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HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER

Fight for gubernatorial honors in Republican Camp Waxen Warm.

If anyone suspects there is not a real fight on in the Republican party this year for gubernatorial honors he has but to spend an hour or two at the Capitol at Harrisburg to disabuse his mind. The factional strife is bitter, and that it will probably go beyond the primaries is the belief of politicians of more than one party. One thing indicating this is the fact that J. Denny O'Neill in leasing headquarters near the Capitol took the rooms of an office building until November. Of course, he is not counting on being defeated by the Penrose faction at the primaries, but the rumor has already gained much headway that if he is defeated on May 21 for the nomination he will not consider himself out of the fight, for he is in the race, he says, to oust Senator Penrose as a political factor in Pennsylvania.

The Penrose factor, naturally, is doing all it can to belittle the O'Neill candidacy and its backing. It is claimed that without the Vares support the campaign of O'Neill and Governor Brumbaugh can make no headway, that the governor with his years of advantages at the capitol, has not erected a political machine that will stand the wear of rough usage, weather the May breezes or resist even the usual bumps in the rough political highway that leads to the ballot boxes.

The O'Neill backers not only know what they want but they are going after it, and all attempts of the Penrose faction to make the people believe that the fight in May will be one-sided and will fall flat.

When the Governor was recently asked where he stood in the present campaign he replied:

"I am for Mr. O'Neill. I believe this has been known for sometime. I am surprised that any particular stress should be placed upon it now."

The only reason for the question was that the Governor is commending the State Highway Commissioner at his Pittsburg dinner, where he formally announced his candidacy, said he was for a man of "the type of Mr. O'Neill."

The Governor backed up his O'Neill reassertion upon his return to the capitol from Florida by calling a conference of his department heads and his cabinet officers and stated he would appreciate their support. The only department heads he has not working for him are the Auditor General and State Treasurer, both of whom were elected and both of whom were Penrose followers. Secretary of Internal Affairs Paul Houck is not openly out for Mr. O'Neill because he and his friends, although he was appointed to the place by the Governor, are trying to get him on the Penrose ticket to succeed himself for a full term. The governor not only said he would value their aid in putting O'Neill over, but emphasized the matter a bit by adding that he expected their support.

Following up this conference an attaché of the executive department was detailed to see that every employee in a department controlled by the Governor received a blank nominating petition for O'Neill for governor. The distribution was carried on in a systematic way and except for the departments mentioned and the State Police Department, which has always been kept out of politics, no department, bureau or commission clerk at the Capitol escaped. The action indicates that the fight is to be no half-headed affair, for the employees were not only instructed by their chiefs to turn over 100 signatures apiece but to have them by April 1.

And, incidentally, the Penrose faction lieutenants at the Capitol knew that the executive department was in earnest, for when Penrose placeholders got the petitions and were told to hustle for the State Highway Commissioner they at once rushed to the Penrose men for advice. In every instance they were told to get the petitions filled in full if they valued their jobs.

One of the strongest assets of a Governor who is in politics for keeps is his appointive power. Disloyal Penrose heads of departments who were told to vacate have been succeeded by men who can carry their own districts, and the informed comment at the capitol now is that vacancies that have existed for some time will be filled finally by men who know their home districts and who carry the vote in their vest pockets. The appointment of such men is fighting fire with fire, but that is the intention of the administration nowadays.

Patronage in a great State like Pennsylvania counts heavily. Penrose knows this, and it has been pressed home to him many times in recent years when he has lacked patronage in

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TAXING DOGS.

The 10,000,000 Dogs in the Country Consume \$250,000,000 Worth of Food.

Dr. Evan O'Neill Kane, of Kane, Pa., has written a tract on the subject of dogs, that might be read everywhere. He is urging a national dog law. He says that there are 10,000,000 dogs in this country, and he figures it out that these eat from \$250,000,000 worth of food up to four times that. He classifies them all at either unprofitable luxuries or dangerous nuisances. As luxuries he says:

In addition to the tremendous expense of their keep (many of them eat as much or more than an adult man), the time expended upon them or engaged in amusement with them is valuable time lost. Many wealthy women take them in lieu of children, and with sporting men they are given first consideration, the home and family coming second.

As nuisances they convey diseases, disturb the public peace, destroy sheep by the millions and are the source of hydrophobia. He urges a high dog tax so that people who feel they must keep their dogs shall pay for the privileges. He expects a bill to this effect to come up before the Ways and Means Committee of Congress.

Western Stock Feeder Writes.
Inavale, Neb., Mar. 5, 1918

Editor Reporter:
Find enclosed check to boost ahead my subscription.

The year 1917 was not a good one for us live-stock feeders. Prices for feed were too high to make much profit. Corn started at \$1.00 per bushel, and was poor quality at that. Now it is \$1.70, and hay \$25.00 per ton. Many a feeder is losing from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per head on cattle and \$2.00 to \$5.00 on hogs. I did not lose anything on my cattle as I bought them last spring, and put good weight on them on grass. I also gave them 60 days' good feeding with the result that in nine months they gained 395 pounds per head. I sold them at a margin of \$2.15 per cwt.; but I will lose on my hogs as they are \$2.50 per cwt. lower than they were in the fall. The trouble is if a feeder goes in the market to buy feeding stock he has to bid against the packers. They will buy anything that can walk. Don't know what the outcome will be this year—labor is very scarce.

Yours truly,
J. N. ERHART.

Boys Appreciate the "Smileage Book"
Camp Lee, Va.

Mr. D. A. Booser,
Centre Hall, Pa.

Dear Uncle:—
I received the "Smileage Book" today and I thank you very much for it. It is an expression of interest highly appreciated by me and all the boys fortunate enough to be remembered by thoughtful citizens—citizens appreciative of our services. The new Liberty Theatre opened here on February 24, and soon as I get out of the hospital, where I am writing, being confined here on account of quincy, I will begin making use of your generous gift.

I have been in camp for five months and am a company mechanic, relieved of all drill, guard and kitchen work.

Bob is Robert Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Keller, of the Pittsburgh district, and well known to many of our readers, although but a boy when he left Centre Hall. He is a fine mechanic and is in his proper sphere in the army service.—Ed.]

Camp Greene, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Booser:
I want to thank you very much for your kindness in sending me a "Smileage Book". I am sure I will enjoy it very much.

Respectfully,

J. ELLIOT SMITH,
February 28, 1918.

The Third Liberty Loan.

The campaign for the Third Liberty Loan will be opened on the 6th of April, the anniversary of the declaration of a state of war between the United States and Germany.

The amounts, terms, and conditions of the loan are dependent upon further legislation and will be announced as soon as Congress has granted the necessary powers.

Secretary McAdoo chose the 6th of April as the day to open the campaign as the most fitting date to call for a patriotic response to the summons to duty to every American to ask from the people at home the same fervent patriotism that actuates our gallant sons on the battlefields of France and on the waters of the Atlantic.

A number of farmers from the south side attended the big Valentine sale, near Bellefonte, last Thursday, where cows sold from \$80.00 to \$164.00.

FUNFEST WILL CONCLUDE

LECTURE COURSE SEASON.

S. Platt Jones Comes to Centre Hall, Thursday March 21st—Has a Program of Fun, Fun, Fun.

The 1917-18 Lecture Course season for Centre Hall will terminate with the appearance of S. Platt Jones, fun-maker, on Thursday evening of next week—March 21st. He is the sixth and last number on the course.

Lecture course patrons who delight in seeing the audience in a constant state of laughter will find their ideal in S. Platt Jones. With Mr. Jones are "others of the Jones family". At least you would think so, judging from the speedy transformation which takes place as he vanishes from the platform for an instant and reappears in a new character, quaint, but altogether likable. There is a perfect intimacy between the floor and platform. It is something like this: Jones comes before the audience, opens his mouth (a fair sized one), greets the people in a very human manner, radiates good nature and clean humor until unconsciously all in the audience are actually doing their best to make a huge success of their entertainment. Perfect intimacy exists between floor and platform, Jones becomes inspired by the good nature of his hearers, so a story just a bit funnier follows the previous one.

It is nigh impossible to describe Mr. Jones' entertainment. See it, and you realize that life is well worth living in a world that contains S. Platt Jones.

Leg Badly Shattered.

A most distressing accident happened John William Smith at the home of his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Vonada, near Red Mill, on Monday. The young man was operating a power saw and was cutting a log from which to make crates, when the belt flew off the pulleys and in some manner wrapped around one of his legs below the knee, tearing the flesh and crushing the bone. Dr. Longwell was called to dress the wounds. It is possible the limb may have to be amputated.

The Passing Away of a Veteran.

Last week the Reporter in brief form mentioned the death of Perry T. McKinney, who died at his home at Potters Mills on Monday evening. He was the last remaining Civil war veteran in the district in which he resided.

Mr. McKinney had been in fairly good health up until a few weeks ago when he was seized with spells of vomiting and complained of pains at his heart. However, he was able to be up and around and was in good spirits, and had just finished eating his supper, and taken a seat in his favorite chair when suddenly he complained of being very warm and having pains in his breast. In a few minutes he was dead.

Perry Thompson McKinney was a son of William and Roxanna Cramer McKinney, and was born in Blair county, near Altoona, on July 17, 1839, making his age seventy-eight years, seven months and seventeen days. Soon after he was born the family moved from Blair to Mifflin county where the deceased spent his boyhood near Siglewood and Milroy. Just before the Civil war his father came to Centre county. When the war started the young man, at the age of twenty-two years, enlisted as a volunteer in the 56th Regiment, and went with a company from Unionville, Bald Eagle valley. After serving three and one-half years in the army of the Potomac, and taking part in thirty-eight battles, he came through without being wounded, although he had quite a number of narrow escapes, such as being shot through the cap, the string carrying his knapsack shot off, etc. Returning from the war some years later he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Vogt, who preceded him to the grave eleven years ago. Two children were born to this union—W. F. McKinney, of Potters Mills, and C. A. McKinney, of Armoons. In August, 1913, he married his present wife, who was Mrs. Carrie Harter, of Millheim. Besides his wife three sisters survive, namely, Mrs. Stephen Moyer, of Sunbury; Mrs. Mary Goodhart and Miss Sadie McKinney, of Centre Hall. He also leaves twelve grand children.

He had lived twenty years in the house where he died. He was a member of the M. E. church at Spruce-town at which place he was buried on Friday morning, by the side of his first wife.

Millheim is doing its share in the purchase of War Saving and Thrift Stamps. R. S. Stover, the postmaster, reported that up until last week he had sold stamps to the amount of \$1,800.00, or at the rate of \$3.00 for each inhabitant.

Robin Redbreast is here.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY.

Senior Class Will Present "Star Bright" in Grange Hall on Tuesday Evening.

Weeks of careful and assiduous study and training on the part of the members of the local High school will culminate next Tuesday evening in the presentation of the comedy drama, "Star Bright," to be given in the Grange hall.

Two and a half hours are consumed in presenting the three acts, and the cast of characters, which is given below, has been carefully selected.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Lemuel Bright, A "Vile Worm of the Dust"
Harold Alexander,
William Walker Smith, A Private Detective,
Boyd Jordan,
Walter Williams Smythe, A Student from "U"
Ralph Henney,
Arthur Pulver, Otherwise known as West-cock,
James Sweetwood,
Jack Hoover, Who Proves to be Slow, but Sure,
Lynn Bitner,
Parson Williams, A Friend in the Nick of Time,
Floyd Jordan,
Honor Bright, The Wife,
Catherine Rubie,
Star Bright (Alias Madame Ormana) The Elder Daughter,
Elizabeth Sweetwood,
Sunshine Bright, The Younger Daughter,
Marchie Judon,
Bird Denton, A College Girl, Rebecca Kreamer,
Melinda Bandy, With a Love for Romance,
Carrie Mitterling.

THE STORY OF THE PLAY.

The scenes of this play are laid in Mount Jale, a village in the Adirondack region. Lemuel Bright, a pious, narrow-minded "pillar of the church," and his wife, Honor, who is a college woman, had two daughters, Star and Sunshine. When Star was sixteen years of age she was sent to college, where clandestinely, she met an actor named Arthur Pulver, who induced her to elope with him for the stage career she had coveted from her infancy. As a result her father disowned her, and for twelve years her name was never allowed to be spoken in the home; while her mother's grief over the father's attitude nearly cost her her life and condemned her to an existence of almost hopeless invalidism.

Twelve years after, at the time of the opening scene of the play, this same man comes to the neighborhood under an assumed name, represents himself as an artist, and securing board in the Bright family endeavors to tempt Sunshine to leave home with him in order to secure the college career her father has always denied her, because of her sister's experience, of which she herself knows nothing at all.

The elopement is frustrated through the intervention of Smith, a private detective, who has come to the house as a boarder and been taken in by the different members of the family, as the new minister, the new doctor, the new editor, the tax assessor and a phonograph agent, which is the role he himself has elected to play in the vicinity, as well as the lover of Bird Denton, a college girl, spending her vacation in the home, whose lover is a slightly different man with a slightly different name. In reality Smith has come to the village in the service of the absent daughter, to prevent her betrayer from carrying out his nefarious designs against her sister. A phonograph record is employed to reveal to the detective the real state of mind of both the father and the mother regarding the lost daughter, who comes in person to the old home in the guise of a boarder just in time to prevent her sister from being forced by her harsh father into marriage with the villain as a means of saving his reputation, which he chooses to consider endangered by the attempted elopement.

The detective reveals to the astonished family the truth of the elder daughter's legal marriage, and all the tangles are rapidly untwisted as the optimistic Sunshine is made happy by the promise of her longed-for college course, and the renewed joy of her mother and sister.

The comedy is carried by a neighbor, Jake Hoover, and his matrimonial designs on Melinda Bandy, a romantic spirit employed in the Bright home, not to mention the soulful Ethelhart Ferdinand Delancy, whose mythical personality, when finally unmasked, is a strong ally in Jake's cause.

Bellefonte Laundry Destroyed by Fire.

The Bellefonte Steam Laundry, John Noll, proprietor, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The blaze was discovered about six o'clock and had already gained such headway that the entire destruction of the plant was certain before the fire fighters arrived on the scene.

The cause of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to have resulted from the crossing of electric light wires. The building was an old structure and was located on South Water street.

Time to sow clover seed. Although twenty odd dollars per bushel it should not be saved to an extent to injure the prospects of a clover crop next season.

STATE G. E. CONVENTION.

Event To Be Held in Sunbury From May 11 to 18.

Plans are rapidly being perfected by I. H. Tobin, Past Grand Chief of the State organization Knights of the Golden Eagle, for the big annual state convention of the order which will be held in Sunbury from May 14 to 18 next.

The Grand Castle of Pennsylvania represents a membership of 50,000. Plans are being made for a splendid street parade of the castles and commandery. An approximate attendance for the first two days of at least 3000 to 4000 people is anticipated with a continued attendance of the delegates for the remainder of the convention of approximately 500 persons, representing 525 castles in forty-eight counties of Pennsylvania.

In addition to the meeting of the Grand Castle, there will also occur at the same time a meeting of the grand temple of the Ladies of the Golden Eagle, representing a membership throughout the state of 28,000.

The convention of the grand castle will likely be held in the armory hall. The ladies on the other hand, have secured the Masonic Temple for their place of meeting. The Central hotel will be headquarters of the grand castle officers and committee. The City hotel will be the headquarters of the Grand Temple officers and committee.

Acquisitions and Losses.

There will be the usual number of changes of residence in Centre Hall residents, prior to or on April 1st, and most of the changes will be caused on account of homes sold. The changes reported to the Reporter are listed below:

ACQUISITIONS OF RESIDENTS.

John H. Breor,
George W. Potter,
M. L. Smith,
Boyd Potter,
D. Frank Smith,
John Rine,
Rev. W. A. Picken,
A. F. Hickman,
C. H. Rimmer,
W. E. Tate,
Frank M. Fisher,
Miss Mary Fisher,
Evangelical Pastor.

LOSSES OF RESIDENTS.

Jerome Wilkens,
George Breor,
B. H. Arney,
Clyde Stover,
E. M. Brown,
Rev. F. H. Foss,
Dr. H. F. Bitner,
Earl Lutz.

M. L. Smith, of Johnstown, purchased the Lyman L. Smith property; A. C. Heckman, of Millheim, that of John Lucas; C. H. Rimmer, of Tusseyville, that of Clement Luse; W. E. Tate, west of Centre Hall, that of B. H. Arney; Frank M. Fisher, of Penn Hall, that of Dr. H. F. Bitner; Miss Mary Fisher, of Penn Hall, that of Wm. Mitterling estate; John Breor, of near Axe Mann, that of Jerry Miller; Rev. W. A. Picken, of Shippenburg, that of Samuel Shoop.

This indicates that nine of the thirteen new residents purchased property, and but two—Dr. H. Bitner and B. H. Arney—of those moving out of town, owned the properties they lived in.

Notice to Stockholders of the Centre Hall Water Company.

Notice is hereby given to all stockholders of the Centre Hall water Company that a special meeting of the stockholders is called to convene at the home of the Secretary in Centre Hall, Centre County, Pennsylvania, on the 28th day of March, 1918, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Board of Directors. Also a special meeting of said stockholders to be held on the 28th day of March, 1918, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., at the same place to consider the approval or disapproval of selling and transferring to the Borough of Centre Hall all the franchise, corporate property, rights and privileges, duties and obligations of said Water Company; and to transfer or cancel as may be desired by the proposed vendee all stock now issued and outstanding of the said Water Company; and for such other action as may properly come before the said meeting. All stockholders to present certificates or evidence of ownership either in person or by proxy.

H. F. BITNER,
Secretary.

Perry County Goes "Dry".

Perry county joined the ranks of the "drys" on Saturday, and now four adjoining central Pennsylvania counties are dry. They are Perry, Juniata, Mifflin and Huntingdon.

Judge Keller, recently appointed by the governor, was supported by Associate Judge Boyer in refusing to re-new fifteen licenses.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Bucknell will hold its commencement exercises beginning June 4th.

George Horner and youngest son, of near Linden Hall, write callers at this office Thursday.

Dr. George P. Bible, the lecturer, has arrived safely in France, where he will be connected with the American Y. M. C. A. work.

Supt. D. O. Eiders, of State College, was in town on Monday in the interest of his re-election as county superintendent of schools.

Don't try to evade the income tax. A fraudulent return will subject you to an additional tax of one hundred percent, a fine of \$2000 and all costs of prosecution.

Arthur Kimpfort, ex-prothonotary of Centre county, and of late years a successful farmer in Montgomery county, was in the county last week and met a large number of his good old friends.

The Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge, No. 253, a local organization, invested their surplus cash in War Savings Stamps. The ladies have set a pace that other organizations will do well to follow.

Lewisburg council, at its last meeting, passed a resolution prohibiting the sale and setting off of fire crackers, blank cartridges and other devices of an explosive nature, in the borough during the entire year.

Sunday showed a reverse of form from the weather of the preceding two weeks. A gale blew all day and in the morning a light snow mingled with the high wind. At night the mercury dropped to 10 above zero.

While hauling a load of wood down the mountain road, near Millheim, G. W. Frankenberger had the misfortune to have his wagon upset when it struck a tree. One of the horses sustained a fractured front leg and had to be killed.

The groundhog's six weeks' reign reaches its end on Saturday and judging from how badly he missed his guess on the weather, it is safe to say when the next February 23d rolls around he will find the number who exclaim, "O, bosh", considerably increased.

John Breor, Wednesday of last week, moved from near Axe Mann to Centre Hall, into the Miller home, on West Church street, purchased by him some time ago. Mr. Breor, a number of years ago, was a tenant on the Rhone farm west of Centre Hall.

John Reish, who recently made sale of his surplus farm stock, will move from the Brockerhoff farm below Bellefonte, on the Jacksonville road, to the David Rhinesmith farm, south of Bellefonte. Mr. Reish, some years ago, lived on the Tate farm, west of Centre Hall.

Did you notice the beautiful display of bright red lights in the heavens between ten and eleven o'clock on Thursday night? It was the Aurora Borealis, or "Northern Lights", and officials of the naval observatory say that the display was the best ever seen in this latitude.

The calendar indicates that tomorrow (15th) is Andrew Jackson's birthday. He was born in 1767. Sunday (17th) is St. Patrick's Day, when the Irish will wear the green; the 24th is Palm Sunday; the 29th is Good Friday, and the following Sunday, the last day of March, comes Easter.

It is scarcely believable, but it is a fact that our family heads are becoming alarmed because of the probability of a milk shortage, and that in a community where milk, if not honey, ought to flow. And when we think back of the times when old "Spooler" browsed at will on Pennsylvania avenue, the yard gates ornamented with a scythe blade to keep the old sow from throwing them off the hinges and playing "Hindenburg" in the garden, we wonder whether we would not sooner again live in the times of full crock, pots and kettles than at peace with our neighbor across the garden wall.

In order that those holding flour may escape the probability of prosecution under the provisions of the Food Control Act against hoarding, it is necessary that householders having flour on hand report the same to Robert T. Hunter, federal food administrator for Centre county, Bellefonte, Pa. Under heading "Government Demands Food Supply Reports", printed on the last page of this paper, will be found full instructions, together with penalty for failure to make report. Read the articles carefully, and measure up to your fullest capacity of patriotism by heeding the government's call at a time when victory depends on food. Hoarding and selfishness are synonymous, and mean defeat.