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Democrats Present Opportunities for Real

HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER

Public Service in a Number of Bills.

Democrats have presented the notorioua'dc-nothing session of the Pennsylvania legislature with some few opportunities for public service which have been laid plainly before it.

Last week's hearings before House committees of the four " Democratic that the way lies straight for some acin sight from the majority.

Among bills of such unusual imand beneficial influence upon his deed her mind was fostering. When household purse.

practices and the "hospital day" any circumstances be classed as second | death-a suicide. -rate measures.

When District Attorney Humes argued before the House Corporation Committee for report of the anti-trust bill, which would give producer and consumer a square deal on the cost and profit and send the food gambler and gouger scurrying for cover, he was joined by S. R. Tarner, of Pittsburgh, chief of the railroad trainmen's brotherhoods' legislative committee. Tarner is one of the recognized union labor leaders of the state.

" Pennsylvania is one of only seven states in the Union which has no anti-trust legislation," said Humes. My brief experience in prosecuting violations under the Sherman antitrust law has revealed the fact that much sky rocketing in prices and great increases in costs of foodstuffs is due to combinations in local distributing concerns which are engaged solely in intra state trade and are thereby immune from the Sherman law. Pennsylvania has no laws by which

UIDE, SATURDAY MORNING

PINE GROVE MILLS LADY A SUI-

One Centre

Miss Ida Bowersox, Aged 52, Found by Mother Hanging to Bedpost .-- Strap About Nack Causes Strangulation.

The town of Pine Grove Mills was startled on Saturday morning when it was learned that one of its respected County Commissioners' office, Bellemaiden ladies-Miss Ida Bowersoxhad ended her life. It was the mother bills " introduced by Assemblymen who made the terrible discovery of her Wilson G. Sarig, of Berks and Ira T. daughter's lifeless body hanging from are to be held this season. All of our a good attendance of citizens and al- in the vicinity of McConnell, Illincie. Erdman, of Lehigh, showed plainly a bedpost with a trunk strap around people who desire institutes, ought to so delegates; at roll call twenty-seven where he spent all his remaining her neck. The body was cold, indicattual legislation of great and direct ing that the deed must have been public benefit. So far there has been committed at the time of retiring the none at any time this year, nor is any evening before, or a short time there- local member of the State Board of Cultivation in the Sunday School." March 18, 1881, and seven children after.

Illness, which started with a severe portance as the four introduced by case of grip last winter while in Erdman and Sarig after being drafted | York state, made its attack upon Miss by the Democratic State Legislative Bowersox's mind, and while many the chief. But the anti-trust measure, proved, her most intimate friends meeting, address a letter with your re- least as much as the stock about you, Minnesota ; Mrs. Ethlyn Brown, of evening. which could be used as a powerful and knew that she was not her former self. quest to the Chairman of Board of In- and remember the Sunday School Freeport, Ill; George Stiffler, and effective weapon to lower the cost of The night before Miss Bowersox carnecessary foodstuffs, is the one which ried out her desperate act she retired appeals most forcibly to the average in her usual manner, her actions disman because it would have a direct playing no intention of the terrible

the mother received no response to her The voters' assistance, the corrupt call for breakfast after several attempts she entered the bedroom of her daughcharities bills, however, cannot under | ter and was horrified to find her cold in

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bowersox and was born near Millheim, March 10, 1865, making her age past fifty-two years. Besides her parents she is survived by these brothers and sisters : Harry, Oscar, Mrs. J. B. Rockey, of State College; Mrs. John Ery, Mrs. Charles Weaver, of Laurelton; Mrs. T. D. Gray, of Bloomsburg ; Elmer, of Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. G. E. Harper, of White Hall; Dr. Frank Bowersox, of Millheim ; Edna, of Altoona; Prof. A. L., of Pine Grove Mills, and John,

of Baileyville. Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday morning and burial Nearhood officiating.

The High School Play.

The High school play, given by the class of 1917, with the assistance of was a signal success from every view- The price paid was nine cents per schools neglect this part of the mem- on a drive which had all the force and of six rainy days. point. The small admission fee of ten pound, live weight, which netted Mr. bership.

WILL ARRANGE FOR HOLDING FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers to Meet at Bellefonte on June 12th .- Open to Public,

stitute Managers will meet at the in all respects, due to the untiring was born near Tusseyville, October 18, fonte, on Tuesday, June 12th, to arrange for the place where institutes attend this meeting and present their delegates answered to their names. years, following farming as an occupaclaims. This board is composed of the of Bellefonte spoke on "Planting and Miss Susan Yeager, of McConnell, on Agriculture, and one representative He emphasized these points : that were born to their union, all of whom from each County Agricultural Socie- the work of the Sunday School is not are living, as follow : Mrs. Clema ty, the Pomona Grange, County Alli- yet finished, at times old methods Long, of Bridgeport, Wisconsin ; Mrs. ty, the Pomona Grange, County Alli-ance and other kindred organizations. can be used to good effect, get to work Minnie Frit's, of Washington state; as you would in other work, take an Alfred Stiffler, of Grand Island, Nestitute Managers, care of County Com- trains the young people for future life. Mrs. Cora Pennypacker, of McConmissioners.

Fire Brick Plant for Port Matilda.

Port Matilda citizens are very much elated over the fact that a new fire dren go, the teacher should know the brothers preceded him to the grave. brick plant is to be erected at that standing of each of his scholare, and The funeral was held at McConnell place, and that work on the same will be commenced at once.

The Laurel Run Refractories Co., recently incorporated, will operate the then Prof. W. F. Ziegler addressed their last respects to the deceased. new plant. The incorporators are I. the audience on "The Social Prob-L. Harvey, Ex-Judge E. L. Orvis, E. lem and the Sunday Echool," laying Harvey and C. W. Keller.

operation by the middle of November. largely on political and religious prin- game on Grange park on Saturday af-About 200 hands will be employed. The company has purchased the en- not see any good in the other unless the fray a 9 to 8 victor, chiefly through tire farm of the Beckwith estate.

Driving New Buick Roadster.

Robert D. Foreman, the grain and coal merchant, is driving a handsome acquires the habit. Here he drewsatten- being of an inferior quality. This apnew Buick D44 six cylinder roadster tion whenever we speak of habit we plies to both teams. Centre Hall colcar, which he purchased last week. To speak absolutely correct, it should with the wheel.

\$171.72 for a Big Bull

Marcellus Bankey, of Potters Mille,

Prominent Speakers Discuss Sunday-School Levi A. Stiffier Left Tusseyville Thirty. Problems at Millheim Convention.

FINE DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Levi A. Stiffler, a native of Potter The fourteenth annual district Sabbath School convention met at Mill- township, died at his home in McCon-The County Board of Farmers' In- heim on Thursday and was a success nell, Illinois, Saturday, May 12th. He efforts of the president, the able corps 1855, hence was in his sixty-second of speakers and others who took an year. In the spring of 1879 he departed for the west in company with his active interest. At the opening session there was brothers Leslie and William, settling After devotional services, Rev. Shuey tion. He was united in marriage to Thomas A. Adams, the next speaker, nell, Ill. Also one brother, Peter

> held that parents have no right to go Fetterolf, bith of Yesgertown, Pa. prior to the 15th. where they would not have their chil- His parente, two sisters and three nothing." At the afternoon session Rev. J. O. Neal of the United Breththe first speaker could not be present, ren church. Nearly 400 people paid

stress on that we live in the present, The Millheim and Centre Hall base It is expected the plant will be in not in the past; social life divided ball clubs engaged in a hotly contested

> ciple, in party or church creed we can- ternoon, Centre Hall coming out of he is of our shade in these divisions. the potency of their bats. Very sel-Why do we go to Eunday School? dom, indeed, is such free hitting seen goes because the parent goes and thus face of pitching which was far from commanded to go, still habit forming, hits short of the number ama-sed by and Paul J. Meyer. after the habit forming period is the locals, but pitcher "Curly" Aum-

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS,

separter.

DIED IN ILLINOIS.

Eight Years Ago.

Centre Hall, 9 ; Millheim, 8.

Only one hand was down ; a sure the

The players engaged were as follow :

p, 1b ; Goodhart, 3b ; Kessler, c ; M.

Meyer, ss ; Waite, 1b, p ; Smith, If

Centre Hall-Kuarr, se ; Bradford,

3b ; Stahl, 2b ; Garis, c ; N. Crawford,

rf ; Auman, p ; A. Crawford, cf ; Fose,

SCORE BY INNINGS;

Millheim- 301010030-8

Centre Hall-4 1 0 2 0 1 0 1 x-9

Writes from McConnell, Ill.

J. H. Jordan, of McConnell, Illi-

Concerning farm work in that sec-

1b ; Bailey, cf ; Mitterling, rf.

Wilson, cf : Garie, rf.

J. Q. A. Miles, of Martha, visited his daughter, Mrs. G. O. Benner, for several days last week.

The nickel cigar is said to be in danger owing to the increase of tax on cigars for war purposes.

Col. and Mrs. W. H. Shoemaker returned from their New York home to 'Restless Oaks " at McElbattan.

Juries may be empowered to decide whether the penality for first degree murder shall be death or life imprisonment.

Lewis Wolfe, who moved with his parents to New Berlin, two weeks ago, assisted the local High school Committee, it is not easy to pick out were of the opinion that she had im- If you find that you cannot attend this equal interest in the boy and girl, at brasks ; John Stiffier, of St. Paul, play in Grange hall, on Thursday

> The greater part of the corn has been planted. The planting was done at least a week later than the average, on "Idle children, idle churchee," Stiffler, and one sister, Mrs. Tamer little of the crop having been planted

> In making exemptions from military service the dependent wife in many cases may be the bread-winner, but "don't be nobody, going nowhere for on Tuesday of last week, conducted by the government won't look into details close enough to make such a discovery.

> > The old family Bible is being thumbed over by more sons of their mothers than for some years. The parts that are being read most are those bearing the records when they came into being.

It appeared that every Tin Lizzie and automobile that could run was on the road on Sunday. It was time for Till be is six years of age the child at the opening of the season, in the the "excuse my dust" pennants to be displayed on the back, but very few were in evidence.

Millheim High school graduated a usually think of evil or bad habits, lected seventeen safe swats off Weaver class of four member on Tuesday evenwith the proper training these will be and Waite, the latter player having a ing at the commenement exercises. be said that Mrs. Foreman is driving just as well good habits as bad habits ; minor league reputation, earned at They are Maragret B. Mensch, Marmade in Meek's cemetery, Rev. Victor the car. She has become quite expert from this age to nine the child is more Sunbury. Millheim was only three ion I. Adams, Franklin J. Heckman

A good soaking rain is sorely needpassed the young person wants to go, an displayed more grit with men on ed. The protracted rainy spell of a Mrs. S. W. Smith, superintendent of bases. This was best shown in Mill- few weeks back failed to yield a great disposed of a big bull last week to A. the Home department, gave a fine out- heim's last turn at bat-the ninth in- precipitation, as is shown by the local under-graduates and alumni, in the M. Riegel, buyer for the Lock Haven line of the value of this department ning. Thanks to Waite's elephantine government records. Only an inch Grange hall last Thursday evening, packing house, that weighed 1908 lbs. when carefully handled; too many movement he got only to third base and a quarter of rain fell over a period

pep to entitle its owner to a home run. While driving on Pine creek road a horse owned and driven by W. S. Hosterman, near Woodward, dropped ions; these were very much appreciat- the visitors but Auman kept his nerve dead. Colic also caused the death of a valuable horse belonging to Bruce Weber, of Rebersburg, and one the property of Thomas Bennage, of near Millheim-H. Meyer, 2b; Weaver, Madisonburg, made a narrow escape from death from the same disease. Last week mention was made in these columns of the contemplated move on the part of D. Milton Bradford from Centre Hall to Keymar. Maryland. Mr. Bradford has since accepted the position of railroad agent at that point and will move with his family the latter part of this month. He will ship the greater part of his household goods this week. A number of the colony of fifty or more martins that for a number of noie, wrote the Reporter under date of vears have been nesting in the bird May 10th, enclosing an obituary on house at the Fisher store, Penn Hall, have died. Mr. Fisher, who is much dan knew since school-boy days back interested in the birds, thinks the martins are starving, owing to the lack of insects caused by the cold weather. The martin is one of the most useful tion of Illinois, Mr. Jordan reports insect-eating birds, and feeds entirely

this condition can be remedied. Food gambling and price fixing can go on in this State without fear or punishment.

Tarner said that while prices of foodstuffs has risen from 100 to 300 p .r farmer or orginal producer that was securing the increased price, but that men who apparantly were permitted to make whatever combinations and would stand for.

ion between property rights and hu- would have spent the remainder of man rights.

Purely from the legislators' standpoints, the Democratic amendments age legislator; he consumes it in large ner which brings everything to a doses daily ; anything that is likely to happy end. disturb the existing order of politics may result in a convulsion thruout the universe. Humes supplied some of the convulsions right on the ground.

The present system of apportioning state moneys among local charities was held up by District Attorney Humes as perhaps the greatest evil of the legislative and fiscal machinery of the state. Speaking before the House Judiciary Local Committee, Humes said :

"We have been taught to believe that all government desires its just powers from the consent of the governed but those of us who have had the privilege of observing the operations of the Government of this Commonwealth at close range know that scores of unjust powers are usurped and exercised by the dominate political bose and the manner in which appropriations are made to private charities contributes more to the accomplishment of this usurpation of power by the boss than any other influence or practice in this State. Many people of the State have been persuaded by the

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cents netted the class treasury a sum of \$35.90, which will serve to liquidate the numerous items of expense incident to commencement.

The histrionic ability displayed by a number of the amateur performers cent. he found that is was not the in the presentation of the play, " Civil Service," was a matter for praiseworthy discussion. The play had to the real profits were gotten by middle- do with the workings of a country post office, whose force consisted of the well-to-do postmaster ; a money orprices they thought the local public der clerk who lived beyond his means and who later yielded to the temptation to remove \$100 from a letter in

order to meet the urgent demands of L Tarner in behalf of labor, placed his clothing and jewelry creditore ; a special emphasis on the provision of the mailing clerk who was ever casting proposed bill which declares that lab- up to his fellow worker his dereliction or of a human being is not a commod- in meeting his financial obligations as ity or article of commerce, and urged well as his hopeless love affair ; "Old its passage as a recognition by the R. F. D., a mystery," whose heart was State of Pennsylvania of the distinct- in the right place and who willingly

his days behind the bars to shield a The Sarig bill is the only one pending son who had made his first step on in the Legislature which attempts in the downward road ; the country boy any way to control the soaring prices of with hair like the setting sun who is a food stuffs and the high cost of living. sub in the post office and who doesn't the local government boards and the vice pres., sec'y; and Boyd W. Hazel, that farmers are trying to plant corn

was always aching to be back on the farm with its simple life; and last, sparrow to keep their number down. to the election laws attracted more at- but not least, the stamp clerk, who is The same practice here would save tention at the Capitol itself than the as pure as the driven snow, and who the native birds from early extincotters. This is because politics is a after having apparently lost her lover, tion. part and parcel of the life of the aver- handles a difficult situation in a man-

> The cast of characters was published in this paper two weeks ago, those taking part being as follows : Robert tinued ill health. Neff, Lewis Wolfe, Thomas Foss,

Dwight Fose, James Sweetwood, Lynn Bitner, Ethel Rowe, Elizabeth the speed ordinance on the part of Sweetwood, Adaline McClenahan, many local autoists, on the streets of Tuesday, June 5, is draft registry Mrry Whiteman and Lillian Emery.

New Railroad Schedule.

Beginning Monday morning of next week the east-bound passenger train, on the L. & T. railroad, will leave Bellefonte 26 minutes earlier, arriving at Centre Hall at 6:45 a. m., instead of 7:11. The new schedule applies only to the morning run.

\$4,5000 for His Wheat.

H. R. Slifer, of near Watsontown, recently sold his crop of 1500 bushels of wheat for \$4,500, or three dollors a bushel.

Oil Refiner Leaves \$2,000,000.

Levi Smith, the oil refiner, who died two weeks ago at Warren, left an estate valued at \$2,009,000.

The need of road oil becomes more bess that the efficiency and fidelity of apparent every day during this dry weather.

Sankey the neat sum of \$171.72. Big money for one animal for beef.

Odd Fellows Gain Membership.

A total membership of 174,393 of fine solo by Miss Brown, and in the on strikes. Odd Fellows in the state was reported evening a solo by Miss Musser who by Grand Secretary Asher A. Ball, of has shown marked training and Philadelphis, at the annual meeting her execution proves unusual culture. of the Grand lodge in session last The speaker of the evening, Prof. week at York. A gain of 6,062, record- Whorten, of State College, who was ed for the last six months, was great- sent as a substitute, said if we may acer than in any of the previous five cept or look for a decline in our Sunyeare. Eighteen new lodges were day Schools, he sees four causes ; first, instituted during the year. The order, lack of competent leadership ; inadeaccording to the report, paid out \$943,- quacy of teaching ability ; lack of ade-234 in sick and death benefits in Penn- quate equipment, and failure to undersylvania during the past year, while stand the real gain. Bo far for Sunthe Rebekahr, with 31,408 members, day School work. The subject includpaid out \$11,614.

absence of the old ones kick the young officers were elected : A. N. Corman, nestling out to death. In England re-elected president ; S. W. Gramley, like to wear "store shoes" and who board of agriculture authorize and treasurer. encourage the children to kill the

Levi A. Miller, of Pleasant Gap, grand master ; Jacob Weaver, York,

township, last week, to succeed David er A. Hall, Philadelphia, grand secre-Miller, who resigned owing to con- tary ; Fred C. Hanyen, Scranton,

There appears to be a contempt for H. Avery, Philadelphia. the borough.

At the evening session the Millheim orchestra rendered several fine select- and possible victory looked rosy for ed. Mention must also be made of a and retired the remaining two batters

day.

THIS IS THE WAY THE NEW LAW MAKES

A SOLDIER.

civilian may become a soldier within the next few months :

titled to carry his case to the local federal court for settlement.

resides. He goes on about business.

port.

tration camp

Here is the way the war department will exercise the draft-how a man now

1st. On June 5 he registers in the election precinct in which he

and. After a delay of several weeks, perhaps a month or more,

the man whose name has been drawn is notified by the war de-

partment either that he has been exempted from service or that he

has been selected. If the latter, he is told when and where to re-

3rd. He reports at the time and place designated, probably a

local armory, is given his equipment and transported to a concen-

In case he believes he should have been exempted and was not, he is en-

ed the argicultural problem as we hear and see it at this time. "Some Rur-Sparrows are unusually numerous al Problems in War Times." In agthisiyear and many localities report an riculture he advanced this : produce unusual scarity of robins, where they more, consume less and waste nothing. the late Levi Stiffler, whom Mr. Jorhad been plenty heretofore. The All present expressed that this was peaky little immigrants watch the the most instructive convention ever in the '70's at the old "Loop" school nests of the native birds and in the held in this district. The following at Colver.

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Odd Fellows State Officials At the York connvention these offi-

cers were elected by the Grand Lodge figures because by the time this is in W. Montgomery, of Philadelphia, higher." was appointed tax collector of Spring grand warden ; Roy D. Bremen ; Ush-Former State College Man Killed in France Harold Williamson, formerly con-

> grand treasurer ; grand representative College, has been killed on the British guilty person. to the sovereign grand lodge, James

front in France.

Word of his death came to Dr. E. E. Times announcing his departure from Canadian troops.

Flowers for Memorial Day.

Children should bring flowers for and lived in the far northwest. Memorial Day to the local P. O. S. of will be kept of the names of all the following week.

Governor at State College.

public is cordially invited to attend. at Waddle, fought fiames.

while on the wing. after a long delay, due to the most Surely an individual who would backward spring in years. " Prices of committ so disbolical a deed as to foodstuffs are the highest I have ever known," he writer, "and cannot quote hurl a whisky flask, with half its contents remaining in the flask, through of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F. : Robert print prices will undoubtedly be a church window should suffer most severe penalty. Some one in Millhiem

is guilty of such an offense, the act, having occurred Saturday night a week ago, at the United Evangelical church. The officials are offering a nected with the animal husbandry department of The Pennsylvania State reward of \$10 for the arrest of the

Miss Lizzie Harpster, of Harrisburg, a guest at the Arney home dur-Sparks last week. Williamson, who ing the past week or more, was a callleft two years ago, was struck by a er at this office, and expressed delight shell while bringing German prision- over the good work being done by Mies ers from the front. He was identified Rankin, she having been a next door by a clipping from the State College neighbor when living in Missouls. Montanna. Since coming into public the college and enlistment with the life Miss Rankin on a number of occasions has stopped with Miss Harpster's sister, Mrs. (Dr.) G. H. Widder, who also made her aquaintance when a girl

The past week has been one of the A. rooms, in the bank building, on worst in many years for forest fires in Wednesday afternoon. A register the state. Thousands of acres of wooded land were burned over in young people bringing flowers and Huntingdon and Mifflin counties. Bewill be published in this paper the sides the timber loss small game is said to have been destroyed to a great

siderably too, the greatest fire being in

extent. Centre county suffered con-

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh the "barrens," above State College. will preach in the auditorium to the Farm buildings were often in danger senior class at the Pennsylvania State and for several days the entire force of College, on Sunday, May 27. The the McNitt-Huyeft Lumber company,