



AFTER THE \$50,000,000 AGAIN.

House Passes Measure Approving Amendment of Constitution to Prevent Bond Issue.

By the action of the House in passing the Sprout resolution to amend the constitution so as to permit of a \$50,000,000 bond issue for the construction of public highways, the question will be put up to the people at the general election in November, 1918.

By the time opponents of the proposition, who lost their fight in the Legislature recently, hope to have waged a successful campaign against it, just as they did when a similar proposition was voted down at the polls in 1913. The rollcall showed 115 votes for the measure, or only eleven more than the required majority, and 61 against it.

Leading the fight against the measure was the Pennsylvania State Grange, which contends it is unjust and unnecessary to saddle the Commonwealth with a great debt for road building when there are so many untouched sources of regular revenue. Fred Breckman, who heads the legislative branch of the grange, said, following the passage of the measure:

Equalized taxation would give sufficient money for road building. We want good roads, and we want them as quickly as we can get them, but we will not stand for this method of getting them. This Legislature has declined to impose trifling taxes upon manufacturing corporations and upon the production of coal, natural gas and oil. Until these and other rightful sources of revenue, such as the real estate of public service corporations, are taxed, we see no good or valid reason why the Commonwealth should be plunged into debt for roads. The people had the wisdom to defeat the proposition four years ago, and I believe it will be beaten again. The State Grange will fight it to the limit.

The Senate passed finally the bill appropriating \$12,515,000 for public roads. This, with the \$8,000,000 estimated revenue from automobile licenses dedicated to good roads, makes a total of more than \$18,500,000 appropriated by the Legislature for roads for the next two years.

This sum is ample for purposes until the state believes in equalized taxation.

Johnson-DeLagarde.

Amid pastoral scenes, with the stillness broken only by the singing of the birds, the tinkling of the brook, the whispering of the flowers and humming of the bees, a romance that began amid shrieking shells and screams of the wounded on the battlefields of France, came to happy culmination on Monday of last week when Owen Johnson, of New York, and Mile. Cecile de Lagarde were united in marriage.

The ceremony was performed in the chapel on the Boal estate at Boalsburg, by Father O'Hanlon, at 8 a. m.

The happy couple first met while they were engaged in war relief work in France. They will return to their work across the sea in August.

Owen Johnson is a noted author whose books and stories in the popular magazines have delighted thousands of readers.

The bride is a sister-in-law of Capt. Theodore Davis Boal and has been a frequent visitor at his home. She has been active in Red Cross work in France, her native country, for three years. Her French country house since early in the war has been a base hospital for wounded soldiers. She has been at Boalsburg for several weeks on leave of absence.

Red Cross Auxiliary Organized.

Tuesday evening of last week an auxiliary to the Centre County Red Cross Chapter was organized at Centre Hall, with a membership of seventy-seven.

The meeting was held in Grange Arcadia, Rev. Josiah Still acting as chairman. Short addresses were made by Revs. D. S. Kurtz and R. R. Jones, after which Mrs. Mitchell presented the work of the Red Cross, the plans for organizing, etc. An organization was then effected by the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. H. F. Bitner; vice president, Mrs. Lillian Alexander, secretary, Miss Freda Bailey; treasurer, Miss M. Delinda Potter.

Increase of Salary.

Governor Brumbaugh approved two amendments to the school code. One fixes the salary of county school superintendents between \$2000 and \$2500 unless school boards vote a higher figure and the other makes the minimum for assistant superintendents \$1800 per year.

The high price of feed has caused a curtailment in the holdings of livestock of all kinds on many of the farms.

SCHOOL OPENS AUGUST 27.

School Board Tacks on Extra Mill for School Purposes.—Dr. H. F. Bitner Tenders Resignation, but Will Continue as Secretary Until Next Spring.

A new school year began with the meeting of the borough school board on July 2nd. A number of important matters came before the board for consideration. Dr. H. F. Bitner, the secretary, owing to his removal from the town next spring, tendered his written resignation as a member of the board, which, under the circumstances, was accepted. He had served only one year of his four-year term, and his resignation will necessitate the election of a new member at the primaries this fall. Since the school code provides that a secretary of the school board need not necessarily be a member of the board, Dr. Bitner was requested to continue in that capacity until a new member was elected. He agreed to the wishes of the board.

The school tax was increased by one mill, the new schedule being eight mills for general purposes and two mills for building. The extra mill will result in only \$160 coming into the school treasury.

Complying with the requirements of the state board, the members voted to expend a sum in the neighborhood of \$300 for a reference library and apparatus for laboratory work in the teaching of agriculture. The apparatus will include a compound microscope, working table, various flasks, vessels, etc.

July 14th being the last day on which teachers may article, and since none of the present corps had attended to that duty up to the time of the meeting, the secretary was instructed to have them sign their contracts at an early date.

Monday, August 27th, was set as the opening day for the 1917-18 school term.

Letter from North Dakota.

Enclosed find \$3.00 for the Reporter, which, the longer I get the more eagerly I look for. Since I have been bereft of my loved ones, I turn to it more than I ever did before.

Will write you concerning farming conditions here. We have a very cold and dry spring and the summer has been the same so far, so that the farmer is not looking for big returns. There have been so many hard sand storms that thousands of acres of grain have been blown out, and gardens are a complete failure, due to the sand storms. In many places potatoes have been completely blown out of the ground. This is a very sandy country and with so much high wind and so dry a climate, the sand is bound to blow. That is something the eastern people know nothing about. I have seen sand blow so thick that it was impossible to see the houses across the street. In some places the sand is drifted on piles like the snow in the east.

Last year North Dakota would have had one of the best harvests in its history had it not been for the black rust which set in. The result of that was a great deal of wheat was not cut for it wouldn't have paid for the time it would have taken to bind it, owing to the heavy straw. Because of this condition the threshermen set a new schedule of prices, the farmers having to pay from \$15.00 to \$20.00 an hour for threshing. In this country all threshing is charged by the hour. It will readily be seen that after such expenses have been paid the farmer has little left for his labors.

I expect to get to see my old home again within a year or two. With this I will close, with kindest regards to old friends.

MRS. MARY H. PRICE, (nee Mary H. Emerick). Maxbase, N. D., July 2, 1917.

Attendance of Teachers at Summer Session at State College Cut by War.

War-time conditions have cut deeply into attendance at the Pennsylvania State College summer session for teachers. The registration list showed 620 on hand, about 400 less than were enrolled on the corresponding day last year. With the public schools of Pittsburgh and Scranton still open, Dr. E. R. Smith, the summer session director, looks for additional registrations from those cities. He predicts at least 700 will attend. Last year there were 1104 there. This falling-off of interest in educational activities is regarded as a criterion of what may be expected in higher institutions of learning next fall when colleges re-open.

Change of Date and Day.

The September primaries in odd numbered years will hereafter be held on the third Wednesday of that month instead of the third Tuesday. The change was on account of the former primary day falling on a Jewish holiday.

WALKER A. SHUTT, OF BOALSBURG, KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.

Was Working on State Highway Near Huntingdon, When Train Struck Him.—Leaves Wife and Three Children.

Walker A. Shutt, a good citizen of Boalsburg, met a terrible death last Thursday afternoon at 1:50 o'clock when he was run down and instantly killed near Mill Creek station, Huntingdon county, by a fast passenger train on the Pennsylvania lines.

Mr. Shutt was a state highway foreman and this was his second summer at the work. At the time he met his death he was repairing water pipes running through a culvert under the railway at this point and was so engrossed that he failed to hear the train approach. He raised himself close to the north side of the track immediately in front of the train. He was hurled only a few feet. None of the crew witnessed the accident.

Contractor W. C. Evans, by whom Shutt was employed, took charge of the body and had it prepared for burial by undertaker Brown, of Huntingdon. It was then shipped to his home in Boalsburg where funeral services were held on Sunday morning by Rev. S. C. Stover, pastor of the deceased. Interment in the Boalsburg cemetery.

Besides his wife, who was Miss Johnson, he is survived by three children, namely, Joseph, Minnie and Mary, all at home. Two sisters also survive him.

Mr. Shutt was aged forty-four years and six months. He was a first-class workman and his untimely death came as a great shock to the people in his home community. His afflicted family has the sincere sympathy of the entire neighborhood.

Teachers Elected For Potter Township.

The Potter township school board elected teachers for the thirteen schools in the township at a meeting held last Thursday evening. With the exception of three, all the old teachers were re-elected. The new teachers are Ralph Luse, Esther Bitner, and Ralph Sweeney. The complete corps follows:

- Potters Mills grammar, G. A. Crawford. Potters Mills primary, Elizabeth Bitner. Centre Hill, T. L. Moore. Plum Grove, Ralph Luse. Earlystown, William Rokey. Pine Stamp, Mary Slatterbeck. Manor Hill, Edith N. Tuseyville, Bertha Miller. Tusey Sink, Nellie Bible. Pine Grove, Mary Neff. Colyer, Esther Bitner. Fleisher Gap, Wilbur S. Runkle. Cold Spring, Ralph Sweeney.

Oil City Auto Party.

There are many parties traveling over the state these days, and one from Oil City that stopped in Centre Hall long enough to lubricate the Dodge, Studebaker, and Westcott autos that comprised the battery of machines, carried with it a complete camping outfit, it being the adopted policy of the party that the convenience of the road house and hotel must be avoided. The camping was greatly enjoyed, and the ladies found pleasure in doing the service that in their homes is done by others. The party consisted of Thomas J. Wright, Donald T. Wright, Joseph E. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. David James, Mr. and Mrs. David J. James, H. H. James, Edith James and Helen Barnett. They left Oil City the last day of June, reaching here July 5th, and expected to reach home Sunday. The route followed was Clarion, Punxsutawney, Indians, Altoona, Johnstown, Ebensburg, Hollidaysburg, State College, Centre Hall, Penns Cave, Lewistown, Williamsport, Emporium, Sheffield, home. The gentlemen in the party, except the second named who is a reporter on the Oil City Blizzard, are interested in oil production.

Small Fire at Pleasant Gap.

"Switzerland", the Pleasant Gap restaurant, Fred Duzak, proprietor, was discovered on fire by a party of State College autoists, after midnight Saturday of last week. An alarm was sounded and soon a number of persons were on hand to fight the flames. The damage by water and through broken glass amounted to considerable more than the fire itself. It is said that fire in the stove in the house adjoining the restaurant was responsible for the blaze, through a defective flue.

Notice.

Because of the lack of power, I am unable to fill any more orders for crushed or pulverized limestone until further notice.—E. C. Wagner, Centre Hall, Pa.

Farmer C. T. Crust had the misfortune to run a prong of a dung fork into his leg on Saturday, which resulted in a stiff leg for several days.

"STATE" WINS FROM LOCALS.

First Half of Game a Pitcher's Battle.—Then "State" Starts Hitting and Locals Throw Wild.—Visitors Win, 8 to 3.

A series of bad throws on base runners was the principal factor in the defeat of the Centre Hall baseball team in the game against State College, on Grange Park, on the Fourth. Although out-hit two to one, the locals, by better defensive work, could have kept the score from reaching the one-sided count of 8 to 3. Gramley, although touched up rather freely, kept the ten hits gathered off his delivery well scattered. He was steady and issued no free passes to first base. He struck out ten men. Thomas, the pitching prince of the several ball clubs of which State College boasts, deserved to win on his individual work. Besides striking out fifteen batters, he allowed but five hits. His support, however, was clean cut, only two errors marring an otherwise perfect defensive. A glance over the error column under the "State" banner will reveal the errors to be credited to that old war horse, Lonberger, who continues to cavort around second base with all the agility of twenty years ago. "Loney's" errors didn't go far toward getting Centre Hall's three runs, but his bat and daring on the base paths was directly responsible for half of his team's runs. The seasoned veteran set a pace which was hard for the callow youths under his leadership to follow.

"State" scored in the first. Gramley dropped Auman's throw on Lonberger's hit; "Loney" stole second and counted on Kuhn's hit to left. Centre Hall tied the score in its half. Two gone, W. Bradford hit safely and scored on Condo two-bagger to right center.

Fast, snappy ball playing continued up to the fifth inning, neither side succeeding in crossing the rubber. In the fifth, Spicer scored from second on Snyder's hit to left field. Another run was added to "State's" total in the sixth inning when Spicer beat out a bunt, took second on Corman's overthrow and scored on Krumrine's hit.

The seventh counted one for "State" and two for Centre Hall. In "State's" half, Lonberger hit safely, stole second, and went to third when Thomas was being put out at first. In an attempt to head off "Loney" at third the ball struck Corman in the eye. Lonberger took advantage of the misfortune and darted for home, scoring when Bradford dropped Knarr's throw, the runner and catcher colliding. For Centre Hall, W. Gramley and Stahl received the only free passes to first, in succession; E. Gramley hit to Lonberger, who missed the ball, the ball rolling out to right field; both Gramley and Stahl scored when Kuhn threw the ball past the catchers on an attempt to catch the former.

This was the end of the local's scoring, while "State" continued doing her "bit" by adding another run in the eighth inning—one run for four consecutive innings—and finally putting the game on ice in the ninth by scoring three runs, the result of several overthrows, coupled with two safe hits:

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Ripka Reunion, August 4th. The fifth annual reunion of the Ripka families will be held on Grange Park, Centre Hall, Saturday, August 4th. The committee extends a cordial invitation to the public.

May Sell Horse Flesh in Penna. The flesh of goats, horses and mules was added recently to the meats that may be sold in Pennsylvania for food. Governor Brumbaugh has approved an act bringing these meats under the inspection of the State.

Show your patriotism by contributing to the Red Cross fund.

Centre Hall's Community Picnic.

Centre Hall enjoyed the Fourth in a safe and sane manner, the annual community picnic, which promises to remain a fixture, furnishing wholesome enjoyment for young and old. The day was ideal for an out-door gathering and fully 1500 people gathered on Grange Park to enjoy the program, which included literary, musical and sport features. Indeed, autos passed to and fro all day in large numbers, giving the impression of a big day at the annual Grange Encampment and Fair.

The speaking, which occupied a short period of the morning's program, attracted a good-sized crowd in the auditorium. The Pine Grove Mills band furnished a brand of music which elicited praise, not only because of its excellence but because of the liberal amount of playing they did. Their morning concert, which continued for a full hour, was repaid by the picknickers who were eager to show their appreciation by extending invitations to dinner far in excess to the number of musicians.

The afternoon was devoted to athletic contests of various kinds, the principal feature being the State College-Centre Hall ball game, a detailed account of which appears in another column.

The association re-elected the same officers for next year.

Local Company Pays \$4500 for Imported Percheron Stallion.

The Penns Valley Percheron Stock Company, of Millheim, composed of James E. Holloway, W. E. Hosterman, J. E. Rishel, S. W. Gramley, Chas. F. Stover, S. G. Walker, J. D. Luse, D. M. P. Feldler, Wallace Musser, S. P. Bower, William Hosterman, Bartges Bros., and J. R. Miller, recently purchased from the Annington Farm Company, of Dickerson, Maryland, the beautiful black imported stallion Laterum (86509), six years old and weighing 2100 lbs.

This is one of the best bred horses in France; he was personally selected by James McLaughlin for their own herd horse, at which he was used until this spring, and beyond doubt will be of great value to the breeders of Penns Valley for the future. The sale was consummated by Martin G. Uhlman, salesman for the Annington Farm Co., who proved himself a gentleman to all whom became acquainted with him. The price paid for the stallion was \$4500.00.

The local company is to be congratulated in making a purchase of this kind in the advancement of breeding good horses.

Change in Train Schedule.

A new train schedule went into effect beginning of this month, the principal change being on the arrival of the first train from the west, which reaches Centre Hall station just twenty-five minutes earlier than heretofore. The west bound train now comes in five minutes later. No change has been made in the time of the afternoon trains.

- Train 8530, Eastward, 6.46 a. m. instead of 7.11. Train 8533, Westward, 8.18 a. m. instead of 8.13. Train 8532, Eastward, 2.25 p. m., no change. Train 8535, Westward, 3.36 p. m., no change.

This change will also necessitate dispatching the first mail from the local post office twenty-five minutes earlier—at 6.26 a. m., instead of 6.51 as heretofore.

Received Carload of Autos.

Booser & Smith, the local auto firm, received a carload of Ford touring cars on Monday, the purchasers having anxiously awaited their arrival, the delay being due to the unprecedented demand for cars at the Ford factory. The six cars were disposed of to the following parties: C. E. Flink, Roy Shaffer, Arthur Holderman, L. L. Smith, and two to the Breen agency at Millheim.

Roy Drowns in Kishacoquillas Creek.

Robert Hafer, a seventeen-year-old lad residing at Reesville, lost his life on the Fourth of July by drowning in the Kishacoquillas creek at the end of Manns Narrows. The unfortunate lad and a younger brother started for a swim and when the former plunged into the water he disappeared from sight. His body was recovered shortly thereafter but all efforts to resuscitate him failed.

District President W. C. Custard, of State College, installed the newly elected officers in Washington Camp, No. 889, P. O. S. of A., in this place, last Thursday evening. A number of members from Spring Mills and Bellefonte camps were present.

An immense increase in the acreage of beans by the farmers of the state has been reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

H. W. Dinges sold a fine young horse to M. N. Miller, a week ago.

John M. Coldron has secured employment in the Standard Steel Works at Burnham.

Miss Sara Heckman, of Millheim, spent several days last week with her brother, Prof. W. O. Heckman, and family.

Dr. H. F. Bitner attended a meeting of the board of trustees of the Lancaster seminary, at Lancaster, last Friday.

Mrs. D. Milton Bradford and children, of Keymar, Maryland, spent several days last week with relatives in this place.

Dr. John Hardenburg, of Millheim, has promised his services to the Lock Haven Ambulance Company of the Clinton County Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harschbarger returned to their home in Altoona on Friday, after a week's visit at the home of their uncle, James Smetzier.

There is every indication that the toper will not need to indicate on his finger the length of the "stick" he wants, for the real eye opener will be a thing of history.

John Benner exhibited several boxes of strawberries at this office last week which easily gives him claim to the championship for large berries. They were of enormous size and fine quality.

Officers of the local cemetery association request that owners of burial lots who have neglected giving the graves proper attention, do so at once, for the grass on many mounds has attained a rank growth.

A loaded-down cherry tree this year is the exception, at least in this locality. Robert L. Smith, however, had a tree that was the exception, for it yielded 250 quarts of big luscious oxheart cherries, which Mr. Smith disposed of at ten and twelve cents a quart.

The Pennsylvania Department of Forestry is urging woodlot owners to cut more wood for winter use in order to save coal. Men of the State Forest Service say that this can be done in most cases not only without injury to the woodlot, but actually to its improvement.

The Lewistown Journal contained this item in its issue of last week: Prof. and Mrs. H. F. Bitner of Centre Hall, were visitors in Lewistown during the past week, in the effort to secure a residence with the intention of moving to Lewistown and making the town their home.

Harvey M. Horner, tenant on the W. G. Runkle farm, west of State College, sustained a number of bruises and minor injuries to various parts of his body, one day last week, when he fell off the loft in the wagon shed. As a result he was unable to do any farm labor for several days.

After serving in the capacity of manager for the Du Pont people at Niagara Falls, N. Y., for a period of six years, A. S. Fleck has been transferred to Haskell, New Jersey. On her way to their new home, Mrs. Fleck and children stopped with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Brooks, west of town, for a brief visit.

Ike Berney, the movie magnate of Lewistown, lost his new \$1200 Buick car last week when it became wedged between the rails of a railroad track near Bradford and was struck by a freight train. Mr. Berney, in company with four others, was enroute to Buffalo and the party had just enough time to scramble out of the car before the freight train struck the auto and completely demolished it. Berney sold the car to a dealer for \$350.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Claire Horner, of McKeesport, visited the gentlemen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Horner, at Pleasant Gap, for several days the past week. The young men are both employed in munition works in Pittsburgh district, and being within the ages which calls for conscription in Uncle Sam's army, they believe that a call for their service is more than a remote possibility.

Ralph E. Bitner, who for the past few weeks was employed as an electrician in the Standard Steel Works at Burnham, accepted a position with the Du Pont powder company, at Hopewell, Virginia, assuming his new duties beginning of this week. The position carries with it a first-class salary. Lawrence Bitner, an older son of Dr. Bitner's, is private secretary and confidant to the general manager of the Du Pont plant—a position of great trust—and it was through his influence that the job for his brother was obtained. Both young men are college bred and are of a character to make their father feel proud of them.