



HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER.

Five Weeks Session and Nothing Done.—Bitter Factional Fight, With Penrose Crowd Still After Brumbaugh's Scalp.

Five weeks of the Legislature session have passed and the record is a blank. Nothing has been done, not even a good start made. The factional fight in the Republican ranks has held up everything else, except pay of the door-keepers, pasters, folders, sergeant-at-arms, custodians of cloak rooms, etc., at \$6 and \$7 per day. The Penrose crowd who control both Senate and House are still bent on the first order of business, viz: putting the Brumbaugh faction out of business without further delay, or bet or still compelling the Governor to sue for peace on the Penrose terms. Recent votes in the Senate, however show this to be rather a hard task and it is altogether likely the much wanted cleansing of Pennsylvania by its guardian, the Republican party, will come to an ignominious end. It is becoming more apparent each day that while the people are fearfully disappointed with Governor Brumbaugh and his State administration, they know the Penrose crowd too well to look up the threatened investigation as anything but a scheme either to punish the Governor for ignoring them or to scare him into a division of the spoils. It is also apparent that factional fight is growing more and more bitter and the real blood-spilling will come in 1919, the county districts, with the Vire from Philadelphia and such support as Deony O'Neill and "Bill" Magee can give from Allegheny are an even match of Boies, Beidlem, Eyre, Crow, Catlin, Snyder, Sproull and McNichol, and it is remarkable how sentiment in favor of the Governor increased when a denate vote showed that Penrose people could not score up a majority of the stand pat aggregation. You don't hear much talk now of over-striking the Governor's veto, and otherwise humiliating the Hon. Martin, and with a draw among the Republicans, the investigation craze is not likely to be popular much longer. Both the G. O. P. factions will be mighty glad to call it quits, because one seems to have as an unenviable record as the other and the Democrats alone cannot do more than show how insincere the opposition is in its professed anxiety for a "holier State."

One of the most important bills introduced in the Legislature thus far was presented by Representative Erdman, a Democrat from Lehigh County. It provides that no assistance shall be given a voter except because of physical disability, which shall be construed to mean disability arising from blindness or such a degree of blindness as to prevent the voter from distinguishing the names printed upon the ballot, or loss of both hands or such total inability to use both hands as incapacitates the voter from making a mark, or such other physical condition as renders it impossible for him to enter the voting compartment without assistance. Illiteracy or inability to read or understand the ballot shall not be construed as "physical disability."

This will be a tremendous step in the direction of preventing the ballot now so common in most sections of the State, but especially in Philadelphia and the coal and iron regions. The Republican legislatures have steadfastly refused to enact this legislation for the general elections, although it is a part of the primary law. It is the one instrument by which, for instance, the colored voter can be safely coerced and accounted for each year. There are approximately 75,000 Republican voters in Pennsylvania and it provides more of the Republican majority than any other factor. Then the mine boss with his grip on the foreign laborer at the orders of the mining corporations can always vote them for the Republican ticket and the result is big majorities for the G. O. P. in practically every coal county.

Speaking of coal counties, no State in the Union has more of them or more valuable deposits but in the Pennsylvania Legislature the welfare of this highly important industry is entrusted to Committees that are an insult to the intelligence of our mining population. In last weeks letter attention was called to the appointment of A. B. Hess of Lancaster County, as Chairman of the House Committee on Mines and Mining. The press of the State commented on this so strongly that Chairman Hess has resigned the job giving as his reason the fact that he has "no knowledge of subterranean passages, either physical or political." And this notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Hess served all of the 1915 session as Chairman of the same committee. But the newspapers were not paying much attention to commit-

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FARM BUREAU ORGANIZED.

John S. Dale was Made President, Harvey McDowell, Vice President, and C. R. Neff, Secretary-Treasurer.

At a meeting called for the purpose in Bellefonte, on Thursday of last week, a farm bureau was organized in Centre county. The preliminary meetings held throughout the county were well attended, and the movement generally met with approval. The meeting held for organization was attended by almost one hundred representative farmers in response to a letter previously sent out by John S. Dale, who has been active in the movement from its beginning, and was made temporary chairman.

The assembly was addressed by M. S. McDowell and F. P. Weaver, both connected with Pennsylvania State College. William H. Noll, Pleasant Gap; R. P. Campbell, Centre Hall; John Meek, Waddie; C. M. Dale, Lemont; and Gross Shook, of Spring Mills, were named a committee to nominate officers, and later reported as follows:

John S. Dale, State College, President. Harvey McDowell, Howard, Vice President. Calvin R. Neff, Centre Hall, Secretary-Treasurer.

The executive committee is comprised of the officers and the following gentlemen: D. O. Eiters, State College; Col. W. Fred Reynolds, Bellefonte; S. G. Walker, Spring Mills; W. C. Smetzler, Zion; J. M. Campbell, Pennsylvania Furnace; F. J. Green, Phillipsburg.

The selection of a farm agent has not yet been made and will not be made until the financial end of the movement has been amply provided for. The salary attached ranges near \$1500 per year, the greater part of which, as a rule, is paid from the county funds. In a general way Commissioners Grove and Noll have expressed themselves favorable to the establishment of the bureau, but, of course, have not given their official sanction.

Bubb-Rankin.

William Ellsworth Bubb, of Colyer, who is now employed at the Standard Steel Works at Burnham, sprung a surprise on his many friends on New Year's day, when he became engaged in wedlock to Miss Ethel Rankin, of Johnstown. He was taking advantage of the special excursion to Philadelphia to see the mummies parade on that day.

Mr. Bubb and his wife expect to go to housekeeping in the near future and in all probability will make a success of married life as he had a wonderful experience in splitting slabs in his father's saw mill, where he also became so interested in machinery that he couldn't resist the temptation to purchase an Old Henry, but owing to poor chauffeurage was compelled to store the car away for the winter.

Although many of his young lady friends were grieved to learn of his elopement, his parents, friends and neighbors of Fruittown wish him many happy congratulations. Last Thursday at 5 p. m., at the residence of Walker Shutt, of Boalsburg, S. Frederick Lose, of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Sara Blake, of Sandy Ridge, were united in wedlock in the presence of immediate relatives and friends by the Rev. S. C. Stover. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Gill being a sister of the groom's mother. After the marriage a sumptuous dinner was served and the bride received many presents. The groom is the noted base ball pitcher of the Pleasant Gap team and the bride is favorably known. After a short honeymoon, they will be at home at Pleasant Gap.

Stedding Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Wert of Tusseyville entertained two sled loads of people from Spruce town at their home Wednesday night of last week. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Yearick, Mr. and Homer Treaster, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lee, Charles Miller, Clarence Miller, Ralph Sweeney, George Sweeney, Fred Yearick, Elmer Bomgardner, Alveda Sweeney, Sarah Sweeney, Martha Yearick, Lila Yearick, Margaret Treaster, Eva Treaster, Mildred Duck. Refreshments were served consisting of ice cream, cake and candy.

Two More States for Prohibition.

Feb. 2, 1917, was a banner day for Prohibition. The Indiana State Senate passed the Statewide Prohibition Bill, already passed by the House; the Governor of Tennessee signed the bill prohibiting all shipments of liquor into the State after March 1, and the Governor of Oregon signed a bill of similar nature.

INSTALLATION OF REV. STILL.

Service to be Conducted Here Wednesday Morning and at Milesburg in the Evening.—The Order of Service.

The installation of Rev. Josiah Still, A. B., A. M., as pastor will occur Wednesday, February 14th at 10:30 a. m., at Centre Hall, and at 7:30 p. m., at Milesburg, in the Presbyterian church. Rev. C. W. Maus, of Wilmurburne, Moderator of Huntingdon Presbytery, will preside and propound the constitutional questions to the pastor-elect and the congregation.

Rev. Louis V. Barber, of Lemont, will preach the installation sermon. The charge to the pastor and to the congregation will be delivered respectively by Rev. H. K. McKinney, D. D., and Rev. Walter Fay Carson, both of Bellefonte. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

The following is the order of service: Voluntary. Invocation. Hymn, 58. Scripture. Choir Selection. Installation Sermon, Rev. Louis V. Barber, of Lemont. Constitutional Questions, Rev. C. W. Maus, Moderator. Hymn, 678. Charge to the Pastor, Rev. H. K. McKinney, D. D., of Bellefonte. Hymn, 679. Charge to the Congregation, Rev. Walter Fay Carson, of Bellefonte. Prayer. Hymn, 285. Benediction, by Pastor.

Horses Average \$212 at Yoder's Sale.

Out of a carload of thirty-three head of western horses, R. C. Yoder sold twenty-two head at Centre Hall last Friday at an average price of \$212.34. Zero weather kept many farmers away, nevertheless there was a goodly number of bidders attending Mr. Yoder's first sale of the season. The animals were an exceptionally fine lot. The highest price for a single horse was \$280, while the top team brought \$469.50.

The purchasers, number of horses bought and price paid, are given herewith:

Table listing purchasers and prices for horses. Includes names like George Pearson, Linden Hall, J. B. Campbell, Tyrone, etc.

A Good 30-Acre Field.

Roy M. Garbrick, who owns the farm known as the J. T. Potter farm, west of Centre Hall, has kept a record of the yield of various crops from off a twenty-acre field which proves quite interesting. In the season of 1914 he harvested 800 bushels of oats. In 1915 451 bushels of wheat came off the same field, and last year fifty-three loads of hay and thirty-five bushels of cloverseed were produced. This excellent record Mr. Garbrick attributes to liming with hydrated lime, although it required no great amount as is seen when only two tons were used, and that in 1915.

Outbreak of Typhoid Fever.

There is a wholesale typhoid fever illness in Rush township, this county, and in Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, and at the present time more than one hundred cases are reported. The State Board of Health is investigating the matter and it is more than probable that the source of trouble will be found in the borough reservoir. Patients are being removed to the Phillipsburg hospital and it will also be necessary to improvise a hospital in the Osceola Mills fire company's quarters.

Standard Steel Plant Extension.

The Standard Steel Works company, Burnham, has purchased the Yeager town athletic field, consisting of twelve acres of meadow land lying between the Kiscoquillas creek and the mountain, at the western section of their present scrap yards. The tract will be utilized for the present extension of their scrap yards and for the storage of several thousand tons of coal, and later for an extension of the big plant.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Matilda A. Dale to Chalmers Bathgate, tract of land in College twp. \$350. Leonard I. Rhone to May V. Rhone, et al tract of land in Potter twp. \$14,554. Jennie K. Reifnyder, et al, to John O. Eisenhuth, tract of land in Harris twp. \$500. T. G. Wolfe, et ux, to John O. Eisenhuth, tract of land in Harris twp. \$500.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT BOALSBURG

Two Sessions on Saturday in Boat Hall.—Illustrated Lecture on Friday Evening.

A teachers' local institute will be held in the Boat hall, Boalsburg, on Saturday of this week. There will be a morning session at 9:30 o'clock and an afternoon session at 1:30 o'clock. Quite a lengthy program has been prepared and a large number of subjects of special benefit to the rural school teacher will be discussed.

An interesting feature in connection with the institute, and which will be held on Friday evening is an illustrated lecture on vocational education which will be given by R. W. Heim, Supervisor of Agricultural Education, of Harrisburg. Vocational education is making progress throughout the state and the illustrated lecture on this subject promises to be well worth attending.

The institute program is as follows: SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK. The value of civil government in rural elementary schools. . . . Edna Ward Select Reading. . . . Nora Powell Primary reading. . . . Margaret Binghaman Third Grade Work. . . . Miss Forhman Discipline in a single room school. . . . Grace Elder My first experience. . . . Ralph Harpster Discussion. . . . Maud Houtz History and Hygiene. . . . Miss McMahon Recitation. . . . Claire Maritz SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK. Discussion. . . . R. R. Barnhart Recitation. . . . Viola Burrell Writing and drawing. . . . Miss Smith First grade work. . . . Mary Penny boy have? . . . Ernest Trossol Forestry. . . . John Keller Recitation. . . . Miram Dreese Jesus, as the ideal teacher. . . . Ella Freed Teaching patriotism in the public schools. . . . George Dunlap Home study. . . . Arthur Burrell Discussion. . . . John Patterson The teaching of English in rural schools. . . . Maude Krumrine Language in the high school. . . . Caroline Buckhout The benefits of the rural high school for country boys and girls. . . . Rosaline McCormick Discussion. . . . Mr. Briner Solving problems. . . . L. S. Sofianos Question box—All subjects will be open for general discussion. Teachers come prepared to take part.

Maximum Appropriation for High Schools.

Superintendent of schools of Centre county, Prof. D. O. Eiters, last week received a letter from the State Department of Public Instruction announcing that the maximum appropriation for high schools will be paid by the State for the school year ending July, 1916. The letter is as follows: My dear Sir:— You will be pleased to learn that the State will pay, for the school year ending July 1916, the maximum appropriation for high schools, as provided in Section 1713 of the School Code. The amount necessary to pay the sum specified by law will be taken from the unused portion of the million dollars appropriated for vocational education and for equalizing educational advantages throughout the State.

The State Superintendent, The Executive Secretary of the State Board of Education, and High School Inspectors have felt the need of paying the full amount specified by law and have earnestly labored to that end. They realize that this is but a temporary provision, however, and that if the maximum amount is to be paid hereafter it must be an adequate appropriation made by the Legislature now in session. It is imperative, therefore, that the school boards in districts maintaining a borough or township high school pass resolutions at once urging the maximum appropriation for high schools, as provided in the school Code, and forward the same to their respective representatives at the earliest possible moment, and that individual members use whatever personal influence they may have with members of the Legislature to this end.

As this is an special appropriation for high schools it should be used to increase the efficiency of the high school. Many of our high schools are woefully lacking in science equipment, reference libraries, maps, etc. The Inspector will look for better high school facilities as the result of this increase in the amount paid. Will you kindly hand this letter to the secretary of your school board at once and urge action thereon. Very truly yours, JAMES G. PENTZ.

The approximate total value of the horses, mules, cattle, sheep, and swine in the State is placed at \$178,550,100 at the present time as compared \$167,548,000 a year ago.

DEATHS.

Amos Koch, a well known citizen of Penns Valley, died at the home of William B. Kraps in Aaronsburg Wednesday morning of last week, after a year's illness with dropsy. He was aged seventy years, nine months and eight days. Two years ago he removed to Aaronsburg from Boalsburg where for the preceding five years he conducted the Boalsburg hotel. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koch and was born below Centre Hall, on what was known as the Samuel Foster farm, which his father owned. For many years the deceased was engaged in farming near State College, quitting the farm to engage in the hotel business. He is survived by his wife and ten children, one other child having died in youth; Mrs. Daniel Mothersbaugh, of Aaronsburg; Frank in the U. S. army service in China; Daniel, of Sunbury; Mrs. John Neese, of Penn Hall; Mrs. Bruce Rossman, of Millheim; Mrs. I. O. Campbell and George Koch, of Meek's church; Mrs. Charles Fogelman, of Lemont; Mrs. Roy Coxey, of Altoona, and Harry Koch, of State College. Funeral services were held Saturday morning in the Lutheran church at Aaronsburg, by Rev. M. D. Geesey, burial being made in the Lutheran cemetery in that place.

Following a third stroke of paralysis Mrs. Marcella Lingle, widow of the late James Lingle, and mother of Lycurgus Lingle of Earlstown, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Weaver, at Milesburg, on Thursday, January 25th. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Malone and was born in Boggs township seventy-seven years ago. Her husband died six years ago but surviving her are the following children; Lycurgus, of Potter township; Edward, of Pittsinn; Mrs. A. T. Bogge, of Milesburg; Harry, of Oklahoma; Charles B. of Homeland; Mrs. L. Frank Wetzel and Mrs. John Weaver, of Milesburg, and J. Bruce, of Boggs township. Rev. M. S. Blair, of Wellboro, had charge of the funeral which was held at 1:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made at the Curtin cemetery.

Bernard L. Brown died at his late residence in Bellefonte Sunday from diabetes. The deceased was thirty-three years of age and was tinner by trade. He was born at Glen Iron February 24, 1883, a son of William and Nora Brown. On August 4, 1905, he married Miss Pearl Rider, formerly of Centre Hall, who survives him with these children; Helen, Lawrence and William. Surviving also are three brothers and sisters; Walter, Jennie, Harry, David, Mrs. Mary Howard, William E., Arthur and George all of Bellefonte. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from the Catholic church. The deceased was a member of Bellefonte Lodge Loyal Order of Moose.

Prof. J. G. Royer, president of Mt. Morris (Illinois) college for twenty years and widely known as a preacher, author, teacher and lecturer, died Thursday, January 25th, at a hospital in Egin, Illinois. He was a native of Millmont, Union county, where he was born April 22, 1818. His education was gotten at Millburg academy and Union seminary.

Saw Mill Destroyed by Fire.

Fire of unknown origin was discovered at Meyers & Vonada saw mill near Coburn about 12:45 o'clock Wednesday morning of last week, and the building and contents was destroyed. Fire fighters who appeared on the scene were able to confine the flames to the mill, and much saved lumber and many logs were saved by heroic work. It is thought that the boiler and engine were not damaged to a great extent and that they can be repaired. The loss is estimated at \$1,600, with no insurance. It is likely that another mill will be built, as the firm had enough orders to keep the mill running steadily for two months. A mill on the same site was burned March 2, 1905, and no insurance was carried at that time.

See What "Essenkey" Means You.

This is what it means to have Essenkey installed in your auto tires: The State Highway Department grants a rebate on cars which come under the solid-tire class, and instead of your auto license fee being anywhere from \$10 to \$25, it is only \$5.00. All cars, regardless of horse-power, weighing less than two tons and having Essenkey in their tires instead of air, are subject to a license fee of only \$5.00.

Remember this is a big item when considering the installation of this puncture-proof and perpetual-wearing material. D. S. ISHLER, Centre Hall, Pa.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

H. L. Kline, the druggist, visited his home at State College over Sunday.

Robert Meyer, a fireman on the Pennsy and located at Altoona, was home for a few days last week.

Fred Schleiffer, of Kaneville, Illinois, where he is engaged in the grocery and meat business, is visiting relatives in and about Millheim.

Robert J. Riden, of Reedsville, well known in Centre Hall and Penns Valley, is a Democratic candidate for the nomination of Sheriff in Mifflin county.

Three important dates this month: February 12th, Lincoln's birthday; February 14th, St. Valentine's Day; February 22nd, Washington's birthday.

The high price of flour and eggs will neither enlarge the hole nor lessen the thickness of the dough around doughnuts that will be served at the numerous sales billed for March in Centre county.

J. H. Mersinger, in writing the Reporter from Sebeks, Minnesota, says: "Crops last year were pretty fair and markets are better. Corn is 85 cents; oats, 60 cents; flax, \$1.57; potatoes, \$1.00; beans, \$6.00 per bushel, and so on."

Miss Tillie Keller, one of the Centre Hall post office force, was unable to report for over a week on account of sickness. After she had recovered, her mother, Mrs. William H. Keller, became ill, but has now almost regained her former health.

The ground hog didn't have much trouble to see his shadow last Friday, and if it really means six weeks more of winter weather, it started off in great style, for his hogship's day was the coldest of the winter season up to that time. Mercury hung close to the 0 mark all day.

State Highway Commissioner Black issued notice that the privilege of using 1916 licenses on pneumatic tired automobiles etc., would be extended until February 15. This extension, the second in a month, is because of failure of the prison labor commission to make deliveries of the license tags.

Roy Gill, a young man of about 25 years, was arrested yesterday by local police and lodged in the county jail charged with defrauding a boarding house keeper residing at Lewistown Junction of a board bill, said Wednesday's Lewistown Sentinel. The man's home is in Centre county and he has been employed at the Burnham steel mill.

The Millheim Business Men's association has petitioned the United States postoffice department for a more adequate mail service in Millheim. The trains are very frequently late during the winter months and the driver very often does not wait at Coburn and consequently the mail which is due there at 9 a. m. does not get there until in the evening.

C. A. Boyer, who is well known in Penns Valley through his marriage to a sister of Mrs. J. C. Goodhart, of Centre Hill, received a merited promotion with the P. R. R. at Lock Haven where for a number of years he held the position of chief clerk in the freight office. On February 1st he assumed his new duties as ticket agent in the Pennsylvania passenger station in Lock Haven, succeeding John T. Gifford who retired after fifty years service with the company.

From present indications the farm bureau organized in Centre county is to be for the benefit of the farmers and also under their control. All the officers of the organization are either actively engaged in farming or have a direct interest in farm life through their ownership of farms. Too frequently these organizations and kindred ones are permitted to be operated by persons who have no interest whatever common with the farmer, and as a consequence the farmer receives no benefits from the movements that ought to be beneficial.

The moral atmosphere in Phillipsburg which for some time has been real cloudy, is clearing, thanks to the courageous efforts of several local officers who have run down more vice in that borough within the past six months than has been done for years. The last episode involved J. W. Stein, the Burgess of the town, and a wealthy citizen, who for the sake of a quarter's worth of cigars, took the chance of a court trial and sentence for larceny. He was caught in the act of taking a handful of cigars in a Phillipsburg drug store, being detected in the act by F. J. Green, secretary of Phillipsburg Chamber of Commerce, and who is responsible for a large number of the arrests which have been made there recently.