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## HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER

Four important bills drafted by Democratic Legislative Committee give Penrose men chance to show "square deal."

Senator Penrose's men in the Legislature—especially in the popular branch—have a fine opportunity now to give practical demonstration of their protestations of favoring a square deal.

No more important bills are before the present Legislature than four acts drafted by the Democratic State legislative committee and introduced by Wilson G. Sarig, the Democratic floor leader in the House, at intervals. One would abolish the vicious voters' assistance clause, except for voters physically unable to mark a ballot; another is a new corrupt practices act "with teeth in it"; the third would wipe out the extravagant system of distributing charity appropriation and establish a system much like the method of distributing common school funds; the fourth is the anti-trust bill which would prevent discrimination in favor of or against any individual or community.

These bills have been gathering dust in House committees for weeks and months—ever since they were introduced. All House committees are controlled absolutely by the Penrose Republican faction. Not a Penrose man has shown any disposition to have the bills come out. This is not surprising. But the Democrats determined to have "their day in court," at any rate, and hearings are being held this week on all four bills thru the efforts of Floor Leader Sarig. Even the most optimistic Democrats scarcely expect anything to come of their work—immediately. Their efforts may bear fruit in future years. But certain phases of Pennsylvania machine politics are too greatly afraid of revising the present election laws to expect them to receive much consideration as such interest control the legislature.

Democrats who argued in favor of the bills at the hearings included United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes, of Meadville, who was instrumental in drafting them; B. C. Bigbee of Uniontown; ex-State Chairman Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, and Farmer Wm. T. Creasy, of Catawissa.

Characteristic Republican chicanery has come to light in underhanded methods to increase the salaries of judges in eight counties. Innocent-looking amendments to existing laws were slipped in in the hope that they would get thru the Legislature in the hurlyburly of the last weeks without attracting attention. The Penrose men over-reached themselves, however, by not trusting each other. Result: Two bills, either of which would nullify the other.

D. J. Graeff, of Schuylkill, introduced a bill the effect of which would be to raise Schuylkill and Westmoreland judges from \$7,000 to \$8,000 per year. On the heels of this came a bill from William Davis, of Cambria, which would have raised judges in those two counties and Cambria, Berks, Fayette, Montgomery and Washington from \$7,000 to \$8,000 per year.

Total additions to the state's payroll would be somewhere around \$30,000 per annum.

Judges' salaries are fixed according to population of their districts, which is where the Graeff and Davis bills conflict. Neither has got further than Senate Committee.

Penrose's do-nothing legislature lives fully up to its reputation when corporate interests have anything at stake. The Woodward bill increasing the scale of workman's compensation is merely one of the many instances illustrative of this. Workmen are demanding passage of this measure; corporation men, of course, are opposed to it—just as they were opposed to the original compensation law and staved it off for years by one set of tactics or another.

With the approach of final adjournment, wary legislators are keeping sharply on guard against Penrose machine tricks which are common to the mad rush of the end of the session. It is during these days that the skillful floor whip can best "get in fine work". The inexperienced legislator, weary of the long grind, is not keen as in more leisurely days. But the Penrose machine never sleeps. It is on the job twenty-four hours a day. It is during the closing weeks—oftimes the closing days—that such little jobs as the notorious Catlin Commission of 1911 are put across. Bills which the organization wants are jockeyed thru when no one is presumed to be looking. Bills the organization doesn't want are killed (or cleverly emasculated) under similar conditions. Often

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## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Boalsburg High School Will Graduate Class of Ten Next Wednesday Evening.—Centre Hall High School Commencement on Thursday Evening.

The season of the High school graduate is here, and the present week is one of the greatest activity on the part of the lads and lassies who are preparing orations and essays for commencement day. An outstanding feature of the programs of the various local commencement exercises is the character of the subjects the young people have chosen, the patriotic element being noticeable in nearly every subject.

**BOALSBURG'S COMMENCEMENT**

A class of ten—seven boys and three girls—will graduate from the Boalsburg High school this year. The exercises will be held Wednesday evening, May 23rd, in the Reformed church. The program follows:

March  
Invocation . . . Rev. G. L. Courtney  
Music  
Oration . . . "Daisy Row" . . . "Our National Emblem" . . . "Samuel Ross" . . . "Loyalty" . . . John Smith . . . "Abraham Lincoln" . . . Nellie Ishler  
Reading . . . "True Courage" . . . "The Waking Up Of China" . . . "What Young Men Must Do" . . . "Why America Entered the War" . . . "James Whitcomb Riley" . . . Hugh Ralston  
Oration . . . "The Making of Men" . . . Dean Blaisdell, State College  
Music  
Presentation of Diplomas  
Benediction . . . Rev. S. C. Stover  
Music  
Music by Bellefonte High School Orchestra.

## COMMENCEMENT AT CENTRE HALL

Thursday evening, May 24th, is the time set for commencement exercises at Centre Hall, in Grange Arcadia. The class numbers three: Miss Lillian Emery, Robert Neff, and Thomas Foss. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. F. H. Foss, in United Evangelical church on Sunday evening, May 20th.

The program for commencement evening is as follows:

March  
Invocation . . . Rev. W. H. Williams  
Music  
Salutatory . . . Robert Neff  
Music  
Oration . . . Lillian Emery . . . "Fishes" . . . Thomas Foss  
Oration . . . "American Flag" . . . Prof. W. O. Heckman  
Music  
Presentation of Diplomas  
Benediction . . . Rev. R. R. Jones

**Smith-Martz.**

Willard Smith and Miss Florence Ruth Martz were united in the holy bonds of wedlock on Saturday evening by Rev. D. S. Kurtz, at the Lutheran parsonage in Centre Hall. The groom is the second son of Robert M. Smith, of Centre Hill, and the bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Martz, of Tusseyville. Both enjoy the esteem of a wide circle of friends who wish them an abundance of happiness and prosperity.

## The Bell's Movie.

The Bell's moving picture show given in Grange Arcadia on Thursday evening by W. S. Mallis, the local Bell manager, was all that one could desire. The admission was free, but the pictures and lecture were much more instructive and just as entertaining as many for which you laid down a dime or a quarter for the little green pasteboard you carried to the entrance. Beginning with a picture of Alexander Graham Bell, as he looked in 1875, when he invented the telephone, the pictures illustrated the lecture that gave a complete history of the Bell Telephone Company from its organization thirty years ago to the present time. There are today 9,500,000 telephones in the United States and 4,000,000 in the rest of the world.

## Civil Service Examinations.

The National Government is in need of clerks at salaries of from \$840 to \$1000 per year. To fill these positions civil service examinations will be held in the several states on May 25th, the places in Pennsylvania near here being State College, Williamsport, Altoona and Dubois. Apply to the postmaster at the places named above for further information. The examination has been modified in several branches.

Monday was a decidedly fine day—the first day during the month that the sun shone for any length of time.

## 48TH COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION BEGINS IN CENTRE HALL, TUESDAY

Reformed Church Place for Holding Convention.—Older Boys' and Older Girls' Conference to be Held in Lutheran Church.—The Program.

Tuesday morning of next week, May 22nd, the forty-eighth annual convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association will open in the Reformed church in Centre Hall. Delegates are expected from each school in the county. All pastors are invited to be present. Mrs. Margaret Strohm, of Centre Hall, is chairman of the entertainment committee, and all names of delegates and pastors should be sent to her.

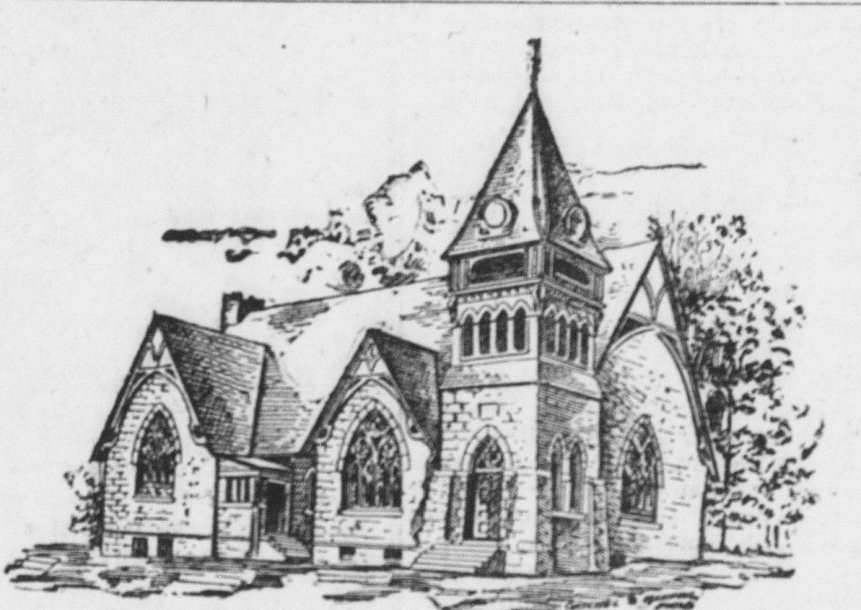
In conjunction with the county convention there will be held the Second Older Boys' and Older Girls' Conference, in the Lutheran church, on Tuesday, there being a morning and afternoon session. A big turnout of the younger class of Sunday-school workers is looked for. Miss Mary Dellinda Potter is in charge of the arrangements for entertainment for

terian Church (Miss Kane and Mrs. McGirk)

3:00 Devotional Service  
3:15 Stories and Story Telling  
4:00 Round Table  
4:30 The Child for Christ  
S. S. Officers' & Pastors' Conference, in M. E. Church (I. L. Harvey)  
3:00 Devotions  
3:15 "If I Were a Pastor," H. W. Rabert  
3:25 Discussion  
3:50 Address, "If I Were a S. S. Supt." . . . Rev. R. R. Jones  
4:10 Discussion  
4:30 Round Table

## TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 22

7:00 Song Service  
7:15 Devotions . . . Rev. W. A. Lepley  
7:30 Address, "The Needs of a Child" . . . Miss Kane  
8:00 Song  
8:05 Announcements  
8:10 Address, "Bible School of the Future" . . . Rev. N. F. Johnson  
8:55 Song and Benediction



TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH, CENTRE HALL  
Where the 48th annual convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association will be held Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

the young people.

The convention promises to be one of the largest and most interesting to be held in the county in many years. President I. L. Harvey has mobilized the Sunday-school forces of the county and placed on the program the leaders in their respective lines of work. The six sessions, therefore, promise good things for those who attend. A study of the program which is printed below will convince anyone of the excellence of the various sessions.

## TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 22

9:00 Song Service  
9:20 Address of Welcome  
9:30 Response  
9:40 Song  
9:45 Address, "Graded Lessons" . . . Rev. W. H. Williams  
10:20 Discussion  
10:45 Song  
10:50 A Cradle Roll Demonstration  
11:05 Address, "The Beginners" . . . Miss L. Grace Kane  
11:35 Appointment of Committees, etc.  
1:40 Devotions . . . Rev. W. A. Lepley  
1:55 Song and Adjournment

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 22

1:30 Song Service  
1:45 Address, "Sacred Music vs. Muscular Music," Mrs. L. W. Nuttall  
2:05 Address, "Missionary Education in the Sunday School," Rev. T. H. MacLeod  
2:35 Song  
2:40 Devotions . . . Rev. W. A. Lepley  
3:00 Divide into Conferences—Elementary Conference, in Presby-

## STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

It is estimated that about 108,000 of the 218,000 farmers in Pennsylvania use commercial fertilizers.

There promises to be a large increase in the acreage sown to corn and oats in many sections of the State this year.

Prospects are bright for peach and apple crops that will be up to the normal yield and much better than last year.

Estimates show that about fifty per cent. of the farmers of Lancaster county are fattening steers for the spring markets.

Farmers throughout the State do not look forward to as good a hay crop as last season when all records were broken by the bumper crop.

Farmers are making heroic efforts to save their wheat crop. A Jefferson county farmer drilled 200 pounds of fertilizer per acre on a thirty acre field and also sowed grass seed with a marked improvement in the condition of his wheat.

## State Grange at Williamsport.

The 1917 convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange will be held in Williamsport December 11, 12 and 13.

A single issue of a New York Sunday paper is said to consume the timber from fifteen acres of forest.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 23

9:30 Song Service  
9:45 Address, "Practical Observation in Sunday School Work," Prof. James Hughes  
10:10 Song  
10:20 Address, "How Blair County Reached Advanced Standard" R. A. Zentmeyer, Pres. Blair Co. S. S. A.  
10:45 Song  
10:50 Recognition Teacher Training Graduates  
11:10 Song  
11:15 Address, "The Secondary Division Program for the Local School," P. G. Orwig  
11:45 Devotions . . . Rev. W. A. Lepley  
12:00 Adjournment

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 23

1:30 Song Service  
1:45 Address, "Evangelism in the Sunday School," Rev. O. B. Poulson  
2:25 Special Music . . . Mr. and Mrs. Waring  
2:30 Reports of Committees, Election of Officers, etc.  
2:45 Devotions . . . Rev. W. A. Lepley  
3:00 Divide into Conferences—Teachers Training, in Presbyterian Church (Mr. A. C. Thompson)  
O. A. B. C., in Lutheran Church, Theme, "Federation" (Mr. Orwig and Mr. Nuttall)

## WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 23

7:00 Song Service  
7:15 Devotions . . . Rev. W. A. Lepley  
7:30 Special Music, Mr. and Mrs. Waring  
7:35 Address . . . Hon. Ellis L. Orvis  
8:00 Song  
8:05 Address, "Discovering the Boy," P. G. Orwig  
8:40 Song and Benediction

## Montgomery Man in Trouble.

William Decker, Montgomery's wealthiest citizen and leading manufacturer, is up against a serious proposition. He has just completed a new \$25,000 factory, a four-story brick building, finished and equipped in the finest modern style. By a decree of the county court, handed down on Wednesday, Mr. Decker is ordered to remove that portion of the building covering and obstructing an alley. The owner of property abutting on the alley notified Mr. Decker not to obstruct the alley, but he paid no heed to the notification and the matter was taken into court, with the above result. It looks now as though the disregard of others will prove an expensive proposition to Mr. Decker.

## Memorial Services and Sermon.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle, Castle No. 365, will hold memorial services at the Centre Hall cemetery Saturday evening of this week, and on Sunday evening Rev. R. R. Jones will deliver a memorial sermon in the Reformed church. The Spring Mills Castle will participate in both services.

## Love-Jordan Reunion.

The twenty-third annual reunion of the Love-Jordan families will be held in W. W. Tate's woods, in Benner township, Saturday, June 16th. All friends are invited.

## KILLED BY TRAIN.

J. G. Eisenhauer, of Aaronsburg, Struck by Mail Train at Sunbury, Monday Morning and Instantly Killed.

J. G. Eisenhauer, a resident of Aaronsburg, was instantly killed Monday morning at six o'clock by a mail train at Sunbury. Mr. Eisenhauer was employed in the Northumberland yards, doing night work, and was returning to Sunbury where he boarded, after his Sunday night's work. Leaving the train at Sunbury he started to cross the tracks ahead of the oncoming Buffalo Express train. He retraced his steps but failed to notice the speedy Philadelphia mail train coming from the other direction and stepped in the tracks directly ahead of it. He was hurled a great distance and when picked up life was extinct. The body was shipped to his home in Aaronsburg on Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon and burial at Aaronsburg, Rev. Brown officiating. Deceased was aged fifty-four years.

His wife and seven children survive, namely: Merrill, of Bellefonte; Clarence and Philip, of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Ray Auman, of Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Arthur Weaver, of Aaronsburg; Marion and Harry at home. Also two brothers and one sister: M. E. Eisenhauer, Mrs. Laura Hare, of Sandusky, Ohio; William, of Freeburg.

## May 24, "Farm and Garden Day."

Governor Brumbaugh by formal proclamation cancelled "Good Roads Day," set for May 24 and substituted therefore "Farm and Garden Day." Pennsylvania's third annual Good Roads Day was proclaimed February 19. With the declaration of war later the State Highway Department and local road authorities speeded up road improvement.

Necessity for a Good Roads Day has passed, observes the Governor and "the food problem is the paramount one." He calls on every one to devote more than usual attention to food production on May 24.

Governor Brumbaugh's proclamation says in part:

"When the proclamation for Good Roads Day was issued on February 19 no one could foresee the events of the next two months.

"When war came the people did not wait for 'Good Roads Day.' They made it a 'Good Roads Spring' with every day a good roads day. Unexpected developments of the last two months have made it more essential that the energies of the whole people be turned into channels of greater necessities.

"The food problem is the paramount one at the present time. The country does not realize the seriousness of the situation confronting us. The people do not, as yet, understand that the success of the United States, in the war just entered upon, depends so much upon food as it does upon munitions. If victory is to come to us without untold suffering to our people, they must be taught at once the necessity of growing greater crops. This must be brought home to them by a climax that will arouse them to instant action. How better could this be done than by having a 'Farm Day.'

The governor does hereby designate and set aside Thursday, May 24 as Farm and Garden Day and calls upon the people of this state to devote their energies upon that day to an increase of food products by working in their own gardens or assisting their neighbors.

## Killed in Jump from Auto.

John H. Weiser, of Bellefonte, Mifflin county, was killed on Friday evening when he jumped from his auto to retrieve his hat which had blown from his head. He was speeding along the road and when his headgear was carried off he suddenly applied the brakes, but before the car came to a stop he leaped out, being hurled headfirst to the hard roadway. He was rendered unconscious and died in a few minutes.

## Red Cross Auxiliary Organized.

A Red Cross Auxiliary, a branch of the Central Committee of New York, was organized in Bellefonte Saturday night with John Blanchard, Esq., as chairman, Mr. McCurdy, treasurer, and Thomas Mitchell, secretary. The organization now has a membership of over eight hundred, which will be increased to one thousand and over. The membership fee is \$1.00. A number of residents of Centre Hall have become members through the solicitation of Mrs. H. F. Bitner.

## Warmer Weather Coming.

Considerably warmer weather is predicted for the remainder of the week.

Don't forget the High school play, "Civil Service" in Grange hall tonight (Thursday).

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Presbyterian church and manse were wired for electric light last week. Two Chicago newspapers announce a raise in their Sunday editions from 5 cents to 8 cents a copy.

Methodists in Bellefonte are this week celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the church organization in that place.

Preliminary action was taken by a number of Lycoming county farmers to form an association to participate in the Federal Farm Loan fund.

Dr. Wolfe and family left Centre Hall on Friday for their new home in New Berlin. The best wishes of the community go with the Wolfe family.

Friday of this week, Prof. S. C. Ford will hold a meeting and demonstration at the sperry of Prof. W. P. Hoesterman, Penn Hall, to which the public is invited.

Mrs. Catharine Dale and sister, Miss Mollie Hoffer, after spending the winter with the former's son, Dr. P. H. Dale, at State College, returned to Centre Hall last week.

White Deer State Forest, in Union county, will be supplied with a steel observation tower sixty-three feet in height. It will also be supplied with suitable instruments for making observations during the forest fire seasons.

Phillipsburg displayed its patriotism on Saturday with a big parade, including six bands, and a drum corps, the public school pupils, Red Cross and the civic and fraternal organizations. A big flag was raised on the school grounds.

S. W. Gramley, cashier of the Millheim Banking Company, was elected trustee in the bankruptcy case of H. G. Hartline, the Millheim baker. Mr. Gramley will dispose of the bakery outfit, as well as a house and lot in Laurelton, for the benefit of the creditors.

The Freeport (Ill.) Bulletin in its issue of last week, chronicled the sale of the Emmert drug store, which was one of the first to be established in Freeport. For more than half a century—fifty-four years—the store was conducted by Joseph Emmert, a former Centre countian.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe, of Aaronsburg, last week left on an extended trip through the middle west, the main objective points being Pittsburgh, Akron, Ohio, Chicago and various places in the state of Kansas. The tour will be made in their new Overland touring car.

In an effort to atone for the very poor forest fire record made by Blair county last year, citizens of Lakemont have organized a forest fire company, the first of its kind in Pennsylvania. The organization starts with over 150 members enrolled, all of whom are pledged to wage instant and ruthless warfare on all forest fires.

Postmaster Foster, of State College, received the blue prints for the new government building to be erected in that town, last week, and the prints show that the proposed building will be exceptionally handsome. It will be fifty by eighty feet, and will face on Allen street with an imposing front and a magnificent interior. The government is now asking for bids for the erection of the new building.

Centre county has won a McAllister Freshman scholarship in the Pennsylvania State College for the year 1917-1918. An examination to determine the award will be given by the faculty committee on entrance, at the College, Thursday, June 14, 1917. The examination will comprise algebra to quadratics, plane geometry, english grammar, classics, U. S. history and civil government. The scholarship is open to both sexes.

The Championship of the Central Pennsylvania Debating League will be decided at State College tomorrow (Friday) when the Millinburg High school debating team, winners in the Williamsport district, will be matched against the winners of the Altoona and Huntingdon districts. The question for debate is "Resolved, that State-wide prohibition is a better solution of the liquor problem in Pennsylvania than county local option."

The cyclonic nature of last Thursday's wind storm was plainly shown by the way it handled a farmer's wagon and a load of loose hay. Sylvester Shaver was moving a load of hay from the Keller farm to his new location at Linden Hall and while traveling along in the vicinity of the Elmer Royer farm at Earlstown, Old Boreas blew a blast from the north-west and sent the wagon and hay against the fence. The heavy farm wagon was completely upset. Neighbors soon came to Mr. Shaver's assistance and helped reload the wagon.