town. The addition of the modern conveniences, including bath and electric light, together with the building of concrete sidewalks and the painting inside and outside of the building, makes it a very desirable home. The Lamberts are contemplating the erection of another dwelling house on the lot immediately east of their home.

F. M. Fisher, of Penn Hall, has decided to go out of the mercantile business and beginning December 2nd will start to reduce his big stock by way of big reductions in cost price. The Fisher stand is undoubtedly one of the oldest in the county, having been in constant operation since 1842, when Mr. Fisher's father, Major Jared B. Fisher, commenced business there. The present Mr. Fisher has thirty-five years' credit in his mercantile record.

The Centre County Sunday-school Association held a midyear conference in the United Brethren Church, Bellefonte, last Thursday. State Secretary W. G. Landes was in attendance. All but one of the county officers were present; nine of the districts were represented. At that time the following was adopted: 1st, that an effort be made to reach the advanced standard; 2nd, an effort to get a 10 per cent. increase in membership; 3rd, that a move be made to get 1000 to join the church; 4th, that an effort be made to have every school visited by the district and county officers; 5th, that the statistical report be completed by May 10th, next; 6th, that an effort be made for procuring 500 readers of the Pennsylvania Herald; 7th, that a budget of \$500.00 be set for county work. About fifty workers were present.

A badly wrecked buggy and injuries to the occupants was the result of a runoff which occurred at Tusseyville last Thursday evening when a fast horse, the property of Emmett Jordan, got beyond the control of Rev. Yergey, who was driving the rig home from evangelistic service, being held in the old Evangelical church. Mr. Jordan and the reverend gentleman were in the buggy, the latter expressing the desire to let the animal "out" on a close stretch of road to Tusseyville. The horse was going at a fast clip and in rounding a turn the animal could not be checked sufficiently to prevent the buggy from going over. It was badly wrecked. The horse gained its freedom and dashed for home while the two gentlemen were thrown out. Mr. Jordan receiving an injured shoulder while Rev. Yergey sustained lacerations of the face.

WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

—THE PROGRESSIVE WEST

W. Harry Potter writes, "Wasn't the Election a Glorious Victory for the Progressive West and the Women."

The following letter was received by the Reporter from W. Harry Potter, a Penna Valley boy and son of J. T. Potter, of this place:

"Edmonds, Wash., Nov. 13, 1916.

Editor Reporter:

"No doubt you are surprised to learn that I am back on the old job in Washington. Am mighty glad to be back and I appreciate the West more than ever. It seems like being on a vacation after that strenuous summer in Pittsburgh.

"We are building railroads to open up a tract of timber which contains about 850 million feet and will take about four years to log it.

"What do you think of the election? Was it not a glorious victory for the Progressive West and the Women? I was sorry to see the East rally to standpatism. It sure is a bitter pill for the old guard to swallow after congratulating Mr. Hughes on his election to the presidency on election evening. The big eastern states which have heretofore always elected the president, going for Mr. Hughes, victory seemed assured; but they reckoned without the West. I was in Seattle election evening, watching the returns come in as they were thrown upon the screen. The Post-Intelligencer came out with an extra at 9:30:

"Hughes wins with 11 votes to spare; nothing but a landslide in the West can elect Wilson." Well, landslide it was. At 11:30, just as we were leaving the city, a Star extra came out with an immense picture of Wilson and large print: "He is coming back. Later returns show a Wilson trend and he may yet be elected."

"I am mailing you a Seattle Star which gives you a pretty fair idea of the Western sentiment and ideas. It is an independent paper politically; progressive in policy and enthusiastically supported Mr. Wilson.

"Very truly yours,
"W. H. POTTER."

WOMEN AND THE BALLOT.

Under the above caption follows an editorial from the Seattle Star which Mr. Potter enclosed in his letter. Since it was the progressive West, with its woman vote, that was a deciding factor in Wilson's re-election, the article is published herewith in full:

To the West and glorious womanhood of the West the nation justly attributes the re-election of President Wilson.

With the bitterness of defeat that plagues the professional politician, there are those who now proclaim woman suffrage a failure because the women, forsooth, failed to vote straight republican tickets.

Forgive them dear women of the West, for they are more to be pitied than censured. They had counted on the pie counter and now they must go hungry four years more. Their mouths had watered for the mead, but now their lips are dry and their throats are parched.

If what they write appears so unreasonably absurd, pray remember that their heads are just now in a whirl and their brains are feverish and their hearts are wounded and bleeding.

Woman suffrage needs no apology. It is a matter of right that belongs to every American woman, just as every American has the right to vote.

If it so happens that women are less susceptible to party bunk and platitudes, God bless them for that. It is to the independent voter on whom rests the safety of the country. It is to the independent voter's intelligence that the oratory and the literature and the logic and the advertisements of the candidates are directed. The straight party voter need not be given any reason for his or her vote. The straight party voter is the dupe to politicians.

Congratulations, women of the West. You have shown that you are not party slaves. You have shown it just as clearly as the men of the West have.

Keep it up women of the West, this independence of party lines. Men are gradually dropping out of the party organizations—and let us hope that women who have never joined a Republican or Democratic or any other party club, may never do so.

"State" Has Hughes & Wilson Election.

Hughes and Wilson are candidates for the presidency of the freshman class at the Pennsylvania State College. Another is Brumbaugh, a recent nominee. Bryan's name came before the nominating committee, but he was unsuccessful. The nominees are:

N. D. Hughes, of 1525 North Twenty-ninth street, Philadelphia; C. A. Brumbaugh, Huntingdon, and R. N. Wilson, of Kittanning.

One of the big things going hand in hand with Wilson's election was the wiping out of booze from five states, thus bringing the total of dry states up to 24. National prohibition impossible? It simply looks like another of those things which "can't be done."

PHILIPSBURG'S FIRE BUG

IS PUT BEHIND THE BARS.

"Peggy" Bannon is Railroaded to Prison Following His Admitting Setting Fire to McGirk and Odd Fellows Buildings in Philippsburg.—Long Prison Sentence.

The fire bug who has been operating with such ruinous effect in Philippsburg, has finally been rounded up and is now behind the bars in the Western Penitentiary where he is to serve two terms of from fifteen to twenty, and from five to ten, years, respectively.

The incendiary, who last March set fire to the McGirk building and last month was responsible for the destruction of the I. O. O. F. building, with a \$50,000 loss, is Edward (Peggy) Bannon, a one-legged man, of South Philippsburg. His arrest was brought about through a small girl overbearing a conversation between Bannon and a close friend, to whom he admitted the firing of both buildings.

Friday, at Bellefonte, in the presence of District Attorney Furst, Deputy Ryan, of the Fire Marshal's Department; Sheriff Yarnell, Deputy Sheriff Kline, and F. J. Green, Bannon confessed and pleaded guilty to both charges.

On Tuesday morning he was brought before the court and sentenced as follows: \$1000 fine and from fifteen to twenty years imprisonment for firing the Odd Fellows' building; \$500 fine and from five to ten years imprisonment for firing the McGirk building. The second sentence to begin immediately following the expiration of the first.

Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Yarnell conveyed the prisoner to Pittsburgh for incarceration.

Letter from Boal Troop on the Border.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 11, 1916.

"The presidential election, among the soldiers, passed off very quietly. Our troop's vote showed 12 votes for Hughes and 8 for Wilson. The North Carolina Infantry, among others of the south, voted solid for Woodrow Wilson.

"To-night we are to have the boot and saddle call. This call may come in any hour of the night and is part of our training. When the call comes we are supposed to jump out and get our saddles and bridles and then strike for the picket line, where our horses are in waiting. After they are bridled and saddled we are supposed to ride up to headquarters and report to Colonel Wood. After the report is made we return.

"The two-day hike we made last week has served to harden us and we are now ready for most anything. On our trip we did a little scouting and pitched our "shelter-halves" on the Lewis ranch."

"We are experiencing winter weather at the present time. This morning the thermometer registered 1 degree above zero, so instead of our usual drill this morning we had a five-mile hike. It is so cold that it is almost impossible to saddle our horses.

"We are expected to have another boot and saddle" call (a call to arms in other words) and that requires our full equipment. It will come some time this week, and when we receive it we are expected to complete our work in fifteen minutes."

WILLIAM BAILEY.

Thanksgiving Supper.

Remember that Progress Grange will hold its annual public Thanksgiving supper in Grange Hall next Thursday night, from five to ten o'clock. Chicken and waffles, oysters, ice cream and cake will be served.

From the Millheim Journal.

On Monday evening George B. Stover, an aged resident of Millheim, while transacting business in lower Penna valley, discovered that he had lost his wallet, which contained sixteen or seventeen dollars, besides a number of valuable papers.

On Wednesday morning of last week the carrier of the U. S. mail from Loganton to Rebersburg, who was an ardent supporter of Hughes for the presidency, had a passenger for Millheim and he appeared here with the automobile decorated with flags. On the following morning when the tide had turned he had crepe streamers on the car when he reached Rebersburg.

On Monday evening M. L. Breen, who is employed by Hosterman & Stover, fell off the roof over the stairway at the rear of the Wolf Chapel school building. Repairs were being made to the flue and a tool was needed and Mr. Breen was handling a ladder upon which he wanted to descend, when the ladder hit a bolt on one of his hands and he suddenly let go. He pitched forward but recovered slightly and then fell backwards and rolled down over the roof and alighted on the ground below, a distance of about nine feet. Although considerably bruised he was not seriously injured.

DEATHS.

Died on His Birthday.

George F. Miller, a life-long resident of Ferguson township, died at his home near Pine Grove Mills, early Friday morning after an illness of ten days with catarrh and pneumonia. His death occurred on the day marking the sixty-fifth anniversary of his birth. He was born in Union county, but at a tender age moved with his parents to Ferguson township, where he was engaged in farming all his life.

His wife, who was Alice Homan, survives with two children: Mrs. John Stover and Mrs. John Miller, both of near Pine Grove Mills. One brother, Isaac Miller, of Bellefonte, and one sister residing at Mifflinburg, also survive.

Funeral services were held on Monday morning at the home and burial made in the Pine Hall cemetery, Rev. S. C. Stover, assisted by Rev. Fleck, officiating.

John Irvin Thompson, a well known resident of Lemont, who was stricken three weeks ago with cerebral hemorrhages while visiting his daughter, Mrs. O. H. Shaffer, in Altoona, died at the latter's home on Friday, aged a little over seventy-three years. He was a Civil war veteran.

Deceased, a native of this county, is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Mary I. Shaffer, Altoona; Mrs. George Sellers, Harrisburg; Mrs. L. H. Croman, Oake, Pa.; Lieutenant George B. Thompson, of the Boal Machine Gun Troop, stationed at present on the Mexican border, and Charles M. Elkhurst, W. Va. One brother, James I., of State College, also survives. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. For a number of years he was secretary-treasurer of Pennsylvania College.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, followed by interment at Lemont.

Friends of L. G. Rearick, in this place, will be sorry to learn of the death of his seven months old son, Carl Arthur Rearick, which occurred at Lock Haven on Sunday morning. Burial was made near Clintondale on Monday afternoon.

Dr. H. F. Bittner Sells His Home.

Frank M. Fisher, of Penn Hall, on Friday, purchased the Dr. H. F. Bittner residence in Centre Hall, paying the sum of \$4000.00. Dr. Bittner will not deliver up the property, however, until the spring of 1918, at which time he contemplates removing to State College on account of the educational advantages the college town will afford for his youngest son, Lynn. Mr. Fisher will move to Centre Hall at that time and occupy his new possession, retiring from the mercantile business in which he has been engaged for more than thirty years.

New High School for Yeagertown.

Yeagertown people generally are rejoicing over the \$10,000 school loan, by the voters of Derry township at the last election. The money will be used to erect an addition to the high school building at Yeagertown which is now overcrowded. At the present time the school board is paying the transportation of twenty-two school children from Yeagertown, who are attending the school on Highland avenue. This expense amounts to \$2.20 per day, \$44 per month or \$552 per year. The building of the addition will not only save this expense but will furnish better school facilities for the eighth grade which is now receiving daily instruction in the old band building adjoining the Lutheran church. The school board is planning to begin work upon the new addition the coming spring.

Lightning shows a marked preference for chestnut trees, according to data based on reports submitted to the Department of Forestry by its foresters. Of a total of about 2,000 trees struck by lightning on the State Forests in the past four years, 655 were chestnut. Pitch pine comes next with 327 trees struck, and then follow in order rock oak, white pine, hemlock, red oak, white oak, black oak, locust, and sugar maple. Black birch is at the foot of the list with only one tree struck in four years. Poplar and walnut come next, only two of each being struck.

All Snyder county papers have decided to jack on 50 cents on their subscription rates after January 1st, 1917. Every newspaper publisher knows that even with this raise, \$1.50 a year is netting him less profit than a \$1.00 did a few years ago. The paper on which each edition is printed is costing three times as much as it did eighteen months ago, and the end is not yet. Therefore, the paid-in-advance subscriber is indeed a true friend of the paper which he patronizes.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Don't forget the Thanksgiving supper in the Grange Hall by Progress Grange.

Leroy Puff, who was employed at Harrisburg for some time, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Krape, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bitner and Mrs. Hazel, of Spring Mills, were guests of Prof. and Mrs. P. H. Meyer one day last week.

Mrs. Isiah Fleisher, of Philadelphia, and William A. Sandoe, Jr., of Pittsburgh, attended the funeral of Julian A. Fleming, in this place, on Friday.

Hon. L. Rhone and daughter, Miss Florence S. Rhone, went to Harrisburg on Monday and will remain for a few days with Miss May V. Rhone, who holds a position in the State capitol building.

A number of beautiful floral tributes were presented for the grave of Julian A. Fleming, who was buried on Friday. Besides those contributed by private parties, there were two especially beautiful pieces, gifts of the local Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities.

A new iron sign has been erected to the front of the local hotel, bearing the legend, "Centre Hall Ho! J. W. Runkle." The outline of the letters are perforated to permit the electric light from within to shine out, making the sign readable by night as well as by day.

Millheim had a jollification meeting over Wilson's election on Saturday evening. A big parade made up of bands, automobiles, floats, horsemen, etc., taking part. Col. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte, and others spoke at the parade. It was a jolly time in that Democratic stronghold.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith were among the 200 invited guests who attended the wedding of Miss Mollie Yearick and Herbert Fletcher at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yearick, at Howard, on Tuesday.

The local K. O. S. of A. camp, after January 1st, will occupy the rooms now used by the Odd Fellows, on the third floor of the bank building, the latter lodge moving into their own building. This still leaves an order—The Eastern Star—without permanent quarters, both the Star and P. O. S. of A. having met, since their organization, in the rooms of Progress Grange.

Next Thursday the hunting season will be closed on all small game and on the following day, which is the first of December, deer are free to be killed for two weeks. From present indications there will be the same small army of hunters to locate in the Seven Mountains from Coburn up to the Bear Meadows. Deer have not appeared to be so plentiful in years as this season, but, of course, the does to bucks are in the proportion of ten to one.

The following, taken from the Millheim Journal, concerns a former Centre Hall boy, whose friends will be glad to learn of his success: Gross R. Allison, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Allison, of the National hotel, was recently appointed road engineer of Henry county, Kentucky. The position carries a salary of \$100 a month and expenses, and the engineer is furnished an automobile to follow his work. Mr. Allison was in the employ of the Kentucky state highway department for several years since graduating from college.

Rev. G. W. McInlay, of Nescopeck, delivered an excellent lecture, entitled "The Game of Life," in the local Methodist church on Friday evening. Quite a number of the members of the Penna Valley Methodist charge, which Rev. McInlay served several years ago, were present and enjoyed the lecture. On Sunday Rev. McInlay exchanged pulpits with Rev. E. H. Yocum, of Bellefonte, who founded Rev. McInlay's present church thirty-three years ago, and in whose membership there still exists a number of the original members.

State Organizer John W. Yessley of the P. O. S. of A., members of the local camp will be interested to learn, has been transferred to the state of Maryland. During the ten months employment in Pennsylvania Mr. Yessley has organized the following successful camps: 806, Middleburg; 845, Paxtonville; 831, Troxville; 877, Mazepa; 724, Loganton; 880, Linton; 881, Turbotville; 883, White Deer; 885, McEwenville; 884, Pottsgrove; 817, Laurelton; 876, Centreville; 888, Lemont; 887, Bellefonte; 886, Centre Hall; 891, Spring Mills; 893, Unionville; 894, Milesburg; and 895, Pleasant Gap. These twenty camps report a charter membership of one thousand two hundred and sixty five, or an average membership of fifty one.