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## NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

### Gathering in New York, June 24-31 Will Eclipse All Former Conventions.

With the Democratic National Convention still six weeks distant interest in the big gathering has grown to large proportions and the outlook is for the largest attendance and the greatest enthusiasm in the history of the party. Thousands of Democrats in all parts of the country are indicating their intention of going to New York to be in the city if not within Madison Square Garden when the "next President of the United States is nominated."

Information coming to Democratic headquarters in Washington is that the attendance of many women as delegates to the convention will have the effect of prompting the presence of large number of women as visitors. Newspapers of all kinds—dailies and weeklies, metropolitan and others of relative importance—are at once gratifying and stimulating interest in the convention by publishing the news of the preparations for the big assemblage to Democrats.

Requests for accommodations for newspapers in all sections of the country are coming by hundreds to the committee in charge. It is already apparent that the number of editors, correspondents and special writers at the New York convention will exceed by a great many any previous record.

It is evident that thousands who wish to gain admission to Madison Square Garden will be disappointed. While the capacity of the Garden will be enlarged it will still be far short of meeting the demands. The representatives of the Democratic National Committee and the committees which will be host to the convention regret that no adequate provision can be made for all the thousands of men and women who will fill New York during the week of June 24-31, but it is pointed out that no hall or other building big enough to accommodate the crowds could be found in the United States.

Notwithstanding this foreknowledge that Madison Square Garden will not be big enough thousands of Democrats are determined to go to New York. They want to be there when the Democratic presidential and vice-presidential candidates are chosen and identified with the historic occasion. The local committees are planning a series of entertainments and diversions for visitors.

As the Washington correspondent of a western newspaper remarked, "The Republican convention at Cleveland won't rise to the importance of a second-class sideshow compared with the Democratic gathering at New York."

### Andy Lytle Favors Y. M. C. A.

The Penn State Y. M. C. A. is now working out the details of a plan for the erection of a memorial cabin as a monument of esteem to "Andy" Lytle, familiarly known to students as Penn State's "oldest freshman." The plot of ground upon which the cabin will stand has been donated to the Association by "Andy" and a survey of the location for the bungalow will be completed this week.

The section of land given by Mr. Lytle measures one hundred and fifty by three hundred feet, and is located at the base of Tussey mountain, just under the Shingletown Gap. The site is well elevated and commands a beautiful view of the intervening valleys to the Alleghenies. There is a possibility that more land will later be used by the "Y" and that the forested section surrounding the cabin will become known as Lytle Park.

Present plans call for the construction of a bungalow almost as large as the "Y" Hut. It will be built entirely of logs with a huge fireplace at either end, and a large camp range will also be provided for the preparation of meals. The building is to be a story and a half high, with sufficient space on the lower floor to seat seventy-five or eighty persons and with sleeping quarters in the loft for about thirty-six persons.

### 16th in Flemington Family.

A ten-pound son born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walker, in Flemington a few days ago, is the sixteenth child in the family. Thirteen of the children are living. The mother is still under forty years of age.

The Penn Traffic Company, in Johnstown, of which Samuel H. Heckman is general manager, was looted Sunday morning of \$30,000 in cash and jewelry. It is presumed two men hid in the store and during the night captured the watchman, covered his mouth and ears with adhesive plaster after handcuffing him, and then threw him into an open vault. The watchman thinks there were at least two others—four in all—who worked at the job. Electric drills were used to cut out the lock on the money safe. The watchman was badly beaten up.

The local Y. P. B. will hold a food sale in the Evangelical church on Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, and continuing throughout the evening. Your patronage is solicited.

Clean up, paint up, keep it up.

## WM. DECKER KILLED FRIDAY

### Prominent Central Penna. Business Man Loses Life in Elevator Shaft at Montgomery.

William Decker, of Montgomery, well known to many in this section on account of his various activities, was killed about 3:30 Friday afternoon at the plant of the Montgomery Table and Desk Works. He in some manner got entangled in the workings of a large freight elevator and was so injured that death resulted shortly afterward.

Mr. Decker was a man who had become one of the biggest business men in Central Pennsylvania, and was one of the most prominent men of the Lutheran church in the United States. His activities were many—he was president of the Montgomery Table and Desk Works; president of the Montgomery Supply Company; president of the First National Bank of Montgomery; member of the board of directors of the World Sabbath School Association; member of the board of directors of Susquehanna University; member of the board of directors of Dickinson Seminary and on the board of directors of various state institutions.

Surviving him are his wife, three sons and two daughters, namely: Sterling R., who is vice-president of the Table and Desk Works, and a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Swartz, of State College; William, who is identified with the Montgomery Supply Co.; Thurston, who is a freshman at Boston Tech.; Mrs. Taylor, wife of the Rev. William Taylor, of Chambersburg, and Miss Maxine Decker, a junior at Smith College.

### Letter from California.

Elsimore, Calif., May 6, 1924.  
The Reporter:

Kindly change our address to the following office. . . . We receive the Reporter on the dot each week, and it certainly keeps us posted as to what's going on in dear old Centre county. I have traveled nearly all over the U. S. A.—in every state but six—and outside of California Centre county, Penna., is my choice, and I would like very much to be in there fishing for trout as I used to in my boyhood days at the old Oak Hall factory dam, where I learned to swim and smoke. At the time my father, Thos. V. Hunter, operated the old woolen mill, and I know when my old school chums of the Boalsburg district read this they will remember Joe Hunter.

At present I am practicing my profession here, Doctor of Chiropractic, and am doing fine, having a nice practice. This little city being a health resort, people come here from far and near for the hot mineral baths, the water coming from the earth at from 104 to 140 degrees, relieving nearly all nervous and muscular ailments. This is a beautiful place to live, situated in the citrus fruit belt, and on the shores of lake Elsimore, 1300 feet above sea level in a valley surrounded by mountains; days warm and sunny, nights cool. We can sleep under blankets the year 'round so what more on this good old earth do we need.

Thanking you for the past good service and paper, I remain,  
Yours truly,  
DR. JOS. G. HUNTER, D.C.

### Transfers of Real Estate.

J. L. Winegardner, exec., to Bland Frankenberg, tract in Millheim; \$255.  
F. R. Musser, et ux, to M. G. Emerick, tract in State College; \$900.  
Andrew Lytle, et ux, to C. D. Bartholomew, tract in State College; \$2600.  
Bertha Kline, et bar, to Bertha Hoy, tract in Gregg twp.; \$50.

H. D. Weaver, et ux, to Bertha Kline, tract in Gregg twp.; \$110.  
Adam Ertel to Barbara Hoy, tract in Gregg twp.; \$35.

Clarence E. Blazer, et ux, to Theodore D. Boal, tract in Harris twp.; \$1,760.31.

Helen M. Lutz, et al, to Albert E. Schad, tract in Spring twp.; \$2,800.  
Emma Lee et bar to Lily Hoptz, tract in College twp.; \$1,050.

Adam H. Krumrine et ux, to Lida Humphrey, tract in State College; \$600.

E. H. Auman, attorney-in-fact, to P. H. Gentzel, tract in State College; \$11,600.95.

Henry D. Monroe, et ux, to Charles S. McDowell, tract in State College; \$800.

Howard J. Thompson, et ux, to Walter Cohen, tract in Bellefonte; \$24,000.  
Titan Metal Company, to Henry C. Quigley, tract in Spring twp.; \$1.

L. L. Weaver, et al, to Harris Stover, tract in Haines twp.; \$200.

John W. Delaney, et al, to John D. Homan, tract in Potter twp.; \$2,000.  
Miss Mary Zerby, of Farmers Mills, one of the efficient school teachers of Centre county, is a guest of Mrs. Roger T. Bayard, 17 Eighth Street, Tyrone.

## Farm Work Backward.

Spring sowing on farms in this section and generally over the state is backward. Up to the beginning of this week little oats and barley had been sown. May, with the exception of a few days last week, has been cold and wet. Not only is farm work kept back but blossoms have been delayed making their appearance on fruit trees.

Spring planting in Pennsylvania May 1 was 32 per cent normal, compared with 48 per cent normal May 1, 1923, the monthly crop report issued a few days ago by the Department of Agriculture revealed. Plowing completed May 1 was 54 per cent normal compared with 72 per cent on the same date a year ago.

Condition of winter wheat on May 1 was 85 per cent normal; rye, 99 per cent normal; tame hay, 85 per cent normal, and pasture, 77 per cent normal. The report showed 37,200 acres of winter wheat abandoned with 1,202,000 acres remaining for harvest. Rye to be harvested was estimated at 198,000 acres. Hay stocks in farmers' hands were estimated at 247,600 tons, compared with 688,000 tons May 1, 1923.

Supply of farm labor was given as 80 per cent normal with the demand 93 per cent normal.

## The New School Ground.

The borough school board in acquiring a plot for the new high school building did wisely in not only securing sufficient land to accommodate the proposed new school building, but had in mind that Centre Hall should have a play ground, all its own. The school board is pressed for funds, yet it took into consideration the future needs of the children. This being the case, the citizens have an obligation to discharge, and one, it is believed, they will cheerfully and handsomely discharge. The obligation is the transforming of a portion of the five-acre school ground into a play and athletic field.

The Reporter has reason to believe that a considerable sum of money could be secured for the purpose named, once the movement was rightly put on foot. Centre Hall has a good community spirit when tested out.

The writer is of the opinion that the school board should take the initiative. It could do this by taking up the subject with the citizens, and in this way form some program of procedure; or, it might, after discussion among themselves, appoint a committee of representative citizens to bring about the accomplishment of the transformation of the present plot into one we could look on to, with pride.

Any plan worked to a completion is a good plan.

## Hand Shot Off.

On Friday, Samuel Burris, a farmer living on the Jacksonville road below Bellefonte, accidentally discharged a gun, the contents of it striking his hand, tearing from it all but the thumb and first finger. The member was so badly mangled that it was amputated at the wrist by a Bellefonte hospital surgeon. It appears Mr. Burris had been out in the fields to shoot crows that were annoying him, and on returning was in the act of putting the gun on a rack when it slipped from his hands, and was discharged.

Mr. Burris formerly lived on Nittany Mountain, where Mrs. Burris, nee Horner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Horner, of Pleasant Gap, was reared. He is a brother of Harry Burris, living on the Durst farm at Earlstown. There are eight children who looked to the hands of Mr. Burris for support, and this adds much to the misfortune.

## GEORGES VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Ripka, Miss Teslie Zettle and her friend, Wilbur Confer, visited friends in Tyrone on Sunday.

Elmer Aukerman made a business trip to Harrisburg on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Decker visited friends at Woodward on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lingie spent Sunday at the home of the former's brother, Maurice Lingie.

Miss Jennie Ripka is on a two weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. Charles Grenoble, at North Bend.

Mrs. John Auman went to Bellefonte last Thursday to transact business.

The rainy weather has kept the farmers back with their plowing. There is no oats sowed in the valley yet.

Excursion to North Pole, July 4th, 1924, by aeroplane, from Georges Valley, by way of Cleveland, Chicago and San Francisco; then due North. Crew, Mr. Madarey, pilot; Mr. Barger, general manager; Messrs. Zettle and Foust, cooks; Mr. Hasenplug, anchor, and Spurgeon and "Daddy" Hennigh to have charge of the poultry exhibits. Menu, chicken pot-pie, Bon voyage. (This was inspired by a newly constructed poultry house and feed house in Georges Valley.)

## WIDEN THE HIGHWAYS.

### It Means Expenditure of Money—Much Money—But the Only Way to Make Limb and Life Safe.

It should be apparent that roads can not be made safe for pedestrians or motorists by waging war against the latter by prohibitive speed regulations or drastic police rulings.

The motor car and truck have come to stay. They have come to stay because they save time, make speed. Eliminate the speed and the time-saving from motor cars and men would go back to horses.

If the speed and the time-saving result in maimings and killings; if accidents and injuries follow the use of trucks on highways, then some other remedy must be found that will destroy the very factors of these instruments of transportation which make them vital to our modern life.

The answer is plain; most people who have studied the question see it, and many acknowledge it. But it is not much talked about, because, forsooth, the politician dreads to say anything which may be construed as advocating more taxes, spending more money. Had the politician of twenty years ago advised farmers to spend five hundred of a thousand dollars for a new 'team' to save time, he would have been defeated for office!

But the answer must be made, and we, as a people, must see it, approve it, pay for it. The answer is wider roads; roads with high and low speed divisions; roads which can carry modern traffic.

Not all roads, of course. But the main roads, the well-traveled roads, the inter-city roads, the roads connecting State with State and county with county—these, either now or later, must be made wide enough to carry the present and future traffic safely, assure the pedestrian of his life and whole limbs, the motorists of freedom from accident and traffic the possibility of making time without danger to anyone.

When the automobile was new, people cried out against hard surface highway appropriations as "class legislation for speeders." Now the people know that hard surface highways are for them, first, for the "speeders" afterwards. But we all want to make time, same time, go fast enough to get the benefit of our cars. Let us stop crying out against the added expense of the wide highway, which alone can make motor transport safe for us!

## Summer Bible Conference.

The Eagles Mere Summer Bible Conference will convene for its eighth season under direction of the Moody Bible Institute, from July 8 to 17. Its unusual attractions of mountain breezes, forest shade and lake sports are enhanced by the mid-July heat elsewhere. The speakers will be Rev. W. Graham Scroggie, eminent Bible teacher of Great Britain; Prof. Leander S. Keyser, D. D., of Wittenberg College; Rev. Ford C. Ottman, D. D., of the Stony Brook Assembly; Rev. Charles E. Hurlburt, of the African Inland Mission, with Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., and Rev. R. H. Glover, M. D., of the Moody Bible Institute.

## Term Report, Intermediate Grade.

Number pupils enrolled, male 22, female 30; per cent attendance for term, boys, 99, girls 88. The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during term: Wm. Spyker, Donald Rubie, Reuben Rickert, James Lutz, Bruce Smith, Fred Luse, Harold Potter, Arthur Scott, Muth Bailey, Jack Coldron, John Spyker, Margaret Rudy Sarah Smith, Genevieve Rubie, Helen Rine, Gladys Smith, Evelyn Colyer, Marian Smith, Fay Rees, Isabel Bradford.

The following pupils passed their grades on merit: Muth Bailey, Jack Coldron, Lawrence Hartley, Franklin Moyer, John Spyker, Arthur Scott, Marian Smith, Evelyn Colyer, Miriam Gross, Fay Rees, Ollie Gleixner, Isabel Bradford, Lorraine Brungart, Gladys Smith, Betty Ebright, Ruth Hartley, Thos. L. Moore, teacher.

Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

## HARRIS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises of the senior class of the Harris township High school will be held this (Thursday) evening at Boalsburg. The class numbers are:

March . . . . . Orchestra  
Invocation . . . . . Rev. S. C. Stover  
Overture . . . . . Orchestra  
Salutatory . . . . . FRED H. ROSS  
"Farming: A Business or a Gamble?" . . . . . JOHN O. KLINE  
"Business-Like Citizenship" . . . . . KATHRYN I. GINGRICH  
"The High School of 1924" . . . . . ELWOOD SMITH  
Music . . . . . Orchestra  
"The Thing Called Normalcy" . . . . . FRED H. ROSS  
Class Prophecy . . . . . JOHN O. KLINE  
Class Poem . . . . . KATHRYN I. GINGRICH  
Valedictory . . . . . ELWOOD SMITH  
Music . . . . . Orchestra  
Address . . . . . DEAN C. W. STODDART  
Presentation of Diplomas . . . . . Prof. O. F. Smith  
School Song . . . . .  
Benediction . . . . . Rev. W. J. Wagner

## CANNING FACTORY FOR ROCKVIEW PRISON.

### Product of Establishment to Be Shipped to Other Penitentiaries—Project Announced by State Welfare Department.

Fruits and vegetables raised during the summer months on the farm of the Rockview penitentiary will be preserved to help feed inmates of the state's penal institutions under a plan being worked out.

The establishment of a canning factory at the Centre county institution for the purpose of utilizing surplus products from the farm for use in the state penitentiaries and possibly other state aided and owned institutions.

In order to establish the cannery a temporary building probably will soon be erected on the penitentiary grounds so that work can be done there during the present season. Drawings are being prepared and a system of cost accounting worked out so as to be put in force when the cannery opens. Under the plans of the department the products of the establishment would be shipped to the other two penitentiaries for consumption in the winter and if the cannery proves successful and the prison farms produce a sufficient quantity of goods samples would be sent to other state owned or aided institutions inviting business. Nothing would be sold from the cannery to private enterprises, Dr. Potter says.

Establishment of the cannery at Rockview is the third novel innovation planned for there by the department within the last few months. Recently plans were announced for starting a nursery on the prison farm. Already ground is being prepared for planting seeds to raise young trees and the necessary transfers have been agreed upon by the warden of the eastern penitentiary for additional prisoners to Rockview to assist in maintaining the nursery. Young trees raised on the grounds will be used for reforestation purposes.

The third innovation at the penitentiary is the plan to establish a concrete block manufacturing plant. The product from this factory will be used to build several dormitories on the prison grounds for housing prisoners on the cottage plan. Afterwards concrete tile used in highway construction will be manufactured there. This kind of work comes under the jurisdiction of the prison industries board. Inmates there who perform these tasks are given wages for such and also taught a trade. The product from plants of this nature are restricted in the sale so as not to compete with higher priced labor.

## Farm Accounts.

Keeping farm accounts is being advocated by the heads of county farm bureaus. Last year ten farmers in Centre county secured farm account books through the Farm Bureau office. The men that kept these books up to date feel that it was time well spent and they found out the crops that were paying and those that were not.

By this system of accounting in Lancaster county last year some startling conclusions were drawn. The following figures were taken from eighty-two farms: Wheat gave a return of 13 cents per hour of man labor, being the lowest of all crops reported. Alfalfa 36.1c; corn, 36.4c; potatoes, 36.2c and hay 34.3c per hour of man labor.

## Rattlesnake on the Radio.

The rattle of a caged rattlesnake was broadcast successfully last week from the radio station at the Pennsylvania State College. "Kelly," the pet rattler of Professor G. R. Green, of the college nature study staff, came up to expectations as a radio "artist." He featured a talk on "Snakes" given by Green, and his rattle was long and loud enough to be heard over the air waves at distant points. Green has had the snake in his collection for some time, it having been captured in the summer of 1922 by Miss Mayme Kelly, of Pittsburgh, a summer session student. This was the first time a rattlesnake has been a radio broadcaster.

The average price Centre county farmers received for potatoes during the years from 1914 to 1923, both years inclusive, was \$1.86. The lowest average price, in 1914, was 60 cents, and the highest was in 1918, when the average price was \$1.52. The average price in 1923 was 85 cents.

A large number of shade trees were set out on Grange Park this spring. On the north side of the original park two lines of trees, mostly maples, were planted, extending from the entrance to the west boundary. It is evidently the intention of the committee to construct a roadway between the two rows of trees.

General Charles S. Muir and General William H. Hay, former commanders of the 28th Division in activities in France, will be in State College on Memorial Day and will review the parade, beginning at 2:00 o'clock. The entire student regiment and band, the Boal machine gun troop and civic bodies will be in line.

Sheldon Rossman, a son of County Register and Mrs. Harry A. Rossman, of Bellefonte, is in a serious condition at his home as the result of injuries sustained when he fell off a chicken coop roof while playing. He sustained a fractured collar bone and internal injuries. He has been about only a short time, having been confined to bed for some time previously while recovering from painful injuries received when he ran in front of an automobile while crossing the street in front of his home and was run down.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

F. W. Weber, of Boalsburg, was a visitor in town on Saturday.

Miss Beatrice Bobb, of Reedsville, spent the week-end at a house party at State College.

An effort is being made by Millburg citizens to have a state fish hatchery located there.

The twelfth district in Centre county will hold its annual conference in Rebersburg, Friday, 23rd inst.

Altogether, Any plan for an improved school ground. Money! Of course, it will cost money, but we can get it.

Russell Smith, of Bellefonte, has been made distributing agent for the Reading pretzel for all the territory in Pennsylvania west of here.

G. R. Meiss, the Colyer merchant, will hold another auction sale at his store Saturday night. He cordially invites all from far and near to attend.

At the close of last week, the State College district reported \$12,500 for the county hospital, bringing up the total of pledges to \$92,800, in round numbers.

Prof. N. L. Bartges, principal of the Avis schools, Mrs. Bartges, and daughter Harriet, were in Centre Hall for a few days last week, visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. (Dr.) W. E. Park, of Biltmore, N. C., stopped off at Centre Hall for a few days on her return from Miford, Pike county, where she and Dr. Park had been to dispose of some real estate.

Mrs. Thomas Palmer, who makes her home in Philadelphia with a daughter, Mrs. T. F. Farnor, is reported not to be in good health, which her many acquaintances about Pottery Mills will regret to know.

E. E. Zettle and son, Reuben Zettle, of Centre Hall, went back to the Johnstown district to engage in carpenter work. They had been working in that district for a considerable length of time before voluntarily laying off for several weeks.

Lewistown gave out five thousand fly swatters. That ought to reduce the flies to a considerable extent, but not until after they are bred. A campaign to reduce the breeding places of the dirty pests, coupled with later swatting, is needed.

W. A. Henney calls your attention to an advertisement in this issue announcing his readiness to do all kinds of machine work with an entire new working equipment, including the latest type acetylene welding outfit, which class of work he will make a specialty.

A huge Graham truck, equipped with Dodge motive power, was put into use by the Kerlin Poultry Farm, in Centre Hall. The truck was especially built for their use and is constructed to accommodate twelve thousand baby chicks, which requires one hundred and twelve cartons.

The western regional group, comprising Rebersburg, Millheim, Centre Hall and Spring Mills, of the Lewisburg district of the Evangelical church conference, will hold a convention in the Rebersburg church on Tuesday afternoon and evening. An interesting program has been arranged.

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