

**MR. WILSON'S VINDICATION.**

(From the Philadelphia Record.)
It is interesting to observe that as President Wilson's term draws to a close the Republicans, being now assured of the offices from which they have been separated so long, no longer find it necessary to lie about him and malign his every action. They find some things to commend in his record and some important precedents of his to be followed. Thus that hardened old sinner, The New York Herald, which has probably taken the prize for mendacity and unfairness during the past eight years, gives high praise to Secretary Colby's note on the Yap mandate given to Japan and speaks of the "alert, competent and altogether admirable way in which this matter has been handled by our Government from the first to the last." It adds:

This whole paper, indeed, is a beautiful piece of workmanship, radiating American spirit and reflecting the highest credit upon the State Department of President Wilson's Administration in its closing hours.

From The North American, self-appointed custodian of the sanctity attaching to everything connected with the name of Roosevelt, we learn that, notwithstanding the Colonel's violent opposition to the treaty awarding Colombia \$25,000,000 for the rape of Panama, "President-elect Harding will favor ratification of the Colombian treaty, and will probably ask the Senate to consider this document in the extra session of the Senate prior to the assembling of the whole Congress." President Wilson urged ratification as a matter of justice to Colombia and to uphold the good name of the United States. Now the Republican Senators will follow his recommendations, repeated by his successor, and slight heed will be given to reasons offered for Mr. Roosevelt's opposition. The dollar is now held superior to G. O. P. consistency. As The North American puts it:

As a fact the Colombia treaty is no longer considered in connection with Mr. Roosevelt's activities in Panama. Many claims to oil and mineral lands in Colombia established by Americans are held up pending action upon the treaty. A number of these claims are represented by Pennsylvanians, and it is understood both Senators Knox and Penrose favor a termination of the controversy.

Next it will be the League of Nations. As soon as Mr. Wilson is out of office the Republicans will discover great merit in that organization. Mr. Hughes has always upheld it, with some reservations as to Article X, and may be expected to urge it upon his chief. Inasmuch as Mr. Harding's ideas on the subject are largely nebulous and are chiefly concerned with words rather than principles, he preferring "association" to "league," his acquiescence may be looked for after some little play to save the Republicans' face.

It begins to look as if Woodrow Wilson will not have to wait long to behold the splendid vindication which will come to him after the passions of party struggle have cooled and Americans begin to appraise the value of his remarkable achievements in a calmer spirit than has been possible during the past two years.

HARDING'S CABINET.

The New York World is turning the searchlight upon some of the President-elect's prospective Cabinet appointments in a way that is highly informative. The record of Henry M. Daugherty, of Ohio, who is generally expected to be the next Attorney General, is especially interesting. This gentleman is a professional politician, lobbyist and corporation agent, and rarely makes his appearances in Court. He pulls many strings and has become rich, but no one has ever accused him of being a great lawyer, such as the Attorney General is supposed to be. If Mr. Daugherty is named for this high office it can safely be predicted that he will figure largely as a boss machinist in the next few years and that he will add nothing to the strength of the Harding Administration.

Fathers and mothers in some of the famine stricken districts of China are committing suicide rather than watch their children starve to death, according to reports just received by the New York headquarters of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions in China. It is an appalling situation.

Clearfield Man, Missing 20 Years, Writes from Alaska.

Unheard of for 20 years, James Bannan, formerly of Clearfield, has written his brother, Thomas Bannan, of Clearfield street, Clearfield, from Alaska, where for the past fifteen years he has been hunting and trapping and guiding tourists.

Bannan's letter tells of a thrilling experience. He and two others undertook a 100-mile trip with a seven-dog team over the Alaskan wastes and were caught in a blizzard. Stormbound for three days, they made a relief cabin. All but one of the dogs perished. Bannan lost part of one hand and one toe as the result of the storm.

Women Sit as Jurors at Bellefonte.

The first case in the Centre county courts in which women sat as jurors was on Monday, the same being an action in assumpsit—George L. Robinson vs. Isaac Heaton and Son. When the jury was called in this case, five of the lady jurors were empaneled and were not challenged by either party. The case was from Snow Shoe township and was brought to recover the difference on a coal contract claimed by the plaintiff against the defendants.

Other civil cases for trial, at the February term, disposed of beginning of the week were:

Harry Winton vs. Dr. J. G. Rogers, being an assumpsit; continued at the costs of the defendant on the grounds of the absence of a necessary and material witness.

Victor Grange No. 159, P. of H., vs. Oak Hall Lime & Stone Co. Settled.

F. W. Wingart vs. William A. Carson, being an appeal. Settled.

The first case taken up was Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ex rel. Huston Township, vs. Daniel Strow and George Steele, who survive D. Cronister, now deceased; being an action of scire facias sur judgment. Jury was called and sworn and on Monday afternoon at the convening of the Court, counsel for plaintiff admitted that there was nothing to try as there was no issue framed and that the matter would have to be taken up by the township auditors and settlement made between the township and collector, and the auditors' report filed according to law. A juror was withdrawn and the cause continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

Likes the Home Paper.

The following words are from a former Centre Hall resident:

Indianapolis, Ind.,

Feb. 27, 1921.

Centre Reporter: Please find enclosed check to date my paper ahead for another year. It is such great pleasure to read of what the old friends are doing around and about the home town and the letters from old friends scattered all over the Union. Wish some would write oftener. Life brings to us so many changes that sometimes we almost forget. Then your paper recalls to us friends and places which bring back to us my pleasant memories.

Kindest greetings to you and all old friends of the Reporter.

Sincerely,

CORA B. BOOR.

Odd Fellows' Centennial.

Odd Fellows in Pennsylvania are preparing for their centennial celebration—the 100th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in the state—to be held in Philadelphia June 4th to 11th. There are 200,000 Odd Fellows in Pennsylvania, and with the thousands from the surrounding jurisdictions who are expected to be guests that week, it is expected that a monster parade of beauty and impressiveness will be one of the big features.

Treat 'Em Rough!

Five-hundred dollars will be paid for every bank bandit killed in Kansas City, Mo. The Association of Suburban Bankers paid that to Matthew Clarkin, patrolman, and offers it to anyone who kills a bandit in the future.

Farm Calendar.

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College

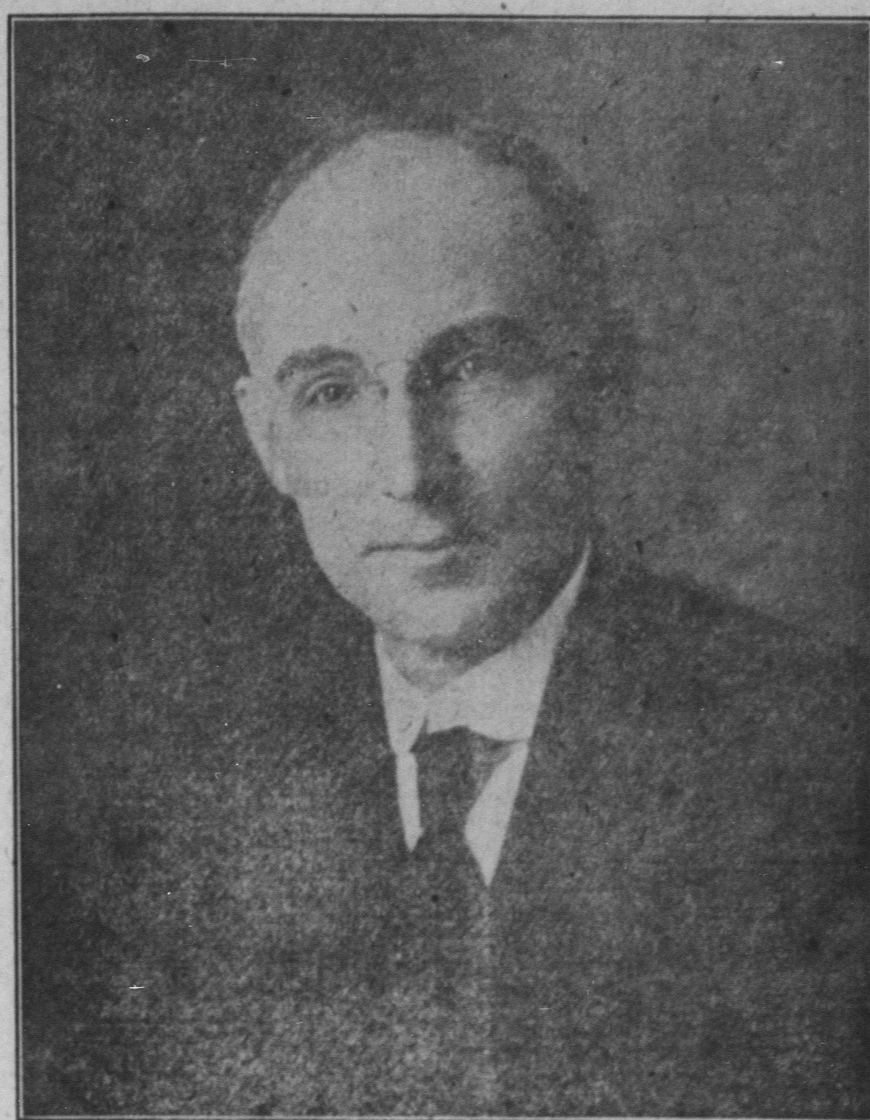
POULTRY—By this time all incubator and brooding equipment should be ordered. If you are not going to hatch your chicks, your order for chicks should be placed immediately to insure delivery when you wish them.

DAIRY—A dairy cow's body is more than half water. It is evident that in order to produce a large amount of milk she must have an ample supply of pure drinking water. It should not be ice cold during the winter time, since it will require feed to warm the water and dairy feeds are expensive fuel substances.

VEGETABLE GARDENING—Unless one has an unusually sunny window in a warm room, it is doubtful if it pays to start vegetable plants in the house. They too often become spindly and weak. At any rate, there should be a cold frame out of doors to harden off the plants before they are set in the garden.

HAUL MANURE EARLY—Barnyard manure should be hauled and spread on the fields where it will do the most good while the ground is frozen. Hauling the loaded spreader over frozen ground causes no injury to the soil and usually requires less power than when the frost is out.

GARDEN PLANS—"The Family Vegetable Garden" is the title of a free bulletin issued by the department of Agricultural extension at the Pennsylvania State College school of agriculture. It will be a great aid in planning this year's garden. It contains sample layouts and suggests varieties. Write to the college for Extension Circular No. 57.



(Courtesy Collegian)

DR. JOHN MARTIN THOMAS.

New President of The Pennsylvania State College, who expects to assume charge of the college next month.

Fears Fires This Spring.

Pennsylvania will suffer a series of severe forest fires this spring, according to a prediction by Gifford Pinchot, the State's Chief Forester. The mild winter, with its lack of ice and snow in the mountainous sections of the State, he pointed out, has made the conditions favorable for forest fires to start and burn unusually early this year. The Department of Forestry is making extensive preparations to prevent and extinguish many fires of great size in the timberlands all over the State.

Mr. Pinchot said his prediction was partly based on the fact that he has already received the reports of 25 mid-winter forest fires. He said it was unusual to have any fires during the winter. Under ordinary weather conditions forest fires seldom occur in January and February in this state.

During the first six weeks of this year, fires were reported from 15 counties, ranging from Elk in the north to Franklin and Chester in the south. The dry woods condition are State-wide at this time, and Forester Pinchot expects them to be a great deal worse during the next three months. The largest fire burned in Clearfield county on January 27. There were two other fires in that county. Cambria county, Cameron, Chester and Berks reported two fires each, and Elk and Schuylkill had three fires each.

Railroads are believed to have been responsible for ten forest fires, two were attributed to incendiaries and the others were from miscellaneous causes.

Bumper Oats Crop in 1920.

Pennsylvania produced a bumper oats crop in 1920 according to the detailed statistics of the crop from each county just compiled by Statistician L. H. Wible of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The reports show that the crop last year had a cash value of \$44,858,325, or \$16,000,000 more than the crop of 1919, although 34,000 acres more were sown to oats in 1919 than in 1920.

The yield of oats per acre in 1920, due to extremely favorable weather conditions, the yield for the entire state was 38.9 bushels per acre.

Berks county led the state in the value of its oats crop with Crawford county second, while Bradford and Somerset counties also produced oats crops worth more than \$1,000,000.

Centre county had 23,334 acres planted to oats, with a yield of 86,660 bushels, or an average of 35 bushels per acre. The average price was 72 cents a bushel, and the total value of the crop, \$58,016.

Gift Trees Die in Transit.

The Department of Forestry has been notified that the 1,000,000 white pine trees shipped to France to reforest the devastated regions of that country, died before they could be unloaded from the vessel and had to be dumped into a French harbor. Word has come from the U. S. Department of State, which co-operated in the project with the Department of Forestry, that shipping congestions in the harbor prevented the cargo being removed from the ship before the trees' roots died because of lack of moisture.

The Department of Forestry sent the seedlings as a gift to the French government. They were grown in the Mont Alto and Caledonia forest tree nurseries.

Big Road Contract Let.

The State Highway Department has awarded the contract for building the new section of state road between Phillipsburg and Allport, covering a distance of 25.426 feet, to Leo Kelly, Inc., of Brooklyn, N. Y. His bid was \$334,415.80.

The building of this section of road-way has been under consideration for some years, says the Phillipsburg Journal, and it is very gratifying to know that it is at last to become a reality. Much of the credit for getting this proposition through it is said to be due to the untiring efforts of Hon. H. B. Scott, of Phillipsburg, Supt. C. B. Maxwell, of Morrisdale, and other enterprising men of that section.

It is expected that work on the project will begin as soon as weather conditions are favorable, and pushed to an early completion. The new road from this end will connect with the section of state highway at Troy bridge. Later on the road will be extended from Allport to Kylertown, where it will connect with one of the first pieces of state road to be built in Clearfield county.

Seized Booze is a Temptation; It Must Go.

The large quantity of booze which federal officers have seized within the past year and have stored in a vault in Bellefonte, is considered a temptation and a breeder of crime, and steps have been taken for the removal of the wet goods. Since the arrest of several Bellefonte young men, a short time ago, for having in their possession what was supposed to be some of the confiscated liquor, public opinion has favored the removing of the stuff.

W. D. Zerby, attorney for the postmaster, made this announcement Wednesday afternoon, stating, "I have requested the officers that were here (Lord and Smith) to have the government remove the contents of the vault in the cellar under the postoffice as it is a temptation and breeder of crime in the community. They assured me that action would be taken within the coming week. When I entered the cellar I found barrels, cases and separate bottles piled in confusion and it must be disposed of. There are various ways in which this may be done. It may be dumped into sewers on a permit from the Federal Court; it may be sold to persons having permits from the government, it may be sold to hospitals, or it may be removed to another place of keeping."

\$1,000,000 Estate Disposed Of.

The will of the late F. W. Crider, of Bellefonte, was probated in the office of Register Frank Sasserman, last week. The estate is estimated as amounting to slightly over a million dollars, and the children are the principal beneficiaries.

Lewisburg Mills Open.

The Lewisburg Woolen Mills, destroyed by fire last year, have been rebuilt, equipped with new or salvaged machinery and are again operating, the management having been able to secure a number of orders in spite of the industrial depression.

If you are wondering at the high price of coffee, it is because in Brazil it is being used as fuel.

THE DEATH RECORD.

GOODHART.—In a few lines last week the Reporter mentioned the serious condition of Mrs. Susan Goodhart, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. Wagner Geiss, at Bellefonte, brought about by a paralytic stroke on Tuesday evening of last week. Mrs. Goodhart never regained consciousness and passed away on the following day, Wednesday, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Last October Mrs. Goodhart suffered a slight stroke of paralysis at the home of her son, James C. Goodhart, at Centre Hill, but recovered and a few months later went to Bellefonte to spend the winter with her daughter as had been her custom for the past few years. She was apparently enjoying good health when she was suddenly stricken.

Mrs. Susan Amelia Goodhart was a daughter of Evan and Mary Ann Miller Evans and was born near Egg Hill, in Pennsylvally, on May 26th, 1847, making her age seventy-three years, eight months and twenty-seven days. As a young woman she was united in marriage to Geo. L. Goodhart, and all their married life was spent in Pennsylvally, most of the time on the farm and later in Centre Hall. She was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and always took an active part in all church work. Mr. Goodhart died in August, 1916, but surviving her are the following children: James, on the old homestead; Bruce, in Orangeville, Ill.; Mrs. John Evans, of White S. D., and Mrs. D. Wagner Geiss, of Bellefonte. She leaves two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Daniel Daup and Mrs. James B. Strohm, both of Centre Hall, and Robert Evans, in Michigan.

The remains were taken to her home in Centre Hall, on Saturday afternoon, where funeral services were held at ten o'clock on Monday morning by Dr. W. K. McKinney, after which burial was made in the Centre Hall cemetery, beside her husband.

HOY.—George N. Hoy passed away at his home in Howard last Thursday at the midnight hour, following an illness extending over a period of two years, of cancer. The day of his death also marked the forty-seventh anniversary of his birth, he being born on Feb. 24, 1874. Deceased was a farmer by occupation, but was forced to retire two years ago. Surviving him are his wife, who was formerly Miss Minnie Swope, of Lock Haven, and four children—Mrs. Luther Fisher, Catharine, Edith and Samuel Hoy, all at home. Also one brother, Henry N. Hoy, of Mill Hall, and two sisters—Mrs. Thomas Delaney, of near Centre Hall, and Mrs. Irvin M. Beirly, of Bellefonte. His father, S. C. Hoy, of Centre Hall, also survives, and his mother preceded him to the spirit world only three weeks ago.

The deceased was a member of the Reformed church. His pastor, Rev. Goss, had charge of the funeral services, which were held at the home on Monday at 10 a. m. Burial was made at Jacksonville.

MOYER.—Mary E. Moyer, widow of Joseph K. Moyer, passed into her eternal rest at her home in Rebersburg on Saturday, at midnight, aged seventy-five years, six months and four days. Her husband preceded her in death eleven years ago; also one daughter and one son. She was married to Jos. K. Moyer, Feb. 1869, and to this union were born ten children. The living are Mrs. Flora Lambert and John N. of Rebersburg; Mrs. William Bray, of Freeland; H. Bruce, of Albion; Mrs. Henry Kreider, of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. A. E. Ziegler, of Mont Alto; Jay K., of Corning, N. Y.; Mrs. Anson Sherman, of Freehold, N. J.; there remain also fourteen grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Hattie Mingle, of Palmerton, N. Y., and one brother, J. Howard Kline, of Adrian, Michigan.

Deceased was baptized in infancy and united with the Reformed church at an early age, by Rev. W. H. Goodrich, of Orangeville. She was always true to her church vow, exemplifying by her life, in words and works, her faith in Christ as her Savior. A regular reader of her church paper, "The Messenger," all her life, thus knowing full well the doctrine and principles of the church which was so dear to her heart.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning by Rev. E. Kutz, and burial was made in the Union cemetery, Rebersburg.

(Other deaths on inside page.)

Transfers of Real Estate.

Geo. E. Heckman, et ux, to Geo. J. Yearick, tract in Centre Hall; \$5000.
George Roger, et ux, to Carrie M. Gramley, tract in Millheim; \$300.
H. H. Leitzel, et ux, to P. P. Leitzel, tract in Millheim; \$600.
Wm. Groh Runkle, et ux, to Nungo Di Mattio, tract in Bellefonte; \$1500.
T. W. Creamer, et al, to Elmira R. Gramley, tract in Haines township; \$400.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.**HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS**

Sumner Packer, of Pittsburg, visited friends here last week.

Only a little more than two weeks and the Spring season will be upon us.

Mrs. T. A. Hosterman is slowly recovering from a recent illness.

Cleveland Mitterling was housed up last week on account of sickness.

John L. McClenahan, who suffered a broken ankle several weeks ago, is able to be about with the aid of crutches.

The Centre Hall branch of the Dairy-men's League will hold a business meeting in the Grange hall on Friday evening of this week.

Hon. A. W. Johnson, presiding judge of Union county, addressed a public patriotic meeting in Bellefonte, held under the auspices of the P. O. S. of A., on last Friday evening.

The Meister Singers close the 1920-21 lecture course season in Centre Hall tonight (Thursday) with their appearance in Grange hall. From here they go to Millheim, appearing there on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Cummings, who have been at the Moyer place, near Colyer, for some time, preparing for the sale which will be held next Wednesday, will after that time remove to their home at Rebersburg.

The last week in February was practically the only solid week of winter weather we have had. For several mornings the thermometer registered zero, and very little of that 14-inch snow passed away until beginning of this week.

There will be the usual number of changes of location for many folks this spring, and the Reporter would be pleased if its subscribers who are moving into new localities, would apprise us of the fact, giving both old and new addresses.

H. E. Foust, of near Spring Mills, favored the Reporter with a call last Friday and enrolled as a subscriber. Mr. Foust is a very agreeable gentleman and is a good citizen, as he showed a great interest in schools during a short conversation.

Remember that the Harrisburg eye specialists will be at the hotel in Centre Hall to-day (Thursday), having changed the date of their monthly visits to Centre Hall from the fourth Thursday in the month to the first Thursday. See their ad. in this issue.

Treasurer Frank L. Mayes had a busy day in Centre Hall last Friday. In the morning he sold the Alexander property and in the afternoon he sold a load of mules. This is Mr. Mayes' fourteenth year as an auctioneer, and he apparently is "going" at his best.

William E. Arney, a faithful employee of the P. R. R. in the Centre Hall station for several years, has been laid off, which is in line with the drastic retrenchment policy which the company has been pursuing for the past few months. It is stated that the local section crew is also to be further reduced.

Says the Spring Mills correspondent to the Millheim Journal: The pupils of the vocational school soon expects to start an orchestra, mostly the ones from Colburn, who are pretty near all musicians. Miss Welsh, one of the teachers, will probably be the director. She is quite a musician and no doubt will make a success out of it if they get started.

Mr. Farmer, if you have anything you wish to sell, be it horse, cow, implement, or what not, take it to the Bazaar Sale, at D. Wagner Geiss' stable, at Bellefonte, on Monday next week. If you can't sell it, probably you can effect a satisfactory exchange. These sales have been so successful that it has been decided to continue them indefinitely, since they appear to fill a long-felt want.

Developments at the last meeting of the State College Chamber of Commerce looked very favorable to an early adoption of plans that will result in the college town getting some more desirable houses erected under a community housing plan. This has been one of State College's main drawbacks for years and it is likely the house shortage will be less of a problem in another year. Active members of a house building campaign are engaged in completing plans that promise to overcome this evil.

The Flying Squadron, the Rev. Johnson's booze chasers, who confiscated the liquors at the Garman and Haag hotels in Bellefonte some time ago, again appeared in that town last Wednesday, and acting upon information they had received, proceeded to Doll's ice plant near the town and with the aid of several State Police, placed a seal on the vault and kept guard over the place until the next day when a government officer appeared, and opening the vault found two barrels and sixteen bottles of whiskey in it. The stuff was hauled to Bellefonte and placed in the vault under the postoffice. Doll well have to appear at a federal court.