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Penrose Gubernatorial Candidate Firting With Prohibition Amendment.

The expected has happened. State Senator William C. Sprout, Penrose candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, has declared himself for the Sheppard federal prohibition amendment—not too strenuously but strongly enough, he thinks, to get him a seat on the band wagon.

Political observers knew he would do this even weeks ago when he formally announced himself a candidate at the Penrose-brewery dinner at Pittsburgh. They knew that eventually he would say something connecting his name with the federal amendment, even while he was fishing about to see if local opinion were entirely dead and if there was hope in advocating a State prohibition amendment. Governor Brumbaugh sensed the situation and so did J. D. O'Neil, the State administration candidate, more than a month ago in political speeches when they said that a man's past record and not his campaign promises is the thing to be weighed.

Mr. Sprout took about seven weeks to reach his decision. He made a pussyfoot excursion to Senator Penrose's private office at Washington and saw him also at Philadelphia several times before the statement was finally launched. These trips served notice on the Penrose bosses in the counties that the statement was not to be sneered at, and within a day or two after publication of the statement, Republican leaders in all parts of the State, who in the past had brought out and backed wet candidates to a finish fight were suddenly dry.

While the prohibition amendment has been made a gubernatorial issue, the fact still remains that the legislative districts must elect dry men if the State is to be counted in among the thirty-six needed for ratification. "Dry" workers and politicians believe that there is a possibility of the ratification being accompanied by the Spring of 1919, and this is possible even without the aid of Pennsylvania. There is none who believe that the seven-year period for ratification provided in the Sheppard resolution, will be required. So far the wets have not been victorious in a single contest in a State legislature. Eight states considered the amendment and have approved it. Delaware will probably be next and Georgia will probably approve it in June. Only one Governor, Charles Henderson, of Alabama, has fought the issue and his opposition has prevented action in Alabama. Forty-one legislatures will meet next year, including Pennsylvania. Of these thirty-three do not meet this year.

There is no time for half-hearted statements of the kind that Senator Sprout has made. The voters know in a general way of his 22-year record in the State Senate where he has always supported Penrose, opposed humanitarian measures and votes against prohibition bills. The Delaware Senator has handled the situation as a politician seeking votes. He has not given encouragement to the keener politicians of his own faction or to the men of no party who are interested in anti-liquor legislation. He said: "The prohibition question has become a great economic issue and sentiment of the present time and of the country is undoubtedly in favor of the national prohibition amendment. It is in the spirit of sacrifice, self-denial and self-discipline to which the American people have committed themselves, and Pennsylvania conservative as she is in matter of this kind may be depended upon to act promptly and favorably upon this question."

A. Mitchell Palmer, Democratic National Committeeman from Pennsylvania, said, after reading the statement:

"I gather he said prohibition sentiment in Pennsylvania is exceedingly strong and that the prohibition amendment undoubtedly will be a great issue in the coming campaign. I saw nowhere a statement by him that he stands with this sentiment and is eager it should produce a prohibition majority in the legislature."

Senator Sprout will have to be more positive than he appears to have been at West Chester if he wants the anti-liquor people in Pennsylvania really to believe he stands with them and not with their political enemies. His statement, so far as I can see, is indicative of a desire to straddle the question. But on this question there can be no straddling.

If Senator Sprout or any other candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania is not positively and actively in favor of the election of a legislature committed to the ratification of the

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BOYS AND GIRLS T. S. AND W. S. S. CLUB.

Miss Hazel Ripka Appointed Secretary of the Local Organization to Boost the Sale of Baby Bonds.

T. S. stands for Thrift Stamps and W. S. S. stands for War Savings Stamps, and that helps you read the heading of this notice, the purpose of which is to tell you that a Boys and Girls Thrift Stamp and War Savings Stamp Club is being formed to boost the sale of Baby Bonds to help the boys go over the top. The secretary of the organization is Miss Hazel Ripka, of Centre Hall, and the organization will cover any locality in the United States, the only condition being that the stamps be purchased at the Centre Hall post office.

To join the Boys and Girls T. S. and W. S. S. club the first thing you need to do is purchase a Thrift Stamp or War Saving Stamp, or as many as you want, and report the fact to Miss Hazel Ripka, who will record your name in the secretary's book of the Boys and Girls Club. Each Monday the secretary will give the Centre Reporter the names of purchasers of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps to be printed in a space reserved for the Boys and Girls Club.

As soon as you exchange a Thrift Card for a War Saving Stamp your name will appear under the heading of the purchaser of a War Savings Stamp, and when you have secured five or more War Savings Stamps, your name will appear from week to week, under a proper head.

Since a large number of boys and girls have already purchased Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps these purchases will entitle them to membership in the club, provided they hand their names to the secretary to be properly recorded.

The Boys and Girls Club can become an important factor in boosting the sale of "Baby Bonds". Boosting the sale of these stamps means that you are doing a patriotic deed—helping your government secure funds for war purposes. Again, the movement encourages thrift, develops a patriotic spirit, makes every boy and girl a better boy and girl, bigger and broader in principle.

Membership in the club is limited to boys and girls less than twenty-one years of age.

Big Prices for Cows.

At the sale of William T. McCoy in Millin county, last Thursday, there was a large crowd of speedy bidders who appreciated pure bred Holstein cows which were sold for the following high prices: \$150; \$179; \$201; \$129; \$222.50; \$25; \$97; \$190; \$110; \$140; \$135; \$189; \$195; \$144; \$159; \$167.50; \$247.50. The seventeen cows and heifers with first calves sold for a total of \$2870.50, or an average price of \$169.15 each.

A Guernsey cow was sold for \$101, and five Holstein calves two to three months old brought \$270 or an average price of \$54 each.

A two-year heifer of Holstein breed with her first calf brought \$247.50 and the highest priced springer sold for \$225.

The total of cattle sales was \$3,415. A pair of black horses sold for \$435. A four year old colt was knocked down for \$181 while a three year old colt was bought for \$145.

Government Horses Poisoned.

Five hundred horses are dead of poisoning in Covington, Kentucky, and more are expected to die out of a government shipment of 726 horses from Camp Grant, Rockford Ill., consigned to Newport News, Va.

Dr. L. E. Crisler, veterinary surgeon, Covington, pronounced the death of the animals to be due to belladonna and croton oil poisoning.

Dr. Crisler said he believed the poison had been placed in water given to the horses in Covington.

STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

It is estimated that one-third of the 1917 potato crop is still in the growers' hands owing to the severe winter which prevented shipment of perishable goods.

How many farmers in Pennsylvania have produced on their farms enough wool to supply the clothing of one soldier?

Pennsylvania farmers are planning for one of the largest corn crops that has ever been grown in the State. The question of labor alone held back a record crop.

With the disappearance of the snow which covered the wheat and rye during the entire winter, there has been a decided increase in the condition of the two growing crops now in the ground.

Movements for greater interest in poultry raising in every section are now under way and thousands of new backyard flocks are expected to result.

DEATHS.

Miss Lucy Evans, a former resident of Pottery Mill, died at her home in Williamsport Wednesday of last week. The body was shipped to Centre Hall Saturday and conveyed to the Spruce-cemetery where burial was made in the family burial plot. Deceased was one of a family of thirteen children, seven of whom—six sisters and one brother—survive. The father was Davis Evans, and the mother, who is still living at the age of eighty-six years, is Mrs. Mina Evans. The family lived at Pottery Mills for many years, removing to Williamsport about eighteen years ago. The deceased was aged fifty-eight years. Funeral services were conducted at Williamsport and interment was made at Spruce-cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ellen L. Garrett, widow of Thomas Garrett, and for the past ten years an invalid, passed away at her home in Rebersburg on Saturday. She was born on March 23, 1841, and was therefore seventy-six years, eleven months and twenty-three days of age. She was a consistent member of the Reformed church and practically her entire life was spent in Rebersburg. One son—G. P. Garrett—of Rebersburg, survives, as do six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, Rev. J. D. Hunsicker having charge. Burial followed in the Union cemetery at Rebersburg.

Mrs. Martha B. Patton, wife of Robert A. Patton, of Port Matilda, passed away at her home, early Friday morning, death being due to a complication of diseases. Mrs. Patton, whose maiden name was Miss Blanch Welsh, was born in Sinking valley on August 24, 1864. On July 3, 1883, she was united in marriage with Robert A. Patton, who with the following children survive to mourn her death: Lloyd A., of Altoona; Wilson, of Port Matilda; Mrs. John Sparr, of Olean, N. Y.; Frank, of Johnstown; Mrs. Beatrice Snyder, of Tyrone; James R., of Millersburg; Mrs. John O. Williams, of Port Matilda; Merley, Margaret, Edith and Reeder, at home. She is also survived by one brother, C. H. Welsh, of Newport, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Harry White, of Tyrone. Deceased was a devoted member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were held at the late home on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Bert Cook, pastor of the Port Matilda Methodist church. Interment in Methodist cemetery at Port Matilda.

State to Quit Paying Tuition of Non-Residents H. S. Pupils.

Centre county school districts are vitally affected by a rec at ruling of the State Department of Education. Notice has been issued to county superintendents throught the state that the state will no longer pay the tuition of non-resident high school pupils. Heretofore the state paid from a half to three fourths of that expense with the township the remainder, and in some townships it means an added expense of several hundred dollars a year. Very few townships are unaffected by the ruling as nearly all had pupils who were sent to the high school.

Seed Corn Tests Low.

Results obtained from tests of more than one hundred samples of seed corn by R. H. Olmstead, county farm agent, show that the germination averages only about sixty per cent., which is declared as being unusually bad. The county agent informed the Reporter this week that they still have a lot of high-test corn on hand which they will be glad to furnish to farmers of Centre county.

Test Your Seed Corn Now.

All farmers who expect to plant corn this year will be wise if they test their seed corn immediately for germination. Many farmers who are counting on their own corn to germinate properly are being very much surprised with the actual tests they are getting. Corn which tested good last Thanksgiving will probably test very poorly now if it has been exposed to the severe weather of this winter. Many instances are on record in Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture of the germination dropping from 90 per cent. to 30 per cent. on corn which has been exposed.

The Bureau of Markets has found great difficulty in securing any quantity of corn testing 85 per cent. or better. They are on the constant lookout for it, and any farmers who have corn suitable for seed are requested to send in six representative ears as sample for germination test.

The Bureau of Markets is issuing a prize list of a few lots of good seed corn for sale. All inquirers will receive a copy of this list promptly.

BOYS FOR FARM SERVICE.

The Government Would Organize a Reserve of Young Men—from 16 to 20 Years—for Work on Farms This Summer.

Principals of all high schools in the State have been directly requested to aid in recruiting boys for farm service by Secretary Wm. B. Wilson, of the U. S. Department of Labor. In a letter to the principals Secretary Wilson makes this appeal:

"The United States Government, through the Department of Labor, is endeavoring to mobilize the strong and adaptable young men of the country for work upon the farms during the coming summer. If an adequate food supply, so vital to the winning of the war, is to be assured it is of the utmost importance that a Reserve of young men, sixteen years of age and over, and under twenty-one years of age, shall be organized.

"This week, beginning Monday, March 18, has been designated as National Enrollment Week for the nation-wide enrolling of boys into the Reserve. Is it not possible for you to secure the names of all your pupils who are willing to enroll into the Reserve, and to obtain from the Federal State Director of your State enrollment cards, certificates, and buttons so that they may be admitted formally into the Reserve?"

"The United States Boys' Working Reserve is the one national organization which undertakes to mobilize the youth for farm service."

Enrollment offices have been opened everywhere in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety.

The Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety has computed the recruiting schedule by districts, so that each county may know the number of enrollments expected of it. There are 219,000 farms in the State and if the farmers are to be given adequate backing the recruiting must not be allowed to fall behind the schedule. The quota for Centre county is: Boys, 242; men, 484.

Two New Dodge Owners.

Prof. C. R. Neff, farmer and principal of Centre Hall High School, is the owner of a Dodge touring car since the middle of last week. William J. Bradford, the junior in the firm of Bradford & Son, also purchased a Dodge touring car, the incident occurring on the young man's twenty-fourth anniversary of his birth.

Penn State to Graduate 250 Seniors Next Month.

When the Pennsylvania State College celebrates its wartime commencement, on April 24, a senior class of approximately 250 will be graduated. This estimate was made by A. H. Espenbade, the college registrar. The graduating class will be considerably smaller than those of recent years, because of the great number of withdrawals from college for service with the flag.

The School of Engineering, which is Penn State's largest and fastest growing department, will send out ninety-two graduates. The School of Liberal Arts will graduate twenty, the agricultural school eighty-one, the School of Mines thirteen, and Natural Science eighteen. Twenty-six girls will be graduated from the home economics department.

Little Girl Burned to Death.

Playing at lighting bits of paper to see them flare, 5-year-old Mary Forester, of East Juniata, on Friday afternoon got her clothing afire and was burned almost to a crisp. She lived thirty minutes after her mother reached her side and tore away her blazing garments. The deceased child was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Smith Forester.

Mrs. Forester left her three children alone in the house for about fifteen minutes while she went on an errand to the home of a neighbor. Although the mother had specifically charged the little ones to keep away from the stove, when she returned, the eldest was almost unconscious from a terrible burning. Gathering up the little form from the floor near the stove Mrs. Forester frantically tore away the few remaining shreds of clothing and wrapped the gasping little one in a sweater coat. Her screams for help attracted the neighbors but before a physician could be secured the child was dead.

Warren County Dry, May 1.

Warren county will be the eighth dry county in Pennsylvania. On May first, the thirty-six licenses in that county will expire, and as a result of a petition signed by 35,000 people, Judge Hinkle and his associates will refuse to grant licenses for the coming year.

Today is the first day of spring. It was never more welcome.

SCHOOL REPORT FOR SIXTH MONTH

Statistical Report and Honor Roll in Borough Schools.

Primary school.—No. in attendance, male 18, female 20, total 38. Average attendance, male 16, female 18, total 33. Per cent. attendance, male 92, female 92, total 92. Those present every day during month are: Harold Bobb, Reuben Garie, Bruce Knarr, James Lutz, Paul Maritz, Wilbur McClellan, Robert McClenahan, George Riter, William Slick, Elizabeth Breor, Helen Brown, Emelyn Brungart, Grace Garie, Cathaline Maritz, Dorothea Odenkirk, Estella Rubie, Sarah Runkle, Alverta Weaver, and Frances Weaver. Those who have not missed a day during the term are James Lutz, Elizabeth Breor, and Alverta Weaver.—Helen Bartholomew, teacher.

Intermediate grade.—No. in attendance during month, male 18, female 23, total 36. Per cent. attendance, male 99, female 95, total 97. Pupils not absent during month: Joseph Rubie, Ralph Maritz, Byers Ripks, Paul Smith, Clarence Zettle, Franklin Runkle, Franklin Rubie, Theo. Breor, George Lutz, Curtis Reiber, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Groes, Alma Lutz, Esther Maritz, Ruth Runkle, Helen Runkle, Mildred Blitt, Agnes Geary, Miriam Moore, Mary Weaver, Florence Zettle, Lottie Keller, Helen Bohm. Those not absent during term: Byers Ripks, Paul Smith, Clarence Zettle, Alma Lutz, Ruth Runkle, Helen Runkle, Mary Weaver, Lottie Keller.—D. Ross Bushmar, teacher.

Grammar grade.—No. in attendance during month, male 16, female 18. Average attendance during term, male 15, female 17. Per cent. of attendance during month, male 93, female 97. Per cent. of attendance during term, male 93, female 91. Names of those in regular attendance for the month: Esther Wagner, Sara Zettle, Grace Fye, Annabel Smith, Hazel Ripks, Nona Wagner, Gertrude Rubie, Madeline Smith, Vianna Zettle, Ann Garie, Ethel Frank, Florence Krape, Beatrice Kramer, Arthur Bohm, Albert Emery, Harold Bohm, William Sweetwood, Isalah Emery, P. ul Feterolf, Albert Smith, Howard Emery. Those in regular attendance for term: Sara Zettle, Hazel Ripks, Nona Wagner, Ethel Frank, Albert Emery, Harold Bohm, Albert Smith.—Elmer Miller, teacher.

Farewell Party at Tate Home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tate, west of Centre Hall, were pleasantly surprised one evening last week when a group of their neighbors entered their home, prepared to spend the evening in a social manner. They came laden with baskets of delicacies which were served at an appropriate hour. The party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tate in view of their leaving the farm for residence in Centre Hall.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bloom and children, Luella, Donald, George and Daniel; Mr. and Mrs. William Walker and sons Floyd, Norman, Clyde and Clarence; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walker and son Robert; Mr. and Mrs. John Heckman, Miss Cora Boal; Mrs. William Brooks and daughter Mamie; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garbrick and children Dorothy, Gladys, Vernon, Lester and Lewis; Lanson Borrie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osman and children Mary Fred and John; Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Brooks and children Florence, Frances and Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks and son James; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Markie and sons Thomas and Jack; Mrs. Richard Markie, Mrs. Harry Houser, Mr. and Mrs. White-man and children Laura, Frances and Jack; Mrs. John Mowery and daughter Agnes; Mrs. Jerry Smith, Samuel Gingrich; Miss Anna Mary Houser.

Worth Twp. H. S. Commencement.

Commencement exercises of the Worth township High school at Port Matilda, of which Prof. H. C. Rothrock is principal, will be held in the M. E. church at that place on Friday evening, March 29, at eight o'clock. Smith's orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion. The following is the program:

- Salutatory.....Isabel Salome Cowher
- "Garibaldi and Bismarck".....
- Oration.....Luzena Comelia Shope
- "Government as Applied to the Individual".....
- Oration.....Eliworth Raymond Beckwith
- "Enslavement or Conscriptio—Which?".....
- Oration.....Murley Gertrude Patton
- "What Can She Do?".....
- Class History.....Florence Gertrude Shipley
- Class Oration.....Horace Greeley Reese
- "One Country, One People, One Flag".....
- Class Prophecy.....Virginia Coatie Adams
- Oration.....Mary Catherine Rigelow
- "Booze and Its Effects".....
- Oration.....George Ray Cowher
- "What of Belgium?".....
- Oration.....Orville Elizabeth Stine
- "Economy a National Virtue".....
- Valedictory.....Gladys Gertrude Bennett
- "The Red Cross".....
- Class Song.....Where Do We Go From Here?
- Commencement Address.....Charles Calveth Ellis
- Presentation of Diplomas.....By Pres. Board of Education.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The warm weather is starting the Lizzies and flies to swarming.

J. B. Royer, of Altoona, is visiting his many friends in and about Centre Hall this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud K. Stahl, of Altoona, spent Sunday with the former's parents, immediately west of Centre Hall.

Mrs. Elmer C. Hettinger and Miss Lottie Hettinger, of Spring Mills, were Reporter callers on Monday afternoon.

At a sale in Millin county corn was sold at \$2.40 per double bushel. At another sale it was sold for ten cents less per bushel.

The borough of State College has passed an ordinance preventing the erection of wooden buildings within certain prescribed limits.

Potatoes are selling in the Williamsport market at 75¢ per bushel, and in and about Millinburg sales are being made at 40 to 60 cents per bushel.

Capt. Wilbur Litzel, formerly of the Post Machine Gun Troop, spent the past week at his home in State College, returning to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., on Monday.

The flour report you send to acting food administrator Robert F. Hunter, Bellefonte, is a private affair and is not open to inspection by the public. The reports should be made promptly.

Get busy, boys and girls, there is an opportunity to help your "big brother" in the training camp and later at the front. This can be done best by joining the Boys and Girls T. S. and W. S. S. Club.

One of the oldest ladies in Nittany Valley is Mrs. Katherine Baumgardner, of Pleasant Gap, who the beginning of this month became ninety-one years old. She is quite well preserved for one of her age.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Miller, at the Jefferson Maternity Hospital in Philadelphia, on Monday of last week. Mrs. Miller is better known as Miss Elizabeth Saunders, formerly of Centre Hall.

Millheim has a new order in the Millheim Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, an auxiliary lodge to the Woodmen. The new order was instituted two weeks ago and thirty-one ladies were obligated at that time.

The Reporter takes this means to thank the many subscribers who permitted on subscription within the past few weeks. There are still a number who should do likewise, and we trust this little hint will bring the answer.

S. Platt Jones is the last number of the Centre Hall Lecture Course for this season. He appears to-night (Thursday) in Grange hall in a program of fun and amusement. If you delight in character impersonations, don't fail to see Jones, for he is a master in the art.

Rev. C. W. Horner returned on Wednesday from Tusseyville, to which place he had gone on a visit following the annual conference of the Evangelical church at Allentown. Rev. Horner will continue to serve another year as pastor of the Sugar Valley charge, says the Loganton Journal.

Join the Thrift Stamp and War Savings club. Every time you buy a stamp—a Thrift or a War Savings Stamp—your name will be printed under the proper head in the space reserved for the Boys' and Girls' Thrift Stamp and War Savings Stamp club.

William Gferrer arrived home on Saturday from a four months' visit among friends and relatives in the middle west states. He stopped at various points in Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma and on his return home looked up many of the former Penns Valley boys now located in Freeport and other Illinois towns.

The Millinburg Telegraph is telling of a public sale held by H. C. Brungart, near there, at which farm stock and implements sold amounted to \$6000, all of which was sold in the record time of four hours. One team of horses sold for \$550; a shoat for \$27. Forty head of young cattle were knocked off within one hour.

Unless there is very good reason for doing so, every letter addressed to those in the U. S. service should have a return card on it. Packages must be addressed plainly, using ink, not pencil. Letters to those in the expeditionary force must be enclosed in good, stout envelopes and plainly addressed. Many letters sent to France from the States arrive in such a dilapidated condition, owing to the poor quality of envelopes used, that it is difficult to read the address and properly handle it. The Post Office Department asks that better material be used and that the writing be done plainly and with ink.