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## HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER.

Penrose and Brumbaugh Forces Having a Merry Fight, and the Public to Suffer for Lack of Beneficial Legislation.

The Penrose-Brumbaugh row is going merrily forward, but the pushing is all from the Penrose end. It is noticeable here that since the Speakership fiasco the Brumbaugh forces are saying and doing nothing and it looks as though they would be content to let bad enough alone and not invite an investigation of the Governor and his administration. The Gang forces under Penrose, however, are following up their Speakership victory with an earnestness which shows their determination to utterly exterminate the Brumbaugh crowd before the next gubernatorial campaign comes. Penrose has announced that the investigation of the State administration will positively be made and that if the evidence warrants, impeachment proceedings against the Governor will naturally follow. He has also named a "War Board" consisting of the State Senators Jim McNichol of Philadelphia, Bill Sprout of Delaware County, and Larry Eyre of Chester County, President pro tem Beldeman of Dauphin, Speaker Baldwin, Auditor General-elect Snyder, Representative Woodward of Allegheny, Chairman of the House State Committee, and Slatel Chairman of the House appropriation committee, W. Harry Baker, Secretary of the Republican State Committee, also Secretary of the Senate, William S. Leib, Resident Clerk of the House and organization boss in Schuylkill County. Gangsters to the limit, every one of them, and Penrose himself to preside over their deliberations. The sole purpose of this organization is to thwart Brumbaugh in any of his appointments and to kill any legislation that favors of progress. Not a single word has been said for beneficial legislation for this great Commonwealth, the whole program this year is to use the State, its institutions, and the \$70,000,000 appropriations to wipe out the Brumbaugh faction and eliminate if possible a contest for Republican nomination for Governor next year. How long the good people of this State are going to submit to the Penrose ruination policy is hard to tell, but he is playing as though the patience of the people knew no end and it may be he can get away with the bacon while longer.

Senator Penrose has reached the point in his attack upon Governor Brumbaugh where he asserts that the chief executive will have to face charge of perjury in connection with the 1914 campaign fund, malfeasance in office and bribery. He details some of the offenses he declares himself ready and able to prove.

It is due the Governor to say that these threats, hanging over him for months, have not deterred him from continuing his opposition to Penrose. But the open charges that he committed perjury and bribery would seem to place an obligation upon him, as well as upon his accusers, to force an investigation without delay. The interests of the State—the interests of law—must be considered as paramount to those of either Brumbaugh or Penrose. It must not be allowed to rest as a matter of "personal choice" with either. No continuance of the sensational stories should be allowed on the basis of the Governor's ignoring charges against him, or on the basis of Penrose's going no farther than to threaten action. Protection of the name of the state demands that the end of this disgraceful controversy be reached as soon as possible.

Penrose threatens to probe the various departments under the Brumbaugh administration: characteristically, he singles out as one object of his suspicion the insurance department, which for the first time since its organization is directed by an efficient and courageous official, who has done more than all his predecessors to put fear into the hearts of insurance crooks. A complete investigation covering the last two administrations would probably be wholesome, for it would bring into open contrast the operations and methods under Penrose-Tener regime and a Brumbaugh regime.

Incidentally, if Penrose and his allies decide to force an inquiry into the administration's record, it ought to be in order to include the matter of corruption of a former mayor of Philadelphia.

## Married on New Year's Day.

Frank Palmer and Miss Bertha Armstrong, both of Potters Mills, were married on the morning of New Year's day, by Rev. M. C. Piper, at his home in Milesburg. The young people have the best wishes of their many friends.

The Millheim Inn is giving out pretty little souvenirs in the shape of pocket mirrors.

## PROF. LOSE SPEAKS AT INSTITUTE.

The Modern School and Teacher Far Ahead of Old-Time School, Says Principal of Central State Normal, at Teachers' Local Institute.

Education in eastern Penna Valley will very likely be raised a notch or two within the next year if parents and teachers will be guided by the suggestions offered by Prof. Charles Lose, principal of the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, who opened the teachers' local institute in district No. 1, at Millheim, on Friday evening. The auditorium where the sessions were held, was packed to the doors on that evening, to listen to Prof. Lose, who as a practical school man ranks among those occupying the front line in this state. Prof. Lose's subject was "The modern school," and in discussing this topic he drew a vivid picture of the old-time school building as compared with the modern school building, as well as the old-time teacher and the modern teacher. Needless to say, the former in each instance suffered by comparison, for Prof. Lose is a modern teacher himself and has experienced the changes for the better in school life which have surely taken place within the past thirty years or less.

To prove that the art and science of teaching was being given the deepest sort of study by the best thinkers and writers of today, Prof. Lose stated that as superintendent of schools he was able to recommend to his teachers one hundred different books which had been written within a year, treating of new school problems and showing wherein schools may be made more efficient. The old-time school house stood in sorrowful contrast to the modern school of today, and Prof. Lose, no doubt, had in mind the consolidated school as it is in force in some states (but not Pennsylvania) with its healthful moral, physical and mental atmosphere; where school children are encouraged to remain about the premises after school hours, instead of being chased home; where play grounds, lighted if you please, so that even at night children may congregate and enjoy various healthful sports instead of being found on the streets where the influence is always for evil; where manual training is part of the curriculum; where rooms are well lighted and automatically kept at an even temperature; where it may be said of closets that they are clean, decent, private, and sanitary.

In every way, except one, Prof. Lose proved the modern school and modern teachers were far superior to the old-time class. This one exception pertained to lack of respect and courtesy which the modern pupil shows to superiors. Prof. Lose stated that whereas the school boy or girl of yesterday recognized his teacher or a passing individual with the tip of the cap or a courtesy, the 1917 youth was ready to let go a snow ball with unerring aim. Temptations, born of a speeding and hustling life, are the cause for this retrogression, thinks Prof. Lose. The fact that temptations have multiplied far faster than the efforts made to cope with them; the fact that the trend of population has been city-ward; and the reason that enforced idleness on the part of the boy and girl, brought about through the taking out of the home life various industries that in the modern times have become commercialized, has caused them to be drawn to harmful influences, are the answers to this question.

The evening session was in charge of Prof. C. Wasson, of the Coburn schools, who after a few pertinent remarks, introduced Prof. Lose.

The two sessions on Saturday were given over to the teachers in the district. The program was closely adhered to, the only variation being on account of the unavoidable absence of two of the teachers on the program and the introduction of Director Stover.

"What the first year in school should do for the child," was a topic well gone over by Miss Carrie Bartges. The speaker who held closest to her subject of all on the floor, was Miss Sarah Fisher in her "Starting the beginners." Her talk was highly interesting from start to finish and the ideas presented could easily be put into practice.

"The school as a social institution," was the topic to which Prof. W. O. Heckman gave attention. A considerable portion of his talk was devoted to the necessity of teaching, by precept and example, politeness to school children.

A number of local Woodmen attended the picture show, "The value of a life," given under the auspices of the Millheim camp, M. W. A., in the auditorium at that place on Friday evening. The picture showed the work done at the world's largest tuberculosis sanatorium, at Colorado Springs, Colorado, maintained wholly by the Woodmen fraternity.

## KEPT WEDDING SECRET TWO MONTHS; NOW IT'S OUT.

Miss Ruth Lambert Became Erdman West's Bride in November, Being Married in Pittsburgh.—Groom a "State" Senior.

After having successfully kept their friends in total darkness concerning their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Erdman West, after two months' secrecy, made public the announcement that the happy event took place in November. The bride, nee Miss Ruth Lambert, is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lambert, of this place, and it was while the Lamberts were living at State College that Mr. West, in 1913, came there to enter the freshman class at The Pennsylvania State College, and took rooms at the Lambert home. A friendship between the young people ripened into love, and had its culmination in a happy marriage. It was during the Pennsylvania Day festivities at State College that the prospective bride left Centre Hall, ostensibly to attend that function, but according to well laid plans the groom-to-be boarded the train at Lemont and together they went to Pittsburgh where a license was procured and on Saturday, November 18th, Archdeacon Thomas Bigham tied the knot in St. Timothy's Episcopal church, Pittsburgh. They returned to State College on Sunday and came to Centre Hall on Monday, without any of their friends here having learned where they had been.

The groom is in his senior year at the Pennsylvania State College and upon his graduation in June will teach botany. With his mother he moved to Centre Hall from Philadelphia last spring, occupying a part of the double house on east Church street, owned by the Lamberts.

The best wishes for a happy wedded life are extended to the young couple by their many friends.

## Home Talent Plays a Success.

Grange Arcadia was filled to the doors on last Thursday evening with an appreciative audience which much enjoyed the home talent plays, "A perplexing situation," and "Cornelia Pickle—Painstiff." An amount close to \$71.00 was taken in at the door, the greater part of which is clear to the young people of the Methodist faith, who gave the entertainment for the benefit of their church.

The stellar actors in the amateur performance included the Misses Hazel, Lillian and Margaret Emery, the daughters of Merchant and Mrs. C. F. Emery. Every other performer acted his or her part in a creditable manner, while the singing of Mrs. Clyde Stover and the piano duets by Mrs. T. L. Moore and Mrs. Stover were also much appreciated.

## Writes from Nebraska.

J. N. Erhart writes the Reporter from his home in Inavale, Nebraska, under date of January 6, as follows:

"Enclosed find check for three dollars for which put the date ahead on my label.

"Am also enclosing a picture of myself and cattle. The cattle were on feed forty days when the picture was taken. Crops were not very good the past year, but are bringing big prices: wheat, \$1.70; corn, 90c; oats, \$10.00 per cwt. on foot; horses and cattle high; hay, \$10.00 per ton.

"The feeding proposition looks pretty good now when 90-day feed cattle bring \$9.40 per cwt. I am feeding 39 steers and 92 head of hogs—the steers cost me \$39.00 per head the 2nd of March, 1916. I raised my hogs on alfalfa hay and 2800 bushels of corn; had to buy 1200 bushels of corn at 80 cents per bushel; will feed until the 15th of February."

## State Asks for Big Appropriation.

A budget calling for State appropriation of almost \$3,500,000 to meet the needs of the Pennsylvania State College during the next two years has been prepared by the board of trustees. This sum is required, they say, to maintain the institution and to erect new buildings made necessary by the rapid growth of the student body.

A state-wide campaign to inform the public of the work, growth and needs of the college has been launched. Circulars setting forth this information are being distributed by students, alumni and friends of the college. It is believed this activity, together with personal appeals to the members of the legislature will obtain an appropriation large enough to prevent further crippling of the institution.

## Car of Dynamite in Wreck; All Safe.

A freight car loaded to its capacity with dynamite figured in a wreck at Shinde, Millheim county, on Friday evening, and miraculously as it is, failed to let go, thereby saving human lives as well as preventing total destruction to the train of cars. It is supposed that the extremely cold weather was responsible for preventing a mighty explosion. The car is being derailed and thrown over on its side.

## CLUB BOYS RECEIVE HONOR.

Highest Award in Corn Contest Goes to Berks County Lad.—Raised 120 Bushels Shelled Corn to Acre.

Sixty-seven exhibits were entered in the State boys' corn and potato club contest conducted by the Pennsylvania State College in connection with its annual Farmers' Week in December.

In awarding the prizes, the following points were taken into consideration: bushels of corn per acre, profit per acre, excellence of report or story of work done and the merit of the exhibit of corn or potatoes, as the case might be. Three prizes are offered in connection with this annual contest at State College. The first prize includes expenses for a winter course in agriculture at the College; the second prize, expense to Farmers' Week; and third prize, three books on agricultural subjects. The judges of the contests are members of the staff of the School of Agriculture.

In the corn growing contest, Clarence D. Donkel of Myerstown, Berks county, won first prize with a score of 89.5 per cent. and yield per acre of 120 bushels shelled corn. Paul R. Snyder of Reading, Berks county, won second prize with a score of 83.1 per cent. and a yield per acre of 106.17 bushels. Lewis Dana Rice of Bloomfield, Perry county, won third prize with a score of 82.9 per cent. and a yield per acre 110.7 bushels.

In the potato growing contest, Neyman Carey of Sandy Laka, Mercer county, won first prize with a score of 94 per cent. and a yield per acre of 349.4 bushels. Clyde Herrick of Cambridge Springs, Crawford county, won second prize with a score of 69.4 per cent. and a yield per acre of 228.5 bushels. George B. Harris of Newtown, Bucks county, won third prize with a score of 66.7 per cent. and a yield per acre of 184.4 bushels.

The value of these contests is not to be measured in dollars and cents, but rather in the economic training they give the boys enlisted in them in keeping accounts of receipts and expenditures, the sense of ownership, achievement and ability which it generates and in the opportunities which club work in general provides for physical, intellectual, and social development and for recreation.

When it is remembered that the last census figures give 30 bushels as the average yield of shelled corn per acre in Pennsylvania and 83 bushels as the average yield of potatoes, the yields secured by the winners in this contest are, to say the least, startling. The lowest yield of corn in the contest was fifty-four bushels and the highest, 120 bushels. For potatoes the lowest yield was 184.4 bushels and the highest 394.4 bushels. These results augur well for the future of club work in Pennsylvania.

The counties represented in the contest are Beaver, Berks, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Jefferson, Lawrence, Montgomery, Potter and Westmoreland. The boys' club will be prosecuted on a larger scale this year by State College. Present plans comprehend the extension of the work into counties where it was not known last year. The end is not yet. This work constitutes only one of the activities directed by the department of agricultural Extension at The Pennsylvania State College.

## State's Way to Reclaim Barren Land.

That the 5,000,000 acres of barren lands in Pennsylvania can be reclaimed by reforestation is finally established by reports given out by the Department of Forestry this week. These reports cover the planting of 21,000,000 trees on 13,000 acres of State Forest land.

The oldest plantation on record was made in 1902 in Franklin county with two year old white pine. About ninety per cent of these trees are now living, and they have an average height of fifteen feet.

Over the state at large, from seventy-five to eighty per cent of the total number of trees planted, are living. The averages compare very favorably with figures from some of the German forests which have been under intensive management for over a century.

## Sanitar Makes First Report.

County Inspector of Weights and Measures Deamer T. Pearce has filed his first annual report on inspections in Centre county. Of 159 dry measures inspected 72 were condemned. Wagon scales inspected revealed 17 not weighing correctly and 15 of the number were condemned. Of 224 platform scales examined 82 were condemned and 7 adjusted. Of 206 computing scales inspected 30 were condemned and 4 adjusted. Gasoline pumps examined numbered 56, adjustments being made to 17, and 6 being condemned. After inspection to 630 avoirdupois weights 47 were condemned and 61 adjusted.

## DEATHS.

Jacob R. Meyer died at his home below Penn Hall, Monday noon, a blood vessel in the brain bursting and causing paralysis. His death came as a great shock to his family and friends, since Mr. Meyer was in good health, even though he was just recovering from a week's illness from lumbago. An hour prior to his death he retired to a sleeping room, requesting that his dinner be brought him. Labored breathing brought his wife to his side, but only a few minutes before he passed away.

Deceased was a son of John and Elenore (Smith) Meyer and was born at the Meyer homestead where he died, on April 13th, 1854, being in his sixty-third year. Mr. Meyer was active in many lines of work, having farmed, taught school—both public and singing—was an expert poultryman, served as justice of the peace, secretary of school board, Grange and Odd Fellows, and in his church he was likewise active in its various branches. The name Meyer has become synonymous with music and J. S. Meyer has made that name famous in music circles because of his ability in that line. He was an upright citizen whose passing away is a great loss to the community in which he lived all his life.

Surviving him is his wife, nee Susanna C. Bitner, and the following children: Dr. J. Frank Meyer, of Washington, D. C.; Harry N., Bellefonte; Mrs. Harry F. McManaway, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Roy Kryder, of Chicago, Ill.; and Miss Gladys Meyer, of New Jersey.

He was the only surviving member of his father's family, one other brother having died in infancy. Religiously he was of the Reformed faith, a member of the Salem church at Penn Hall, whose pastor, Rev. W. D. Donat, will have charge of the funeral services at the house on Friday morning; interment in the Salem Reformed cemetery.

Those of the older residents of this place and Potter township will recall the name of George W. Kroll, who when a youth taught school in Penna Valley, later leaving for the west where he prospered in a business way. His death occurred on the 6th of January, as a result of heart trouble, and burial was made at Marcellus, Michigan, on the 9th.

Deceased was a native of York county, but came to Potter township with his mother while yet a child, living near Colyer. Some time in the 60's he taught his first term of school at Pine Stump, and later an advanced school at Farmers Mills. He was also at one time assistant principal of the Penn Hall academy. In 1871 he left for the west, subsequently locating at Marcellus, Michigan, where he embarked in the mercantile business prospering to such an extent that at the time of his death he was proprietor of a large department store. He was aged sixty-eight years, eight months and seven days.

His wife and two children survive him. Among the nieces living in this part of the state are Mrs. J. L. Tressler, of Linden Hill; Mrs. Thomas Decker, of Millroy; Mrs. Elmer Limbert, of Millheim; and two cousins—Mrs. Thomas Fleisher, of Tusseyville, and Mrs. Wm. Farner, of Colyer.

A. C. Ripks, of Centre Hall, whose step-mother was a sister of the deceased, probably knew Mr. Kroll better than any other person in this section and he first learned of his death.

Maise Saville, wife of Harry M. Weaver, and daughter of John and Julia Gentsel, died at her home near Rebersburg on Sunday. She was in delicate health for several years, troubled with diabetes. She was aged forty-seven years ten months and twenty-three days. She was the only child of the family and was born near Hubersburg. Surviving are the husband and three children: Stella C., Gail K., and John M. She was a member of the Reformed church, and as long as her health permitted was always in attendance at church services and prayer meeting. She had made many friends in the short time she was living in that community, and showed herself a devoted servant in the Master's kingdom.

Funeral on Wednesday morning; burial in the Union cemetery at Rebersburg, Rev. J. D. Hunsicker, her pastor, officiating.

## Public Dedication.

The members of the local castle K. G. E. will hold a public dedicatory service in their new home in the Reporter building on Friday evening of this week. Grand Chief John F. Bronzney, of Philadelphia, will have charge of the ceremony, assisted by Rev. W. H. Williams. The public is invited.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

A big delegation of Spring Mills folks braved the cold weather last Thursday evening to attend the home talent plays in Grange hall.

William Garis and Robert Meeker are the most recent of a number of Centre Hall's young men to find employment at the big steel mill at Burnham.

W. F. Floray is having his dwelling house wired for lighting with electricity. B. D. Brislin will also have his home wired with a view of using the modern light.

The nearest to zero weather was indicated on the thermometer last Thursday night, when the government instrument in charge of the Reporter showed that mercury crept to within three degrees of the 0 mark.

All Centre countians will be most cordially welcomed at the Centre county association of Philadelphia banquet which will be held at the Hotel Adelphi, in that city, Thursday evening of next week.

The three inches of snow which fell Saturday furnished the necessary covering for the wheat fields, the lack of which was causing uneasiness among the farmers with the temperature hovering close to the 0 mark last week.

Roland Zettle, who for the past three years tillled the James B. Spangler farm at Tusseyville, has rented the George Gentsel farm in Georges Valley and will move there in March. The latter farm contains 187 acres and is twice the size of the one where Mr. Zettle is at present located.

A. K. Diesselder, of Cowan, is a candidate for associate judge in Union county. He announces that he favors Union county remaining in the "dry" or "white" column. Thomas Shively, of Limestone township, is also an aspirant for the nomination. He appeals to the Republican voters and is "mum" on the booze question.

Rebersburg has two young journalists who recently embarked in business for themselves. They are Messrs. Robert and Carl Bierly, sons of Hon. Willis R. Bierly, and a short time ago purchased the Reynoldsville (Jefferson county) Volunteer, which was on its last legs financially. The Bierlys have the ability and determination necessary to success.

The turning loose of 175 skunks by some practical joker, one night last week, thoroughly saturated the atmosphere about Allensville, Millin county, where a skunk farm is operated by Franklin Peicht. Amateur detectives who are working on the case aver that if the miscreant got within range of the kitties, they'll not need bloodhounds to track him to his lair.

A rumor to the effect that Dr. L. E. Wolfe, who a few months ago moved here from Quincy, is preparing to leave Centre Hall, is without foundation absolutely. Dr. Wolfe informs the Reporter that he lifted the deed to his property last week and that he is in Centre Hall to stay. The patronage he has so far received gives reason for the greatest encouragement. The Reporter is pleased to give this information in justice to Dr. Wolfe.

The new half dollars of the 1917 issue are quite dissimilar to the ones we have been accustomed to seeing. Instead of the familiar picture of Liberty on the date bearing side appears the outline of a woman's full form bearing blossoms of some sort in her arms. At one side of the woman is the rising sun and on the other the words "In God We Trust." On the reverse side of the coin a handsome Eagle sports in all his pristine glory with the words "E Pluribus Unum" sketched just under his beak.

Elwood Brooks of Pleasant Gap with six men has started lumbering activities on the extensive timber tract of Abram V. Miller. The tract extends from Pleasant Gap down to Gilttown and the product consists of cord wood, chemical wood and railroad ties, for all of which there is a pressing demand. Cognizant of this fact the State is beginning operations on their 4,000 acre tract, which was secured from the Gordon heirs several years ago. Charles Bilger has for sometime been busily engaged with a crew of approximately twenty men and more men are wanted. Knoffsinger has four men in his crew and G. W. Houser, the capable woodsman, is making good in his speciality of devastating the forest. The Greens Valley portable mill is running full time with an abundance of rush orders for sawed and bill stuff. They recently booked a handsome order from the P. K. R. Co. which will require ten teams to transport the product to the P. K. R. station at the Gap.