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THE GRATEFUL NEWBERRY.

Grateful, Yet the Republican Party Condemns the Method Used in His Election.

Senator Truman H. Newberry says that his "heart is filled with thankfulness that the three years and four months of persecution have ended in complete vindication of myself and all concerned."

Let us see what this "complete vindication and exonerated" is that causes such exuberant joy in the Detroit politician.

In 1918 Mr. Newberry, who is more distinguished for his wealth than for any vigorous mental powers, became a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator from Michigan, for which his admirers also entered Henry Ford. After a lavish expenditure of money, including nearly \$200,000 contributed by his family, Mr. Newberry won the nomination, and in the subsequent election he was victorious by some 3000 votes over Mr. Ford, who ran as the Democratic candidate. This trifling majority is to be compared with 54,000 for Hughes in 1916 and 529,000 for Harding in 1920.

So scandalous and notorious was the use of money in this election that an investigation was made by a Federal Grand Jury, and an indictment was returned against Newberry for violation of the Corrupt Practices act. He was placed on trial before a Republican jury and a Republican jury was convicted and sentenced to prison.

An appeal was taken to the United States Supreme Court, which by a 5 to 4 decision held that the law was not applicable to his case. Nothing was said as to his innocence or guilt, but he was given his freedom strictly on a legal technicality.

Now the Republican majority of the United States Senate has come to the conclusion that Mr. Newberry is entitled to his seat, but that the methods by which he was elected are "contrary to sound public policy, harmful to the honor and dignity of the Senate and dangerous to the perpetuity of a free Government." And at that nine members of his own party voted against him.

Wherefore the heart of Truman H. overflows with gratitude and joy and he hails this as a "complete vindication and exonerated." Evidently the Michigan Senator is easily pleased.

Political Work First Essential.

In the discussion in the National House of Representatives on the question of ex-service men not getting a square deal in the appointment of postmasters by President Harding, a Texas Congressman made this assertion:

"Whenever a Republican ex-service man fails to get an endorsement of the Republican organization, however acceptable may have been his service in France, if he has not made a fight in the political trenches for the Republican organization he falls by the wayside and is forgotten."

Uncle Sam retired by buying at the market price during 1921, \$677,000,000 worth of Victory bonds, reducing the public debt by that amount, cutting down the interest on the same and at the same time helping to hold up the market value of government securities. The last cited result is the most important of all for as public securities rise or fall in value, so other securities are affected.

Some folks who raise their hands in horror over the human destruction of poisoned whisky, paid little attention to the scorgs who "drank themselves to death" before prohibition.

The Huntington Monitor, always alive to the interests of the home town, argues that Huntington has too many councilmen. It further says that the council has been a good spender during the past few years and that the taxpayers would like to see more reductions and much more reductions.

In one safe deposit box the late Senator Penrose had salted down in cash, five \$10,000 bills, and the remainder in \$500 and \$100 bills, a total of \$226,100. The Senator could not have had too much confidence in government securities and industrial investments. What an example by the head of the U. S. finance committee!

A North Dakota bank teller, for swiping \$87,000 of the bank's funds, was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail and \$100 fine—just the price of robbing a hen roost of a red hen in Pennsylvania.

A Philadelphia newspaper makes the statement that the late Senator Penrose left \$250,000 worth of choice liquors in the cellar of his Spruce street home. No wonder his political lieutenants loved to be called into conference.

Air Mail Man Caught in Terrific Gale.

When Pilot C. B. D. Colyer, of the U. S. air-mail service, left the Bellefonte field last Thursday for New York, he encountered a terrific gale which made his trip a perilous one. It was said that when he attempted a landing at Curtiss Engineering Field at Garden City, the very law of gravity was defied by the airplane, for although the propeller was making 1,400 revolutions a minute, and the machine was nosed down almost perpendicularly, it stood absolutely still, hundreds of feet above the field.

Colyer finally turned the machine toward Hazelhurst field, where he landed. Once on the ground, however, the plane would not stay, and it took the entire force to hold it until it could be tied by one wing to a motor truck. The plane is driven by a 400-horse power liberty engine.

Colyer said that when he left Bellefonte the storm was on, but it did not affect the machine seriously until he reached Morristown, N. J., when the forty-five-mile gale with heavy snow made the rest of the trip perilous. The machine was covered with snow and sleet when it landed. It carried 450 pounds of mail from Cleveland and Chicago.

H. C. Lewis, the other air mail pilot east bound, remained at Bellefonte, where he was when the storm began.

Giant "S" on Mt. Nittany.

The long-talked-of "S" to be placed on Mount Nittany is about to become a reality. Through the generosity of Colonel T. D. Boal, the Senior Class at Penn State and the Rehabilitation Club have found it possible to cooperate in the placing of a giant letter "S" composed of two kinds of trees and covering an area of about five acres on the side of Nittany mountain, and these two organizations have named committees who will work in conjunction with the School of Engineering and the Department of Forestry of the college.

The "S" will be composed of Austrian Pine intermingled with a broad-leaf tree and occupying an area of about five acres. The form of the letter, it is expected, will be noticeable immediately upon planting, but will not be at its best until three or four years afterward.

Letter from Former Pastor.

Luzville, Pa., Jan. 11, 1922.
Mr. S. W. Smith,
Centre Hall, Pa.

My dear sir:—
I feel that it is about time to write you and thank you for the Reporter during the remaining months of 1921, since I left Centre Hall. We find that through the Reporter we are able to keep in touch with what is going on there, and we want the Reporter to continue coming during 1922, therefore please find enclosed my check for \$1.50.

We are having an old-fashioned snow storm this morning. It would not need to be much worse to be called a blizzard. There is a fair breeze and the snow is beginning to drift. Up to the present we have had had a delightful winter. We have had cold snaps, but we have had but little snow, and the roads have been in fine shape.

I find that there is plenty to do, and the people are thus far co-operating with me in all that I undertake. There is work to be done here. In my opinion, if the Protestant Church is to hold its own in our country, the churches out in the open country must receive more careful consideration from the church at large. Some denominations are beginning to realize the importance of the country church.

We are all well and are coming to like the place. We have liked the people from the first, and now that my work is beginning to shape itself, and I am having enough to do, I am getting over the loneliness (not homesickness) that I felt at first.

I suppose that you will be taking a nice long vacation, now that you are free from the government employ. It may feel a little strange to you not to be so busy after eight strenuous years. Let us weary you with a long letter. I will bring this rambling to a close. Hope that you and "family" are well. We are all enjoying our accustomed degree of health and strength. Kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Smith, in which I am joined by all the family.

Sincerely yours,
R. R. JONES.

Masons Lose Fine Temple.

The Masonic Temple, one of the most pretentious buildings in Sunbury, was swept by fire Wednesday morning of last week, causing a loss of about \$30,000. The fire began around a switch box on the first floor and had eaten its way to the third floor before it was discovered. The walls remain standing but the interior was practically ruined.

POTTER TOWNSHIP MAN TAKES HIS LIFE BY HANGING

William O. Loughner Commits Rash Act in Stable at His Home at Potters Mills.—Was Aged Sixty-two Years.

Fastening a heavy pump chain about his neck and jumping off a two-foot keg, William O. Loughner snuffed out his life at his home at Potters Mills, some time Thursday night or early Friday morning, there being a difference of opinion as to the exact time.

Mr. Loughner lived alone, and on Thursday evening was seen at the Potters Mills store, where he purchased some cheese and crackers, and conversed with those in the store. There was nothing in his actions to betray the horrible thought he had in contemplation.

On Friday morning, neighbors failing to see any signs of life about the Loughner home, or even the usual early morning smoke ascending from the kitchen chimney, mentioned the fact to Mr. Loughner's brother, Edward Loughner, who lives but a short distance away. Mr. Loughner made a search of the premises, failing to find his brother about the house. The bed was untouched, if it had not been "made" early in the morning after arising, and the kitchen stove had been nicely cleaned, ready to kindle fire. Falling to locate his brother at the house, Mr. Loughner wended his way to the stable and ascended a narrow flight of stairs to the second floor. There he was confronted with the horrible sight of his brother hanging before his eyes—cold in death. The gruesome discovery was made about 2:30 p. m. Terrified, Mr. Loughner hurriedly left the stable and aroused the community with his shrill cries.

Squire Cyrus Brungart, of Centre Hall, was notified to hold an inquest, acting for the coroner of Centre county, and when he arrived on the scene the body was lowered and carried to the house. The deceased had made careful preparation for the deed. Removing his shoes, hat and coat, he prepared for death. Fastening the chain about his neck, with the hook resting on the back of the neck, first having securely fixed the chain to the rafters closely overhead, he stepped off the keg into outer darkness. There was no indication of struggle, for the keg, resting beside his hanging form, was not knocked over. The body when lowered was frozen hard, indicating that it had hung since early morning, some being of the opinion that the deed was committed the night before.

Mr. Brungart empaneled the following jury for holding an inquest: Philip Frank, Frank Ellis, George McCormick, Jonas Boal, Harrison Foust and John M. Blausser, who found that W. O. Loughner had come to death by his own hands, through hanging, at his residence at Potters Mills.

Why Mr. Loughner chose to end his earthly existence is a mystery. It is known that he had been more or less despondent owing to an estrangement from his second wife. He came to this section of the country from Westmoreland county about six years ago, and owned one of the nicest properties in Potters Mills.

He leaves a daughter by a former marriage, a Mrs. Schepp, who a year ago lived with her father at Potters Mills, but who now resides in the western part of the state. His second wife was a Miss Durst and lives at Potters Mills. Besides his brother Edward there remains another brother in Ohio.

The deceased was aged a little over sixty-two years.

A short funeral service was held at the Loughner home by Rev. C. F. Catherman, and on Monday morning the body was shipped by rail to Jeanette for burial.

Port Matilda Soldier's Body on Way From France.

The body of another soldier-martyr of the World war, who went into the service from this section, is now on the way from France to be buried in his home land. This is Sylvester W. Patton, son of R. A. Patton, of Port Matilda. The father has just been notified that his son's body was included in the most recent shipment from France.

Sylvester W. Patton was a member of Company H, Three Hundred and Fourteenth Infantry, Seventy-Ninth division. He died from influenza October 17, 1918, in France. Previous to that time his division had been engaged in some of the most strenuous fighting in the Argonne battle.

Upon the arrival of the body at Port Matilda, there will be a funeral with full military honors for the young hero.

"Will" Hays was all right as a cabin officer, but as a moving picture head Bill would be more appropriate.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF WEEK OF PRAYER.

Rev. C. F. Catherman Prepares Report, Showing Balance in Treasury to Be \$44.12, Which Goes to American Bible Society.

RECEIPTS	
Centre Hall—	
Sunday, Jan. 1	\$5.07
Monday, Jan. 2	2.86
Tuesday, Jan. 3	4.68
Wednesday, Jan. 4	4.45
Thursday, Jan. 5	5.15
Friday, Jan. 6	5.78
Saturday, Jan. 7	5.78
Sunday, Jan. 8	6.13
Tuesday, Jan. 10	4.21
Jan. 9	12.09
Jan. 10	11.40
Total	\$44.11
Balance	\$86.76
Grand total	\$130.87

EXPENSES	
Rev. Helman, of Altoona	\$15.00
Rev. Babcock, of State College	10.00
Rev. Harkins, of State College	10.00
Rev. Scott, of Bellefonte	10.00
Rev. Bowers, of Sunbury	10.00
Rev. Winters, of Lewisburg	10.00
Rev. Gass, of West Milton	15.00
Printing, Centre Reporter	6.75
Total	\$86.75
Balance	\$44.12

The final service for Spring Mills was postponed on account of the snow. It will be held on Sunday evening, Jan. 23. Five dollars will be paid Rev. Winters. The collection will be added, and the above cost deducted. The net balance will be sent to the American Bible Society.

Illustrated Lecture in Grange Hall.

To-morrow (Friday) night, at 8:00 o'clock, there will be given an illustrated lecture—really two lectures in one—"New Americans" and "At the Gates of the New World"—in the Grange hall in Centre Hall, under the auspices of the Centre Hall P. O. S. of A. Rev. M. C. Drumm will give the lecture, and an abundance of lantern slides will be used, making the lecture both interesting and greatly instructive. This will prove a rare treat for all true Americans, so don't miss it. Admission free, but a silver offering will be lifted to defray expenses.—By order of committee.

Corporation Builds Church.

The good people of Monument, in Liberty township, in the northeastern portion of Centre county, will soon have a union church in which to worship, as the Harbison-Walker Refractories company has erected an imposing edifice which will be dedicated to the worship of God in a short time, as the structure is about completed. The building is of frame, 40x45 feet in dimensions and the cost was about \$18,000. The church was not erected for the use of any particular denomination, and within its walls the followers of any or all creeds may worship the Ruler of the Universe, according to the dictates of their conscience.

Building Block Sold.

An important deal in real estate was made when D. J. Nieman, the clothier, purchased the Gramley block in Millheim, located on the southeast corner of the diamond. The purchase price has not been made known. The structure is a one-story brick building, well equipped and heated throughout from a central steam plant. It is said the tenants will not be disturbed, Mr. Nieman holding a long lease on the rooms in the Millheim Banking building he now occupies. The tenants in the Gramley building are the post office, Stover's jewelry store, a 5 and 10 cent store, millinery store by Miss Adams, Ulrich barber shop, restaurant, and the Journal printing office.

McVeytown's New Postmaster.

Announcement was received at McVeytown, Mifflin county, Thursday morning of last week to the effect that Frederic Kiefhaber, Republican, had received the appointment as postmaster of McVeytown. Mr. Kiefhaber is the proprietor of a store at McVeytown. News of the appointment came through Congressman Benj. K. Focht.

Only one other candidate was in the field. He was Samuel R. Stine, Democrat, who has served as postmaster at that place for the past eight years.

The office has recently been placed under civil service regulations and is rated as a third-class post office. The salary is \$1500 a year.

More Bounty Claims.

It is said that bounty claims in 1921 cost the state approximately \$150,000 more than in any year since the commission has a record. Weasels, foxes, wildcats and hawks lead in numbers presented.

Fresh Fish and Oysters.

Beginning Thursday of this week, I will have constantly for sale fresh fish and oysters. Let me know your wants and I will make deliveries to your door.—Ray G. Decker, Centre Hall.

If you once give Tanlac an honest trial, you will add your voice to the thousands of others who are praising it.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

Boro School Report—Fourth Month.

Report of Intermediate school for the fourth month: Number pupils enrolled, male 19, female 24, total 43; per cent of attendance, male 97, female 97. The following were present every day during the month—Stella Rubie, Sara Runkle, Emma Bible, Dorothy Emerck, Bertha Sharer, Sara Brungart, Catherine Martz, Margaret Rudy, Kathryn Smith, Frances Weaver, Maud Reese, Myla Spyster, Mary Reiber, Helen Meyer, Hazel Potter, Genevieve Rubie, Marian Meyer, Russell Colyer, Eugene Colyer, Robert McClenahan, Bruce Knarr, Clifford Meyer, Harold Bradford, Frank Rine, Clarence Meyer, John Riter, Fred Luse, Philip McClenahan, James Lutz, Bruce Smith.

The following were present every day during the term—Dorothy Emerck, Bertha Sharer, Catherine Martz, Frances Weaver, Maud Reese, Robert McClenahan, Bruce Knarr, Clifford Meyer, Paul Marz, Frank Rine, John Riter, Philip McClenahan, James Lutz, Bruce Smith. The following pupils made 100 per cent in spelling test—Mary Reiber, Russell Colyer and Sara Runkle.—T. L. Moore, teacher.

Grammar school—Number enrolled, 46; average attendance, 45; per cent attendance, 92. Pupils neither absent nor tardy during December: George Lutz, William Slick, Bond Bible, Geo. Luse, Wilbur McClellan, Elwood Smith, Margaret Alexander, Mildred Bitts, Ruth Grove, Edwina Jodon, Miriam Moore, Ruth Runkle, Helen Runkle, Mary Weber, Emelyn Brungart, Elizabeth Gross, Esther Martz, Grace McClenahan, Edith Moltz, Dorothy Packard, Louise Smith, Beulah Bingham, Elizabeth Bradford, Alma Lutz, Mae Smith, Romie Smith, Alverta Weaver. Pupils making 100 per cent in spelling during the month: Mary Weber, Elizabeth Bartholomew, Edith Moltz.—Sarah Neff, teacher.

Hoffman Sentenced for Manslaughter.

The jury in the Russel Hoffman manslaughter case growing out of the shooting and subsequent death of Irma Rhoads, reached a verdict Wednesday night of last week at 8:30 o'clock. The verdict was sealed and not opened until court convened at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Hoffman was found guilty as indicted on the manslaughter charge and Judge Bailey immediately sentenced him to serve six months in the Mifflin county jail, pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$250.

Promptness and rapidity of action characterized the jury service of women in court Monday when for the first time in Mifflin county history women were called into court to serve as jurors. The ladies were not tardy in their appearance for jury roll calls and when they had actual jury service to perform they handled it with a celerity and ease that really startled the court and many men present in the court room.

Reporter readers will recall the shooting of the Rhoads girl by Hoffman at the farm of the latter in Mifflin county when the Rhoads girl, with her brother, was seen in the attempt to steal an automobile in front of the Hoffman home. Hoffman fired a shotgun at the young people, wounding the girl, who later died.

Roads to Be Built.

Agreement upon construction of highways of importance to interstate travel on which the United States government will furnish financial aid has been reached by highway engineers of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and the United States.

The roads to be built will connect Philadelphia and Trenton, Easton and Philadelphia, N. J., and Portland, Pa., and Columbia, N. J.; through Erie county; Warren county, and James-town, Mercer county; Bradford, northward to Olean; Mansfield to Elmira, Towanda to Waverly, Stroudsburg to Port Jarvis and Scranton to Binghamton, N. Y.

"State" Graduates Mid-Year Class.

A group of sixty-five members of the senior class at the Pennsylvania State College will complete their studies next week, and following final examinations will be graduated at special exercises on Tuesday, January 31. Ever since the war activities caused hundreds of Penn State students to drop their studies, they have been returning whenever possible to finish their work and earn a degree. Others have found they could complete courses in less than the usual four years, these reasons accounting for the large number to be graduated at mid-year.

Geiss Bazaar, Sat., January 28.

The next bazaar and sales day at the Geiss stables, Bellefonte, will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 28, at 1:30. An unusually attractive lot of articles will be offered at that time; also, if you have anything to sell, take it there and you'll find a buyer.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

For Centre Hall, prosperity is just around the corner.

Luther Musser, who lives about two miles west of Woodward, is very seriously ill.

The two manual Moller pipe organ recently installed in the Lutheran church, Bellefonte, will be dedicated February 12th with appropriate ceremony.

Among the large class of mid-year graduates at Penn State is Miss Beese Shelton, of Millheim, who lost time during the illness and death of her mother.

The Farmers hotel at Watsontown was raided the other night, a lot of high power stuff having been obtained, and as a result O. S. Bartlow, the proprietor, is under \$1,000 bail.

The Record and Star, a five weekly published at Watsontown by J. Clyde Fosnot, purchased the Weidenhamer store building, and will use the first floor and basement as a home for the paper.

Tanlac Vegetable Pills are sold on a positive guarantee to give perfect satisfaction. Try them tonight and you will be delighted to find the results you have obtained.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

Bread is now selling for 5 cents a loaf in New York City, the first since 1916. It still requires no less than three coins—and one a silver one at that—to buy a loaf in Centre Hall. Is it not strange?

Millheim, like Centre Hall and other small towns throughout the state, according to a statement in the Journal, will be unable to house all of its residents by spring, thus forcing some tenants to leave the town.

Lee, the oldest son of John Vonada, and James, the oldest son of Frank Kerstetter, of Coburn, left for Kansas City, Mo., as their destination where they both will enter a school of engineering. Lee will take a course in electrical engineering and James a course in general automobile repairs.

The People of Aaronsburg and vicinity recently raised a purse amounting to nearly fifty dollars for Henry Gilbert, the aged crippled cobbler of that town. Many necessities of life were also donated, for all of which Mr. Gilbert feels very grateful. Mr. Gilbert, who is past 71 years of age, has not been able to walk for two years, but he still manages to do some shoe repairing.

In years gone by the railroad locomotive was a menace to forests, the sparks shot from the smokestack, doing much damage. Today the modern spark arrester has reduced the chances of spreading live sparks very materially, and now the safety strips burned along the railroads reduces the loss from this cause to a minimum. The railroads in Pennsylvania burned more than 1200 miles of safety strips one hundred feet wide during 1921 along their railroad lines, at an expenditure of \$65,000.

The snow storm of Wednesday of last week was general, covering the west, northwest, northeast, east, and south, Virginia reporting twelve inches of snow. Locally the temperature was not so low, but the wind was strong, drifting the snow in great heaps in many places. Cross roads were pretty generally closed, and main thoroughfares so deep with snow that travel by auto was impossible and a great effort was required to travel anywhere by use of horses and sleds. Railroad trains, although several hours late, made their usual trips over the L. & T. railroad.

It might be well to mention that the setting of open traps in sections frequented by domestic animals is a violation of the law, the law providing for a penalty fitting the case. Traps set in wild districts must be visited daily by the owner. Within the brief period of a few days, in Centre Hall, open traps have captured several domestic animals, and in one instance the little animal was left with its leg crushed in the jaws of the cruel trap for a part of four days, and when released mortification had already set in. Who could be so thoughtless and so cruel? Dogs and cats are only dogs and cats, but when it comes to cruelty to them the law has regard for their sufferings. Let us hear no more of open traps being set within the borough limits.