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HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER.

Perfect Unity of the Democratic Forces of the State Is Revealed in Recent Conference.—Some Big Issues to Be Met.

Diametrically opposed to the faction-torn Republican party this year is the Democratic party and its present physical condition. Men of all elements of this party are working in harmony for a victory at the polls that they believe now to be certain, for bitterness engendered in May between the Penrose and the State administration factions will have its effect in November.

More than 100 Democrats, representative of every part of the State, recently met at Philadelphia to discuss the gubernatorial campaign, and as a result of a free conference and open discussion it was apparent that the party as a whole will stand back of the party candidate who shows the best chance of winning. Nothing definite was accomplished at this conference regarding a candidate; no binding resolutions were offered or passed. Joseph F. Guffey, acting State Chairman, was regarded as the most available man to carry the banner of Democracy, although he made no formal announcement.

That the centering points of the fight will be anti-Penrosism, anti-Varelsism and anti-Brumbaughism was generally accepted as a foregone conclusion. These items at least, will figure big in the Democratic fight, for getting down to bed rock in Pennsylvania politics, these are big issues and they must be met.

The main feature of the conference was the willingness of all to get together as Democrats against a common foe. If there was any program agreed upon it was voiced in the statements of National Chairman Vance C. McCormick and National Committeeman A. Mitchell Palmer. Both these men, as well as Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, be considered in connection with the gubernatorial candidacy.

Chairman McCormick, who was the Democratic candidate four years ago, summed up the situation at the conclusion of the conference as follows:

"We are not here to slate candidates but rather to go over the situation and exchange views that we may decide upon a campaign plan that will be for the best interests of the party in the State.

"It need hardly be said that the Democrats are proud of the record made by President Wilson and that Pennsylvania Democrats will stand absolutely behind him in his great accomplishments. As Mr. Palmer has said Penrosism is one of the leading issues. Senator Penrose is the same old Penrose and the divided state of the Republican party in Pennsylvania is only one of the many proofs of dissatisfaction with the Republican administration of State and municipal affairs.

Former Congressman A. M. Palmer summed up his views of the conference in the following statement:

"We had a splendid meeting of 125 representative Democrats from all parts of the State. They spoke their minds freely, but they did not agree on candidates. However, the prevailing opinion was that the fight should be made in defense of President Wilson's conduct of the war and against Penrosism, Varelsism and Brumbaughism, and the corruption of politics in the State by the boozing interests.

"The men will go back home, knowing what men from various parts of the State think about the questions which probably will result in a unification on the big issue.

Everyone regretted that Mr. McCormick would not be the candidate as all thought he would be the best man. No resolutions were passed, no candidate endorsed. There are no vowed candidates in the field, but I do not believe our people will get into any fight."

The Republican camp is split asunder. Factionalism has divided the Penrose followers on one side and the State administration men on the other. This party, which has always had support of organized traffic, has a queer dilemma to face. The Democratic party has a record against the liquor question and it goes back some years. No one can accuse the party of having received contribution from organized liquor interests. It is a matter of court record that the breweries and distilleries contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Republicans in 1914.

The Penrose candidate for governor, State Senator William C. Sprout, is facing a situation that is new to him, because of present conditions. State Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, the State administration candidate, has told where he stands on the liquor question. Sprout, who has ar-

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LETTER FROM CAMP MEADE.

Private C. H. Hubb, Potter Township Boy, Has Only Words of Praise for Camp Life—Appreciates Personal Interest Shows.

Camp Meade, Maryland, March 1st, 1918.

Dear Mr. Smith:—

I will now do what I had long in mind—write you a letter and tell you how good Dear Old Uncle Sam is treating his boys in Camp Meade, and at the same time thank you for the many bright spots you have put in the lives of the Centre Hall boys by your repeated kindly reference in the Reporter to the boys in the camp. Your personal letter accompanied by a "Smileage Book" was another token of your real interest in our welfare in camp, and displays a patriotic spirit that ought to be in every American. The "Smileage Book" convinces us that the folks back home are not only urging us to train to fight for victory, but that they are doing something voluntarily to make the training camp attractive, to give the boys an hour occasionally that may be devoted to mental or spiritual improvement or to amusement. Either one of these has smiles connected with it. The "Smileage Book" represents in sentiment to the boys in camp many times its money value—indeed, there is no comparison fit to make. It is not sympathy but action that is needed.

I have been in Co. M since I first came to camp, and I have the right to believe it has as good a record as any company in the 314th Regiment. George Vonada and I are the only two Centre county boys in this company now. John Elliot Smith and Ernest Bathgate having been sent to other camps; the first to Camp Green, North Carolina, and the second to a New Jersey camp. Both of them write that they like their new quarters. Vonada and I are planning great things for the future—when we get "over there" on the front lines.

Every confidence is entertained by the individual soldier that he will be able to accomplish much when his time comes, and one who watches the development of raw recruits is at once convinced that the American youth readily absorbs the fighting spirit and makes every effort to learn to defend himself.

Our captain, Clarence P. Freemor, is a splendid man. He is a Philadelphian, and is very considerate of the men under him. I am quite sure he is Freem's(n) enough to give me freedom for a few days to make my first visit home.

Of course, "eats" play an important part in the life of a soldier, and to convince you we have lots of it and good in quality, let me give you the menus for a day:

Breakfast—Fried scrapple, potatoes, oat meal and milk, bread, apple butter, coffee.

Dinner—Roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed peas, rice pudding, bread, butter, coffee.

Supper—Fried oysters, candied sweet potatoes, apple sauce, bread, jam, cocoa.

We get plenty of meat, all good and fresh, and the bread is delivered every day from the bakery and is fine. Being close to the great fish market in Baltimore, we have great variety and quantity of fish. Because of the fact that I am a cook, I know something about the quality and quantity of the food used. I will not tell you how much I have gained in weight, for fear you might accuse me of robbing the commissary.

I cannot close without acknowledging the great work done in the camp by the Y. M. C. A. It is a social, intellectual and religious center. The lectures and entertainments there are high class. The one lecture enjoyed most by me was one by Dr. W. E. Sparks, president of Pennsylvania State College, and after the close of the talk I had the pleasure of shaking his good, warm hand, and joining in giving the college yell.

To live a religious life in these times and under present conditions is possibly the most trying to most of the boys. It requires courage to stand up for God's side, but I and many others are trying to do this as well as our "bit". There is not a boy here who will not appreciate a letter of encouragement. While we know we are not being forgotten by the churches, personal interest is most acceptable.

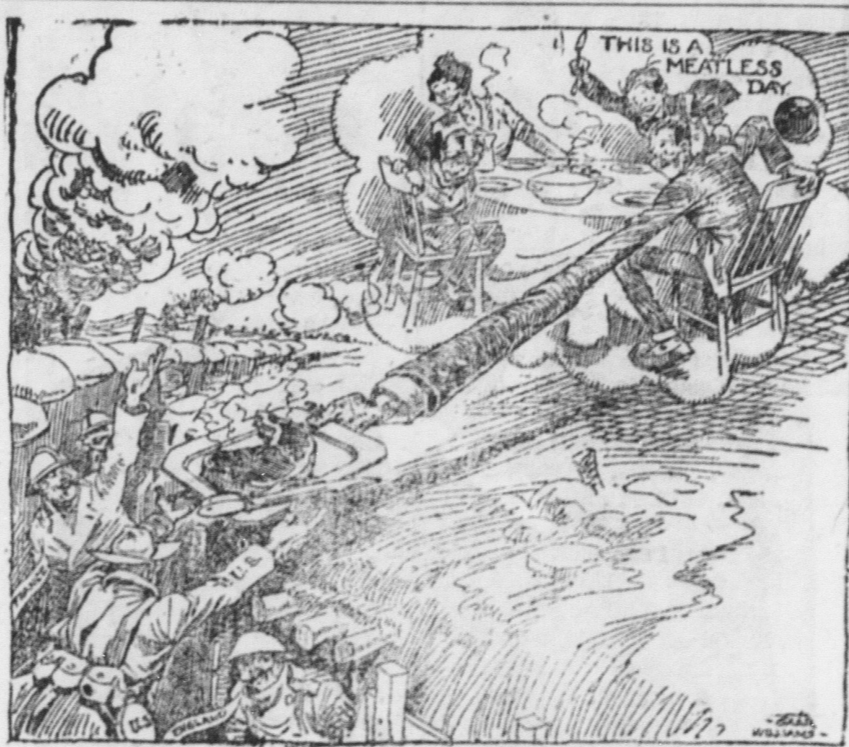
Very truly,
C. H. HUBB.

Transfer of Real Estate.

W. G. Roseman et ux to Albert L. Henry, tract of land in Spring Twp.; \$500.

Augustus Dearmit to Wm. Grenoble, tract of land in Spring Twp.; \$72.20
Albert L. Henry et ux to W. G. Roseman, tract of land in Spring Twp. \$1300.

Jared E. Fisher to Harvey Marz, tract of land in Centre Hall; \$1,000



Farewell Party at Brooks Home.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks, on what is known as the George M. Boal farm, west of Old Fort, was the scene of merriment last Tuesday evening when a great number of neighbors and friends gathered there to bid farewell to the Brooks family who are about to leave that farm after an occupancy of seventeen years. The following enjoyed a most delightful evening, during the course of which refreshments were served:

Mr. and Mrs. George Pearson and children Roy and James, Mrs. James Swabb, Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown and daughter Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Colyer and children, Helen, Grace, Ruth and Hazel; Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Keller and family, Margaret and Bethard; Mr. and Mrs. David Glasgow and daughter Alice; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stump, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Miller and family, Charles and Clarence; Mr. and Mrs. John Wisler and family, Alice and Norman; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith and family, Bruce and Hazel; Mrs. Daniel Fohringer and daughters Dorothy and Pauline; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brooks and family, Stanley, Frances and Florence; Mr. and Mrs. George Raiston and family Hugh and Hay; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Markie and family, Thomas and Jack; Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks and daughter Mammie, Mr. and Mrs. William Walker and family, Fred, Norman, Clyde and Clarence; Anna Glasgow and daughter, Mary, Hazel Emery, Vira Runkle, Nellie Bible, Harry Horner, George Taylor, Alvin Stump, Edward Mulbarger.

Black-Osman.

J. Fred Slack, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slack, east of Old Fort, and Miss Cora C. Osman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Osman, of Glen Iron, were married in the Glen Iron church, February 15th, by Rev. Ralph Smith. The bride is an accomplished young lady and a graduate of Lock Haven Normal. The groom is a farmer by occupation and a young man of clean habits. The many friends of the young couple extend congratulations.

The Pink Label Th' Week.

The Reporter corrected its mailing list on Monday and all payments on subscription made prior to that time are shown on a little pink label which appears this week. If you can't show an "s" on your tab it is high time that you pay the printer. Please don't require a statement from us before remitting. Your standing is plainly shown on every issue of your paper. The figures "17" standing alone mean that your paper is paid to July, 1917, and that you are in arrears from that time on. All other months are designated by their abbreviations. We will certainly appreciate a prompt remittance from those who remain delinquent.

Killed By Live Wire.

Russel Lavine, aged nineteen, a son of Mrs. Matilda Lavine, residing in Pike township, Clearfield county, while on his way home from work in the mines near Bloomington on last Wednesday met almost instant death by coming in contact with a heavily charged Penn Public Service Company live wire which had become dislodged from a pole and hung low across the road.

Whether the unfortunate young man took hold of the wire to move it out of the way or came in contact with it accidentally is not known by other miners who followed close behind him and witnessed the sad fatality.

Another \$100,000,000 for Red Cross.

The week of May 6 to 13 another Red Cross drive will be made for a second \$100,000,000. Be ready to act when the time comes. Of course you gave once, but do so again and again, and again.

Farmers Own 58,766 Automobiles.

Nearly twenty per cent. of the automobiles licensed in Pennsylvania last year were owned by the farmers, statistics showing that 58,766 automobiles were possessed by tillers of the soil.

The report just announced by the Bureau of Statistics of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture shows that 27 per cent of the farmers own their automobiles which are now coming into common use for both business and pleasure purposes on almost every third farm of the State. One year ago there were 30,700 automobiles owned by the farmers and the year before about 20,000. This shows the wonderful inroads which motor mechanism has made on farms and presents the big field in the purchase of motor cars.

During 1917 there were issued by the State Highway Department 306,001 licenses for pneumatic tired motor cars and the farmers possessed about twenty per cent of these.

The farmer has not been lacking in his appreciation of motor trucks for they also have come into prominence on the farms, the statistics showing 4,485 in use as compared with 2,100 a year ago. In this class over twenty-three per cent. of the 19,152 trucks licensed in the State were owned by the farmers.

In a number of counties thirty-five per cent. of the farmers own automobiles, but Philadelphia county leads with 55 per cent. and Delaware is second with 45 per cent. Lancaster, Washington and Somerset each show 40 per cent. Lancaster county is high with 4,334 cars owned by farmers and Berks is second with 2,956. Other leaders are: York, 2,020; Chester, 1,983; Washington, 1,893; Bucks, 1,907; and Allegheny, 1,745.

The estimated number of automobiles on the farms in Centre and near-by counties are:

Centre	913
Bialr	410
Clearfield	548
Clinton	380
Huntingdon	457
Mifflin	281
Union	364

Notice.

All men who were between the ages of 21 to 31 on June 5, 1917, who failed to register for the reason that they were then in the military service and who have since been discharged, are hereby notified that it is their duty to appear before the local board for the purpose of registration. Failure to register at once will subject all persons to the penalties imposed by the Selective Service Regulations of November 5, 1917.

By Order of the Provost Marshall General.
Local Board of Centre County.

Potato Bread.

The Massachusetts food administrator presents this receipt for potato bread:

Six pounds potatoes, six pounds wheat flour, three ounces yeast, four ounces salt and four and one-half pounds water. The recipe calls for boiling and mashing the potatoes through a fine sieve. While still warm, mix with one-third of the wheat flour and one half of the water. Add the yeast, let it rise to double its original size. Add balance of water, flour, mold and bake in usual way.

Parcel Post Weights Increased.

By an order of Post Master General Burleson, the weight of parcel post packages in the first, second and third zones has been increased. After the middle of this month packages weighing seventy pounds will be accepted for mailing in the first, second and third zones, and fifty pounds may be mailed to any point in the state. The postage rate per pound remains the same.

We are eating it—Victory Bread—and it is good.

DEATHS.

John G. King Dies at His Home in Centre Hall to His 88th Year.

In the death of John G. King, on Saturday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock, Centre Hall lost its oldest male citizen. On January 16th he attained his eighty-seventh birthday. He was a remarkable man for his years, and up until a very short time ago made almost daily trips uptown and none there were for whom he did not have a ready smile, words of cheer and optimism. His walking gait was not that of a decrepit man, but rather of a man a score of years younger, possessing an elastic step and remaining young by keeping his mind and hands employed in work at home. Mr. King spent practically all his time in late years in his workshop where he worked on a motor, the completion of which was his one great aim. He regretted that ill health had forced him to lay aside his work. Mr. King possessed more than average intelligence. He was also a man of fine moral fiber and imparted words of wisdom to adolescent youth. By occupation he was a watch maker and jeweler. He was a resident of Centre Hall four years.

His illness was due to the burden of advancing years and the end came peacefully.

John Gilmore King was the seventeenth child of William and Miranda (Lockwood) King, and was born January 16, 1831, in Rensselaer county, New York. On January 1st, 1878, he married Amelia Porter English, oldest daughter of the late Rev. George W. English, of Milroy, Mifflin county. Their marriage reached forty-five years last January. His demise makes a fully reunited family of seventeen children, father and mother, at rest on the eternal shore. He was of the Baptist faith and was converted when fourteen years of age in Gambs Baptist church, New York. His wife survives him.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home on Tuesday morning by Rev. Josiah Still, whom Mr. King had requested to officiate. Burial was made in the English cemetery lot in Milroy.

Mrs. Lydia (Hoy) Gramley, widow of Francis Gramley, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Scott McMurtrie, near Spring Mills, on Saturday morning, of old age, having passed her seventy-eighth milestone a few months ago. She was born in Brushvalley and resided practically her entire life in that locality. She adhered to the United Evangelical church and her pastor, Rev. L. M. Miller, will have charge of the funeral services which will be held this (Thursday) morning at 9:30 o'clock; interment at Green Grove.

Her husband passed away thirteen years ago, but there survive these children: Mrs. Scott McMurtrie, Spring Mills; Mrs. Trythean Kunkle, Lewisburg; John Gramley, Lock Haven, and Jerry Gramley, of Wolf's Store. One brother—J. H. Hoy—of Brushvalley is left, as well as three step-children, namely: Mrs. Mitchell Wert, of Clarion county; Mrs. Mary Smith, of Maitland, and Samuel Gramley, of McClure.

Deaths of Centre Constables.

Henry C. Holter, a Civil war veteran, died at Howard, aged seventy-four years.

Mrs. Laura G. Weaver, a native of Curtin, died at her home in Philadelphia, aged over sixty years.

New Judge Meets Another Dry County.

Governor Brumbaugh on Friday appointed Jeremiah M. Keller, of Mifflintown, Judge of the Perry-Juniata judicial district, to succeed Judge William N. Seibert, deceased.

Judge Keller is a "dry" and his first session of court is being held at New Bloomfield, Perry county, this week, when applications for licenses will be heard.

The appointment of Keller means that Perry county will join the ranks of the State's dry counties inasmuch as one of his associate judges, George Royer, is also opposed to the granting of licenses. Judge Keller will serve out an unexpired term of Judge Seibert which runs until January 1, 1920.

Seniors Will Give Class Play.

The senior class of the Centre Hall High school will render the play, "Star Bright", in Grange Auditorium, on Tuesday evening, March 19th.

David Chambers, treasurer of Centre county, was on Saturday elected Republican county chairman at a meeting of the Republican committee. He will fill the unexpired term of J. Linn Harris, resigned.

About thirty-five or forty prisoners were brought from Pittsburg and placed in the new penitentiary at Rockview, on Saturday.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Take a look at the Pink Label on your paper this week.

The limit of time for filing income tax returns has been extended to April 1.

Put your feeling into action—buy a "Smileage Book" for your friend in one of the camps.

J. William Conley, of Bellefonte, visited his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Conley, on Sunday.

Williamsport business men are planning to operate an auto freight line between that city and Philadelphia. Two trips each week are contemplated.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weidenfall, of Reedsville, who formerly lived at this place, will soon move to Altoona, where their daughter Miss Helen, holds a position.

Marian Elsenhuth, of Aaronsburg, and Clarence O. Grove, of Mifflinburg, crossed the Mason and Dixon line into Maryland, last week, and were united in marriage.

You have yet an opportunity to buy a "Smileage Book" for that friend of yours in one of the camps. While he is not looking for it, he will mightily appreciate your favor and all the harder train to get the Kaiser when he gets "over there."

A portion of the William Penn Highway, lying between Mt. Union and Mill Creek, a distance of five and one-half miles, will be built of reinforced concrete early this spring. The contract was let to Finn & son, Altoona, for \$189,817.

The unit entering the U. S. service as the Boal mounted machine gun troop is now on wheels. The organization has been changed several times, and it now belongs to a motorized battalion and is provided with armored motor cars, automobiles and motorcycles. The company has one hundred and sixty men.

Centre county leads all her neighbors in the number of automobiles owned by the farmers; really, the figures compiled by the State department of statistics proved that Centre county tillers of the soil have nearly twice as many cars as its nearest competitor—Clearfield county—whose shows 546 cars to Centre county's 913. A complete list will be found in another article in this issue.

Charles H. Jodon, Charles E. Emmelizer, J. R. Raber and John Thomas were arrested at Milesburg by State police Monday night of last week charged with illegal fishing. They were charged with using dip nets in Bald Eagle creek and with having trout in their possession. The four were taken before Justice of the Peace Grafmeyer and after a hearing were fined. According to the State police it is unlawful to use dip nets for catching fish in any stream.

An unusual plan to pay off a church debt through the use of thrift stamps has been put into operation by Sinal Temple, in the Bronx district, New York. Rabbi Reichler announced at the close of a patriotic service that 500 members had agreed to contribute one or more stamps a month for sixteen months. The investment at the minimum of contributions will be approximately \$2000 at the end of the period, and at maturity of the stamps January 1, 1923, it is planned to wipe out the Temple's indebtedness of \$2500.

Rev. G. W. McInay, pastor of the M. E. church, Nescopeck, well known in Penna Valley, having served a pastorate of five years here, is ending a three years' pastorate in his present appointment—the most prosperous year in the history of the congregation. In the three years there have been seventy accessions to the membership. The pastor's salary has been advanced \$300 and the benevolent objects of the church have been well supported. The congregation is fearful that the pastor may not be returned, but are hoping that their fears may be without foundation.

Wake up, Mr. Home Merchant, and advertise. Do it with an earnestness, because the mail order house will get you if you don't watch out. A deluge of spring catalogs has flooded the entire valley and dollars will soon be taking wings in the direction of the big cities—never to return to pay the taxes and again get into the local people's hands. Wake up, Mr. Home Merchant, and advertise. You don't hesitate for a moment to say that you have as good, or better, quality than the big-catalog house offers, and that your prices are as attractive; but don't expect people to believe you unless you inform them of these facts. And there is no better medium than your local paper, which is read in the family circle, and its contents discussed. Your ad will receive respectful attention, rest assured.