

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1919.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO.

Paragraphs of News Taken from the Files of the Reporter of 1884.

May 14, 1884. George Hoffer, an active Democrat of Boalsburg, announces himself as a candidate for sheriff.

The telephone is now being extended from Bellefonte to Lewistown, via Centre Hall. The extension to Millheim has not yet been determined.

The lower end of the valley is still having the financial shaker. The panic set in six weeks ago with a failure of Perry Stover, dealer in grain, who left with liabilities reported at from twelve to fifteen thousand dollars, much of which was due farmers who sold him their crops. This created a scare and want of confidence which resulted in a run on the Millheim bank. That institution, however, withstood the local tempest and had backers whose assurances quieted those having deposits.

GEORGES VALLEY.

Mrs. S. E. Goble spent a few days last week with her parents who are sick with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Port Matilda, spent a few days last week at the D. D. Decker home.

Mrs. Susan Davis is spending the week with friends in Lock Haven.

Mrs. E. D. Foust and Mrs. F. M. Ackerman visited friends in Potters Mills last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lydia Lingle went to Lock Haven last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Edward Eungard.

Those who spent Sunday at the W. P. Lingle home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lingle and children, and Mrs. Edward Lingle and two boys.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Yearick royally entertained at their home in Georges Valley, a number of friends and young people. The evening was spent playing games after which refreshments were served, consisting of cake, sandwiches and candy. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foust, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Henrich, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer, and sons Ray, Jacob and Franklin and daughter Maebelle, Mr. and Mrs. Wither Lee and niece, Mildred Duck, Mrs. Blaine Hosterman, Gladys Leister, Dorothy Hanna, Grace Neff, Mary Tate, Harriet and Ida Frazier, Laria Reeder, Marie Leister, Ethel Laughner, Katie McKinney, Samuel Bitner, John Neff, Harry Neff, Clarence Miller, Emerson Ennest, Earl Frazier, George Condo, Frank McKinney, Paul Hoover and Elmer Noll, and Jack Smith.

State Agricultural Notes.

Many townships report the first flocks of sheep purchased by farmers during the past few months.

Damage to the wheat in Armstrong and Juniata county by the Hessian fly is reported by some farmers.

Lancaster county farmers report fast decline of driving horses and the replacement of draft horses and mules by tractors and trucks.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF

THE FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF CENTRE CO. PENNSYLVANIA

In compliance with the provisions of their charter the sixty-second annual statement of the company is hereby presented.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts include Balance in treasury, Cash premiums received, Cash received on assessment, and Borrowed money. Expenditures include Fire losses, Directors' pay, Secretary's pay, Treasurer's salary, and various other expenses. Total Receipts: \$2568.10, Total Expenditures: \$2568.10.

Finds Paper Published in 1823.

A copy of the Bellefonte Patriot, bearing the date of October 22nd, 1823, was produced by a Williamsport man a few days ago.

Among the interesting items in the columns of the old paper is an advertisement, stating that a public sale would be held by "the commissioner appointed by an act of legislature in Pennsylvania for the improvement of the Susquehanna from Columbia to Tide," to dispose of several sections of said river for improvement.

The "war news" in this issue is from the "western front" and tells of the victory of the United States troops aided by the Sioux, over the Ricara Indians.

In two advertisements the munificent reward of six cents is offered for the apprehension of runaway apprentices.

LINDEN HALL.

From last week. Miss Stella Musser is spending a few weeks at State College.

Miss Phoebe Potter spent a few days last week with friends here.

Miss Helen Ishler returned home after spending several weeks with relatives at Centre Hall.

Mrs. Ella Catherman returned to State College Saturday after spending a few weeks at the Swabb home.

The Post Office Department recently gave this post office the mail service it had before the war, so that we now have four mails a day.

Mrs. J. H. Ross left for Braddock on Monday to spend a few weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Swartz, the attraction being the little girl which arrived there last week.

\$1000 in Cash Prizes.

For those who have been in "Service" here is a fine chance to get some easy money. The "Philadelphia Record" is offering more than \$1000.00 in cash prizes for letters telling of experiences. The first prize is \$100.00; second, \$75.00; third, \$50.00; fourth, \$25.00; fifth, \$20.00; twenty prizes of \$15.00 each; twenty-five prizes of \$10.00 each, and fifty prizes of \$5.00 each.

Any one is eligible who has seen service in the army, navy, marine corps, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., or any other service organization.

Your letter must relate an actual experience, and you may "tell how it happened" in your own way. There is no restriction as to where the incident occurred. It may have been in this country or "over there". Nor is it necessary for a letter to be especially written. Some of the best letters may have been written long ago.

Write as much as is necessary to tell your story, but don't make it a long drawn-out affair. Your name and address, with the designation of the service unit to which you were attached when the incident occurred must accompany your letter. If you have a photograph of yourself, write your name and address on the reverse side and send it along.

The contest closes March the 15th—but don't put off your letter too long. The prize-winning letters, with the names and units of the writers, will be published in the Magazine Section of the Sunday edition of "The Record".

Mail your letter to "The War Letter Editor, The Philadelphia Record."

The open winter has proved advantage to the farmers and much of the spring plowing has already been done, and in practically every section farmers were plowing the latter part of January.

VAIL WANTS U. S. TO BE CENTER OF GREAT INTERNATIONAL WIRE SYSTEM

For Protection of Our Political and Economic Position

Holds for Unification and Federal Regulation of Utilities

A letter of Theo. N. Vail, of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, written in response to a request of Hon. John A. Moon, Chairman Committee on Post Office and Post Roads, House of Representatives, is today made public. Mr. Vail's letter is a plea for a wire system and proper control and regulation of utilities, particularly the wire system, and, what is more important, a plea for a world-wide cable system centering in and controlled in the United States as an essential to the extension of American commerce. Here are two things in which the public is interested: A wire system that will give them all the service at the best rates possible and one that can maintain standard service, and the extension of American commerce.

The letter refers to House Bill 368. It is not Mr. Vail's understanding that this bill is a Government ownership and operating utility service or that it has a definite purpose to allow sufficient time to prepare and present to Congress a specific proposition for the reorganization which will work for the efficiency and economy of the international and intranational wire systems operated and controlled from the United States. A thoroughly considered, well-thought-out solution cannot be prepared under pressure or in the present short session of Congress. It is recognized that in the interest of the public the utilities should not be returned to the owners without some correction of the existing deficiencies in regulation and control; hence it would seem highly desirable for the country and for the proprietors that time should be given for such a solution. In short, Mr. Vail's plea is a strong argument against the immediate return of the utilities without any remedial legislation to cure the evils which now exist in the multiplicity of the various, irresponsible, complex, contradictory and overlapping forms of control or regulation.

Mr. Vail says, "There is without doubt an opportunity for a great piece of beneficial and constructive work by combining and co-ordinating all the various existing and supplementary into one or more well-balanced systems, the extent of which should be determined by the nature of the service, by the extent of the service rendered, and by commercial, geographic, economic reasons; and as far as possible divorced from political or partisan or class influence, the requisite power and authority of the Federal Government expressed in a mandate to equilibrate revenue, operating costs and capital charges, with an operating organization, adapted to the requirements of the service, and based on the methods which experience, enterprise and operation in the industrial world have shown to be effective, efficient and economical."

In order to prove his points, Mr. Vail treats in a thorough manner the whole art of the Electrical Transmission of Intelligence, and by describing the history, methods, development and achievements of the art, makes an unanswerable argument for a universal system of the greatest benefit to the public and yet properly regulated and controlled from a single federated source. He says the wire system of the future will be one nation-wide system under single control, by or over which direct communication can be established between any two places for the electrical transmission of any communication or of the spoken word; and every individual place will

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be the center of the system for transmission in any direction to the limit of transmission.

Mr. Vail's second premise is contained in the following question: "Should the United States become the center of the cable system commensurate with and sufficient to fully protect its political and economic position?"

The world's system of international electric communication has been built up primarily on the basis of connecting the commercial world with the old centers; focusing these world facilities, as it were, on the old world's centers of finance, commerce and industry. National prestige, local interests, competitive enterprise have influenced location, extension and combinations so that these facilities are not in all cases arranged to be productive of the maximum possibilities of either broad efficiency or the greatest economy.

The United States is connected with this world system but on one side as a contributing field to be reached and exploited, and not primarily as a center.

We must give our commerce what it needs and what the commerce of the old countries already has. Our international wire service has become a "utility of necessity," and must be treated accordingly.

From the United States to the greater part of the world electrical intercommunication is expensive and roundabout. By utilizing and unifying the operations of the existing and abundant transatlantic cable facilities, direct connection can be established with every country in Europe through some immediate re-arranging, relocating, some extension of the old and the laying of some new cables.

While private property must be respected, proprietary rights should not be allowed to obstruct this solution any more than proprietary rights of any utility should prevent regulated or controlled operation. The constitutional rights in each case are identical.

The United States must be brought into the center of a world system of electrical intercommunication. Its ships and merchants must not depend upon the gracious courtesy of any other country to get direct home-wire communication. This country is spending thousands of millions of dollars to build ships to compete for foreign commerce and yet leaves the very "essential" to the building up of foreign commerce—quick, reliable intercommunication—entirely to private initiative and to foreign enterprise. With as many tens of millions and the co-operation of the existing cable companies controlled in the United States, a system could be built up which would put the business of the United States, as it were, at the front door of every business house of the world.

Of what use will be the expenditure of money and effort in behalf of American commerce if there are to be no abundant available facilities of communication for the agents who spread that commerce and if the ships that carry it cannot have a ready communication without the consent of any foreign nation?

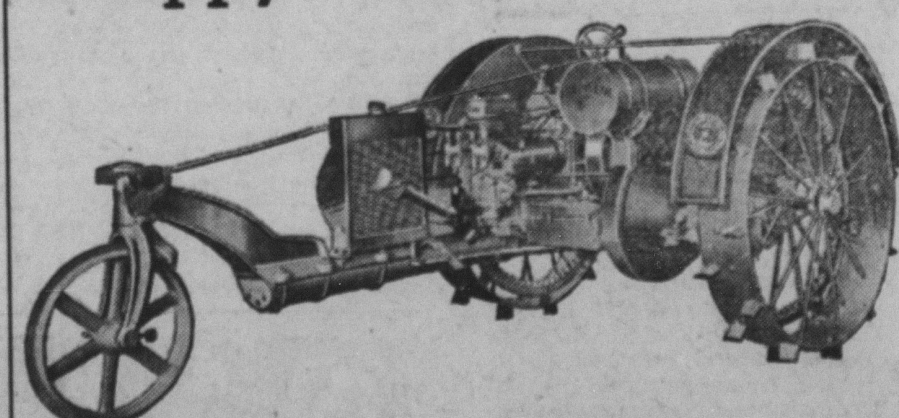
It is to be regretted that the questions of Government ownership and superior foreign rights have been brought into this cable question to handicap the solution of this big and most important problem, which must be settled from an American standpoint by some co-ordinated correlated combination of Government authority and private operation or operation founded on the best traditions of private operation free from political interference and combined in a federalized corporation.

There must be no question as to the right or the necessity of the United States to build up a commercial international wire system of which the United States is the center, instead of remaining at one side of an international system which centers in the English Channel. Nor should there be any such spectacle as an American-owned company obstructing the creation of an all-American cable system.



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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Letters of administration on the estate of Geo. B. Slack, late of Potter township, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the estate to present them duly substantiated without delay for settlement. C. W. SLACK, Administrator HARRY KELLER, Attorney

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Gohl, Rinkenbach & Rouse THE WELL-KNOWN Eye Specialists OF HARRISBURG Will be at the CENTRE HALL Hotel THURSDAY AND FRIDAY February 6th & 7th To make Examination of the Eyes. Remember the dates—this is your opportunity to get the same high-grade service we render at our home office. We are making this hotel a permanent branch office and will come regularly to Centre Hall. Gohl, Rinkenbach & Rouse, EYESIGHT SPECIALISTS Harrisburg, Pa.

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