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Commits Governor to Sunday Fishing.

Pinchot is some governor. He not only wants to rule the roost in Harrisburg, but he would dictate the private acts of individual members of the legislature. The governor was put in bad when his wife replied to a letter written to the governor by a Berks county citizen making inquiry how the administration stood on Sunday fishing. Although the letter was written to the governor of the State of Pennsylvania, the reply came from the governor's wife and gave the impression that the state administration meant to be lenient on Sunday fishing. Mrs. Pinchot said the rich played golf on Sunday, the baseball enthusiast played his favorite game on Sunday, and why should not the disciple of Isak Walton have his gratification—fishing—on Sunday.

Well, that is only part of this story. Mrs. Pinchot's letter was read and read on Capitol Hill, to where it was taken by a Berks county member of the legislature, until the governor heard the single it was creating. Then he sent a committee to get the letter, but this committee, like many of other committees, failed of accomplishment. Then the governor sent for the man who held the letter and tried to induce him to give up the episode relating to the Sunday piscatory views of his wife, but the member held onto the gem.

The incident has so vexed the governor and his administration supporters that it has been decided that Mrs. Pinchot must hereafter use her pen for purely feminine personal affairs or else the ink well will be taken from her desk.

Hot Hotel Business.

Col. Charles Duffy, saying for the Pennsylvania State Hotel association, that that organization has no intention of embarrassing the governor in his dry efforts, undoubtedly expresses the opinion of the majority of hotel men in this state, whose business is the accommodation and entertainment of such guests as may enter their houses, and not the selling of substitute booze, nor the baiting of public officials.

Leading hotels, long before legislation began to make the saloon and cafe trade precarious, closed their drinking appendages as a matter of good business and policy and it is unfortunate that the business in any way must be connected with such establishments as it is reported are to be found in Harrisburg where a hotel proprietor sets up a deliberate test case of the new state enforcement code.

One thing, however, such an incident will do is to plainly distinguish between the reputable and dignified present day hotel business and the old fashioned saloon.

A lot of "Bill Brown" white pencils are sticking out of vest pockets. Of course, while he doesn't say so, Bill means that you shall use this pencil or some other one to make an X opposite his name on the primary election ballot where it will appear as a Republican candidate for high sheriff of the county of Centre.

You would scarcely believe it possible that many of the broad smiles on the faces of the various candidates could ever fade away. Really, some of them look so natural that one is led to think they'd always been on and never would come off, but watch the September frosts and November blizzard and note the result.

Philadelphia authorities, notified A. B. Curtis, of Philadelphia, that they had seized a Chandler roadster automobile bearing the license number issued Mr. Curtis. Mr. Curtis owns such a car and also has a license number corresponding to that on the car held in Philadelphia, and what is more, the manufacturer's number and the engine number are the same on the two cars. What bothers Mr. Curtis is how his car can be in Philadelphia at the same time. An effort is being made to unravel the mystery.

It is expected that the thirty-ninth anniversary of the Central Pennsylvania Old Fellows' association which is to be celebrated at Jersey Shore on Thursday, April 26, will attract about 12,000 delegates from all parts of the central section of the state.

During the beginning of this week there were some mighty cold mornings for the second week in April. And the coal job is shriveling up all the while.

Progress Grange will meet on Saturday evening at 7:30.

Notice—Coal and Stone.

Just received a car load of Cannel Coal; also one of Chestnut Coal; also load of stone suitable for concrete purposes. Prices reasonable.

A. M. GROVE,
Spring Mills, Pa.

RECOGNIZING ABILITY.

Director Rossman Refuses Superintendency of Schools—Termed Fine School Man by National Educator.

The Reporter is pleased to reprint an article referring to Pres. John G. Rossman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rossman, of Spring Mills, taken from the Fort Smith Gazette, a school journal published at Fort Smith, Kansas; "The resignation of C. J. Tidwell as superintendent of the Fort Smith schools and the declining of that position by Director John G. Rossman means that Fort Smith will lose two of the best school men who have ever headed its educational system. Such action did not come as a surprise to most people. Both men have long been regarded as educators of the calibre not often found in a city of this size.

"During Superintendent Tidwell's administration the Fort Smith school system has made the greatest progress of all its history. The list of accomplishments is too long to print here, suffice it to say that it has brought him into national prominence. The wonderful Columbia offer is a just recognition of his ability. Although we shall wish the new superintendent the greatest success, we feel that he faces a man's job in taking the place of one who for three years has labored incessantly, despite criticism, to make our schools the best possible. Although we are the losers, we must congratulate Columbia on securing his services.

"Director Rossman's two years in Fort Smith have added to the name he made at Stuttgart. Only recently Dr. Wert, superintendent of the far-famed school system of Gary, Ind., in a statement to Dr. John J. Tgeert, national commissioner of education, declared Mr. Rossman one of the finest school men in the United States. His recent appointment to the chairmanship of a committee of nationally known experts to work out a work-study-play program is but further recognition of his ability. The fact that he is connected with the noted Inner Architectural Bureau as an expert on school buildings speaks for itself.

"Students and faculty were unanimous in hoping that he would accept the superintendency. Greater opportunities, however, are drawing him away from Fort Smith. He will carry with him the unequalled support and best wishes of every student of the Fort Smith High school."

New Garage 27x100 Feet.

The new garage to be erected by W. A. Homan, on the Brislin property, in Centre Hall, will be 27x100 feet. The foundation walls are now being laid. Mr. Homan has not fully determined the character of material to be used in construction, except that it will not be wood.

L. L. Smith has also commenced remodeling the Ripka property purchased by him. He will occupy the house as soon as the contemplated changes are completed. Some of the buildings along the alley have been removed to make room for the garage to be erected.

Odd Fellows' Installation.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows will hold installation ceremonies on Saturday evening of this week in the Knights of the Golden Eagles' room. District Deputy Grand Master Mr. Meyer will be the installing officer. A good attendance is desired.

Milhelm Municipal Building.

At the continued meeting of the Milhelm town council, the contract for the erection of the new municipal building on the old town hall site was awarded to the Municipal Building company, which is a local aggregation of ladies who have entered into a partnership for the express purpose of erecting the new municipal building for Milhelm. The company is composed of the following ladies: Mrs. Sara Hosterman, who has been chosen chairman; Miss Jennie K. Reifsnyder, treasurer; Mrs. Ada Musser, Mrs. Rheule Leitzel, Mrs. Mary Swarmand Mrs. Ruth Stover.

The bid for constructing the building in accordance with the plans and specifications, as advertised, was for \$12,000, and was unanimously accepted by the council.

The members of the company are pledged to have the building completed without any remuneration for any of the members of the company and the Ladies Civic Club is likewise pledged to make good any deficiency that may accrue in case the money available from the bond issue, as well as the funds now in the hands of the Civic Club, do not reach to finish the building.

The Garis stonemasons, of Centre Hall, began the foundation walls last week.

The Pink Label appears this week.

Noil—Frantz.

The marriage of David Thomas Noil, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Noil, of Linden Hall, and Miss Sarah Elizabeth Frantz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Frantz, of near Centre Hall, was consummated Saturday night at the Lutheran parsonage, Centre Hall, by Rev. M. C. Drumm.

The groom is employed as a carpenter in the Philipsburg district, where the couple spent the first few days of their honeymoon.

Their many friends extend congratulations.

Musser—Fye.

At the Lutheran parsonage, Centre Hall, on Sunday night, Rev. M. C. Drumm united in marriage Stewart R. Musser and Miss Rhoda Grace Fye. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Musser and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fye, both of near Centre Hall. The groom is employed in the rubber works at Akron, Ohio, where the couple are contemplating beginning housekeeping.

Their many friends extend congratulations.

Reviving Old Story.

The reviving of the old story that the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad is to be completed between Lemont and Fairbrook, so that Tyrone may be reached over the original survey, is a pleasant tale to relate, and let us hope that it is true. It is now given out that the iron interests will use their influence in having this road built so that they will be enabled to have better shipping facilities for the limestone to be taken from the quarries in lower Penna Valley. This is a real lever and the most effective one to pry loose action on the part of the Penna. While State College is agitating and has been working for the same accomplishment, the great additional weight of the iron industries is needed to get action. In these days railroads are all "from Missouri" and must be shown.

S. S. Camp Ground Taken Over.

The Ssett farm at Spruce Creek is now the property of the Mid-State Sunday School training camp ground. The new corporation secured the title to the property a few days ago, granted by the Huntingdon county courts. Many improvements will be made to the farm that will make it an ideal spot for a training camp and recreation center for young and old Sunday school workers.

The directors are advertising for bids for the erection of a dam. Tents and tentage are being purchased; in fact, every effort is being made to have the camp ready for the girls from July 23rd to August 5th. Huntingdon, Blair and Centre counties will each have an allotment of from 29 to 25 girls. The rest of the 160 will come from the other counties of the State. There will be a strong faculty and a competent director.

County Fair Dates.

Grange Encampment and Fair, Centre Hall—September 1-7.
Blair County Road Drivers' Association, Altoona—August 14-17.
Clearfield County Agricultural Society, Clearfield—September 25-28.
Lancaster County Agricultural Fair Association, Lancaster—September 25-28.
Luzerne County Fair Association, Hughesville—October 9-12.
Mifflin County Horticultural and Agricultural Association, Lewisburg—August 21-25.
Milton Fair Association, Milton—August 25-31.
Perry County Agricultural Society, Newport—September 11-14.

50 Million More for Roads.

Governor Pinchot signed the Buckman bill, amending the election laws so that Constitutional amendments may be submitted at either municipal or general elections. This will permit a vote on the \$5,000,000 additional road bond issue next fall instead of waiting until 1924.

18 Months Old Hog Weighs 582 Lbs.

When it comes to feeding boys Steve Mattis, farmer on the Hrockerhoff farm south of Old Fort, is strictly in it. Last week he killed a hog just eighteen months old that weighed 582 lbs. That is doing fine, and shows there is much in feeding. The porker was killed for family use.

BOROUGH SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of Primary school for March: Per cent of attendance, boys 91, girls 81. Those present every day are Fred Bigman, Jack Colderon, Lawrence Haxley, Marvin Ishler, Jack McClenahan, Reuben Ricker, Donald Rubie, John Szyker, Dorothy McClenahan, Sara Odendrick, Margaret Rees and Verna Smith. Those marked (*) have been in attendance every day during the term.—Helen Bartholomew, teacher

WHEN TOWN AND COUNTRY MEET.

Junior Farmers' Ass'n of Centre Co. to be Formed.—To be Under Guidance of Vocational Supervisor and County Agent.

It is generally agreed that one of the most important moves for public welfare is closer co-operation between town and country. Main street and the farm. And we must agree that to get down to the brass tacks of living, today, this must be accomplished in a practical way that to bring about a closer union between the town and country residents and to make life a little more joyous and interesting must be carried out to show the farmer and the merchant how necessary each is to the other, and how identical are their interests, in the end.

Beginning this year, a co-operative effort is being made by the boys and young farmers of Centre county to organize themselves into a permanent organization with a definite aim. The boys will run their own affairs with officers elected annually from their own members. Those eligible to become members of this Junior Farmers' Association of Centre County will be the boys between the ages of ten and twenty-one years who have successfully completed an approved Agricultural project or piece of club work, or the boy enrolling for a project this year.

As a result of the intensive work in agriculture carried on with the students in Vocational classes and Club members about 100 boys will be eligible for membership this year.

The boys believe that co-operative effort is the basis of progress, and as the farmers of to-morrow they realize that a start cannot be made too soon, to put that co-operative effort into practice. In this first year they are forming a potato improvement club on a county-wide basis, co-operating with the business men of Bellefonte. State College and Millheim in bringing about a closer union between town and country. The business men of the above mentioned towns will lend a hand in this movement by purchasing disease-free certified seed potatoes for the county association. Each member of the association selects a business man as his co-worker, 2 1/2 bushels of potato seed are allotted to each member. He agrees to plant and care for same during the year and at harvest time each member will turn back potatoes according to the market price at that time. This assures the boy a market for his potatoes and the business men a supply of good potatoes for the winter.

To promote interest in educational and social development there will be an annual county potato show and round-up banquet at which time awards will be made for achievement in the year's work.

The organization of the Junior Farmers' Association is under the guidance of the County Vocational Supervisor and the County Agent.

Anybody wishing any further information as to membership, etc., will kindly get in touch with these men.

Tapping Fruit Blossoms.

"Consider the farmer" is a message to the town and city dwellers of Centre county, coming from the County Farm Bureau office. Hundreds of dollars worth of damage is caused each spring through unintentional acts of motorists and hikers who like to get out into the country on day outings in the spring of the year. A spray of apple, peach or cherry blossoms, to be used as a house decoration in the city home is a great temptation to a motorist passing a tree in full bloom and out of sight of the farm house. Those tempted are likely to overlook the fact that hundreds of others on the same day might be struck with the same fancy.

The Farm Bureau office points out that the farmer has a hard enough time these days making ends meet with his pruning and spraying of fruit and marketing it. The annual party may mean a bushel or two of apples lost to the grower; a group of boys can thoughtlessly lose him a bushel or two of peaches, and a crate of cherries may be represented in the armfuls of blossoms that cannot be restated by a group of young men and women hikers. Spring time in the country is a good time to observe the Golden Rule says the State College agricultural extension representative.

Penn State Bond Issue Approved.

The constitutional amendment for a bond issue of \$8,000,000 for buildings and equipment for State College, was reported favorably by the senate appropriations committee.

The Vero old age pension bill, carrying \$2,000,000 appropriation to pay persons over seventy years of age, sums sufficient to bring their income to a dollar a day, was also reported from committee.

Centre Hall High Trims "State."

The State College High school baseball team wanted a "practice game" before opening their season officially, and requested a game of the Centre Hall High school nine, last Friday afternoon. The two teams met on the Grange park grounds and while State got the practice, Centre Hall got the game. Score, 10-6. The visitors were out-hit and outplayed, the locals winning the game in clean-cut fashion. Harry Gross twirled 'em and his speed was too much for the State batters, who had less than a half dozen hits. Harry, himself, besides twirling effectively, wielded the "Louisville Slugger" with deadly effect, getting four safe hits out of five times at bat; one hit was for a home run—a titanic lick to the left outer-garden—way out!

The prettiest play of the game came in the last five seconds of play. State had high hopes in the ninth inning when the first two batters went down to first on a free ticket. Runners occupying first and second, the batter hit a short fly to short. Stover caught the ball, threw to second and from there the ball was shot to first, completing a triple play—a rare occurrence—and blasting State's last hope. It took the spirit out of the visitors, but in a few minutes they gave a team yell for C. H. H. S.

Large Forest Fire Due to Sugar Valley Man's Carelessness.

A Sugar Valley resident while at work in his orchard dropped a match which he thought was extinguished into the dry grass. He turned, climbed a tree to begin his work and then noticed that the grass beneath him was burning. Quickly returning to the ground he began a valiant battle with the fire, but subdued flames at one place seemed to produce more violent ones at others and he was unable to control the blaze which was traveling rapidly in the direction of the adjoining woods. It reached the forest land long before help arrived to the careless smoker. The winds were high and the leaves dry. The small grass fire started by the Sugar Valley farmer was transformed as it by magic into a 120-acre blaze before it was extinguished through the united efforts of the hard fighting residents of the east end of Sugar Valley who were directed by Forest Ranger Leslie Stover.

Twenty acres of the burned area were owned by the man who threw away the glowing match. The remaining 100 acres were owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. You and I; all of us.

Let us watch our neighbors and friends and if they are careless with fire in the woods explain to them the mistake they are making. If they persist in their carelessness they should be reported to the nearest forester. We cannot allow them to destroy our property in such a wanton and careless manner. We must work together to expel this spark-emitting dragon from our forests and bring in its place the white pine and hemlock-covered hillside, the trout-laden streams and the many game animals it originally afforded a home.

The key to all of this and to vast crops of timber besides is in the hands of each one of us, and it is our duty to unlock with it the hearts and minds of such men as the Sugar Valley smoker to the absolute criminality of careless handling of fire in the woods and to the great advantage of non-fire scarred and timbered hills.—R. H. Winter.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Democratic Mayor for Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., April 4, 1923.

Editor Reporter:

We have just had our Mayor election. Dever, a Democrat, won over the Republican by over 100,000. He was a Judge, and is a Catholic, but an able citizen and decent fellow. I feel sure he will be an improvement over slobber-mouth Bill Thompson in all ways.

We have in Chicago the world's greatest newspaper—the Chicago Tribune. I mail you one complete, 145 pages, mostly advertising, however.

Our winter (?) there was none—only one day zero. Not one deep snow, but a number of what we in Brush Valley used to call "rabbit snows,"—an inch or two deep—just the proper depth to track rabbits.

Spring is now with us, but it is not yet warm. Our springs are nearly always blustering and chilly, and usually about June 10 or so summer comes in with a rush.

Wishing you all the best of everything, I remain,
Yours,
ALFRED BEIRLY.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The trout fishing season opens on Monday morning—bright and early.

Mrs. (Dr.) G. I. Yearick, who, last week, was in town for a few days, returned to Johnstown.

Mrs. B. P. Reish and family moved this week from near Potters Mills to 248 Shore Avenue, Lewistown.

The public school children are asked to select a school flower under rules laid down by the educational department.

Don't miss seeing "The Old Maids' Club" in Grange hall on Saturday evening of this week. Full cast of characters appears elsewhere.

Another little son arrived in the home of Hon. and Mrs. Thomas Beaver, Bellefonte, making two boys and two girls in their little family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Emerick, of Centre Hall, on Friday, attended the funeral of Mrs. Henry Walter, at Lemont, a cousin of the former.

Lee W. Frazier, who this year will finish his legal course at the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, spent a few days at the parental home recently.

George B. Stevenson has been appointed temporary postmaster at Lock Haven and entered actively upon his duties when Paul O. Brosious resigned that office.

Bell telephones have been replaced in practically every office in the Court House, which will be welcome news to Bell subscribers in every section of the county.

At the recent U. B. conference Rev. George J. Colledge, a former M. E. pastor on the Penna Valley chase, was transferred from Huntingdon to McKeesport.

Blaine Malone, of Coburn, who has just completed a business course in the Peirce school in Philadelphia, returned home and will be employed by the Coburn Grain and Creamery Co.

Warren Homan has taken the agency for the sale of the Chevrolet car for Centre Hall and Potter township, being a sub-agent under the firm of Decker Bros., county agents for the Chevrolet.

John Henry Smith resigned as president of the Williamsport Board of Trade. He was formerly of Reesville and is known about Centre Hall by a number of persons. His successor is Jesse S. Bell.

Chester Grove is again employed at the Star Star by G. O. Benner, where business has been booming since Mr. Benner has cut deep into prices. Mr. Benner also admits that Reporter advertising pays.

Robert P. Hunter made a proposition to the Bellefonte town council to operate a gas plant in that town, provided the council gave his project the proper support. Mr. Hunter intimates that he would personally conduct the business.

Miss Mary Kennedy returned to Altoona the latter part of last week, after having been at her farm home west of Centre Hall for several weeks. She expects to come back again and stay for the summer as soon as the weather settles.

At the regular meeting of the Philipsburg borough council, an ordinance was passed finally providing for a bond issue of \$30,000 of 4% per cent, thirty year bonds to be used in street paving. The funds will be used for State aid road through the borough.

On driving over the Seven Mountains one wishes all of the road was in Mifflin county so it would be scraped after every rain and kept in fine condition. A blind man riding in a car could tell the instant he passes over the Centre-Mifflin county line on Long Mountain.

Among the Reporter's callers the latter part of last week was Frank P. Phillips, who is preparing to do auto repairing at Potters Mills, and is now building a garage there. It is also his intention to sell the Gray automobile, manufactured in Detroit, Michigan, by the Gray Motor Corporation.

The Spring Mills Silk Mill management is conveying a half dozen girls from Centre Hall and vicinity to their mill daily, by automobile, returning them to their homes in the evening. They wish to add several more girls to warrant operating the second bus, and are advertising for girls in this issue.

Messrs. T. C. Harbeson, forester of the Penna district, and his best man, William McKinney, both of Potters Mills, were callers at this office the latter part of last week. They left here a map showing information in regard to the forestry work in Pennsylvania. A study of the map is highly interesting.