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HARD ROAD FOR PINCHOT.

Governor Will Not Be Ringmaster of Legislative Circus—Women's Constitutional Convention Proposal Sat On Hard.

The new Legislature will be controlled by leaders who are not wholly solicitous about the political welfare of Governor Pinchot. For that reason it is said the Governor will have little, if any, part in organizing the House. In this connection it has been learned that C. Jay Goodmough, Speaker at the last session, stands little chance for re-election. He was put over two years ago at the suggestion of Pinchot. At that time, however, Pinchot was at the beginning of his four-year term and the regular leaders, with an eye on patronage, were inclined to go along on some of the gubernatorial whims.

In the next session Mr. Pinchot will have little to offer. Accordingly the "boys" will feel at liberty to shape their own destiny without regard to the Governor. Representative Clyde Harer, of Lycoming county, may be a candidate for Speaker. He was on deck the day after the election at the headquarters of the State Committee, but had little to say regarding the Speakership. He will be a candidate if assured of the backing of Chairman Baker and other leaders.

As for Governor Pinchot, one Republican leader stated he will not be "heavily consulted" in the selection of a Speaker. That was taken to mean that the organization is not going to permit the Governor to act as ringmaster in the coming session of the Legislative circus.

The great majority of Republican representatives elected are out-and-out followers of the State machine. Many of them are not only willing, but anxious to take the warpath against the Governor and their attitude would indicate the next session will have more than one lively moment.

Two organizations of women received a setback in the election. The more important was the League of Women Voters which took the lead in advocating approval of the proposed Constitutional Convention. The proposal was snuffed under in every section of the State.

Will Purchase Pipe Organ.

While the Sunday school and church members of St. John's Lutheran church, Millheim, have been active for some time in accumulating funds for the purpose of installing a pipe organ in the church, recent developments in that direction will probably bring about an earlier purchase of the organ than was originally anticipated, recites the Journal.

On their last visit to Millheim, John and Charles Kurzenkabe made the proposition to the parties in charge that if they would arrange to purchase the pipe organ within a year, then the Kurzenkabe children, Charles, John and Susan, would donate the chimes for said instrument, in memory of Jonathan and Susan M. Hartner and Mrs. Lizzie Kurzenkabe.

The proposition was accepted and a committee appointed to arrange for the purchase. The committee, composed of J. R. Miller, Rev. F. H. Daubenspeck, Dr. G. S. Frank and A. H. Stover, will probably go to Hagers-town, Md., to contract with the Moeller Organ Co., for delivery as soon as possible.

Plans now indicate the purchase of a \$2500 pipe organ and the donation of chimes costing approximately \$700.

Against the purchase price, the Sunday school has already accumulated \$1100 and the balance of \$1400 will undoubtedly be raised by popular subscription among the church members when the instrument is installed.

Instruction in Morals.

Colliers' Weekly is to be commended for inviting suggestions for a code of morals to be taught to school children. The American City suggests a pledge to be taken by children, including 21 points. Considerably condensed, these are as follows:

1. To serve God and humanity;
2. To honor parents and be a credit to them;
3. To be a good citizen;
4. To seek more abundant life for others;
5. To be kind;
6. To be sympathetic;
7. To be clean and strong;
8. To be honest;
9. To be ambitious;
10. To be cheerful;
11. To be self-reliant and courageous;
12. To control my tongue and my appetite;
13. To play fair;
14. To help the cause of peace;
15. To uphold spiritual truth;
16. To enjoy beauty;
17. To forego comfort and leisure if necessary;
18. To produce more of value than I consume;
19. To use time profitably;
20. To develop zeal for the finer things of life;
21. To leave the world a better place than I find it.

School education will be lacking unless it gives young people definite ideals along such lines.

Fisher Home Sold.

The J. B. Fisher homestead, in Penn Hall, was sold at public sale last week by F. M. Fisher, agent, for the sum of \$2,675. W. A. Neese, a Gregg township farmer, purchased it. The property consists of a brick mansion, having nineteen rooms, and was built by the late Major Fisher when a young man and occupied by him during the remainder of his life. The late Miss Mary Fisher owned three-fourths and her sister, Mrs. Ella Snyder, of Sunbury, one-fourth of the property.

Mrs. Snyder also sold twenty-eight acres of farm land lying south of Penn Hall, at the same time, to Charles A. Hennick, whose farm it adjoins, at the rate of \$50.50 per acre.

\$3000 for Evangelicals.

Miss Sophia S. Kockey, an aged woman who died last week at her home at Hubersburg, leaving an estate of approximately \$14,000, divided the bulk of her money among 25 or 30 distant relatives and friends in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$500, her one public bequest being \$3000 to any Evangelical congregation in the county without a church as a nucleus of a fund to build a place of worship.

The bequest must be claimed within one year, and if more than one congregation makes claim to it, it is left to her executor to decide which one is entitled to the money. If no claim is made within a year the money reverts to her estate. So far as known, every Evangelical congregation in Centre county at present has its own place of worship, with the possible exception of members of that religious faith at State College.

Bank's 15th Anniversary.

The Farmers' National Bank, in Millheim, celebrated its fifteenth anniversary a few days ago. For a small-town institution, it has met with unusual success, and now its surplus and undivided profits are in excess of its capital stock. The surplus is \$50,000 and undivided profits and reserve funds, \$28,000; capital stock, \$25,000; deposits, \$529,635.

The officers of the bank are: G. S. Frank, president; C. L. Gramley, 1st vice-president; A. A. Frank, 2nd vice-president; L. W. Stover, cashier; J. R. Miller, assistant cashier.

Progress of Good Roads.

There are now 2,819,356 miles of rural highways in this country, according to the federal road bureau. Of these 342,000 miles have been paved, not counting sand-clay roads. These are divided as follows: Gravel, 175,000 miles; macadam, 100,000; various kinds of asphaltic roads, 30,000; portland cement concrete, 27,000; brick, stone, block and miscellaneous, 10,000.

These figures indicate that only about 12 per cent. of the roads have been improved in the ways named above. They show the tremendous job that remains to be done before the system can be made reasonably complete. But as 49,000 miles were built last year, steady progress is being made.

Cafeteria Supper.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church of Centre Hall will serve a Cafeteria Supper at the Presbyterian Manse, Friday evening, November 21, from 5 to 8 o'clock. Your patronage is solicited.

DWELLING HOUSE BURNED.

Home of Charles S. Stoner, Near Tusseyville, Burned Saturday Night in Absence of Family.

Fire almost completely destroyed the home of Charles S. Stoner, near Tusseyville, Saturday night, while the family were in Boalsburg on business and social enjoyment. The fire was first seen on the roof by Mrs. M. P. Roseman, a neighbor, who quickly reported to the telephone as a means of giving the alarm. It so happened that at that time, about 10 o'clock, several calls had to be made before a response could be had, and this was from the Ramer store, Tusseyville. Mr. Ramer and then men he could gather, hurried to the scene, broke in the door and began removing the furniture, another section of willing helpers forming a bucket brigade. The latter force met with fair success in checking the flames, but it was thought advisable to notify the State College fire company, and this was done, the pumper reaching the scene of the fire in record time. A long line of hose was laid to Sinking creek and it was not long until the flames were subdued, and at the same time protection was afforded a small barn nearby. The furniture and other household fixtures were nearly all removed, but considerable damage was done them by water.

The dwelling house was a frame structure and in good condition, having been here for many years of James B. Spangler, who sold the place to Mr. Stoner and was occupied by him since last spring.

There was \$1800 insurance on the place, transferred by Mr. Spangler to the new owner, in Farmers' Mutual company, F. M. Fisher, agent.

Mr. Stoner informed the writer that when he left the place in the evening, he was careful to close the store and left everything in safe condition, he thought. The fire evidently was caused from some defect in the flue, which had its foundation on the attic.

Mr. Stoner contemplates rebuilding as soon as possible.

Mail Man's Car Stolen.

A Chevrolet runabout was stolen Wednesday night of last week while parked opposite the Decker garage, on Spring Street, Bellefonte. The car is owned by Domes S. Ishler, Centre Hall. The car was secured all night by Mr. Ishler and officers, but no trace could be found. The car disappeared between 10 and 11 o'clock, shortly after it had been loaded with a supply of groceries for family use.

A second car, parked near the Ishler car, also disappeared, but this was found in a ditch in the Roopsburg district.

Up until a day or two ago no trace of the car had been obtained, except that from Driftwood, Clearfield county, a telephone message stated that two young men the morning following the theft had stopped at a gas station with a car answering the general description of the car missing.

Two Chevrolet switch keys were sold by Decker Brothers to two men on the same night the car was stolen, but no description of these parties could be given by the salesman.

Several hundred students are planning to "hike" from State College to Philadelphia this week-end to attend the annual football game between Penn State and the University of Pennsylvania. They start out with Penn State pennants on their backs and motorists are always glad to give them a lift along the way.

Not all the looney auto drivers are using "Looney" gas.

Climb to "The Knob."

Forty-two acres have been added to the holdings of John H. Detwiler, on Nittany Mountain top, making a total of one hundred sixty-two acres lying contiguous owned by him. The last tract was recently purchased from Charles Bilger, who owns and lives on the Mountain farm, below Nittany top, and was purchased by him about six years ago at a land tax sale. The tract extends over the "knob" lying North of the top where the State Highway crosses the mountain.

It is Mr. Detwiler's intention to build an auto road to the base of the "knob" and make a "climb" to the top, the altitude of which is 2300 feet, higher than any point on Bald Mountain, the highest peak of the Seven Mountain range. There is a possibility that later permanent sleeping rooms will be constructed on the "knob" for any who might desire the benefit of the high altitude air.

The young men making a geological survey in this section, noted an error in the altitude marked on top of Nittany Mountain by the State Highway men. The altitude as marked is 1809 feet while the U. S. Government survey makes it 1820 feet.

Local Schools Play Soccer.

The Potters Mills Grammar school played a return soccer game with the Centre Hall Grammar school, on Friday evening, and like the first game played on the Potters Mills grounds, were defeated. The first score was 2 to 1, and the second, 3 to 1. This makes the local Grammar boys feel a bit chesty.

The High school team on Friday evening played Spring Mills High, at Spring Mills, losing by a score of 1 to 0.

Young People's County Conference.

The fourth annual county conference of the Young People's Department of the Sunday School will be held in Bellefonte, Saturday, November 22nd.

Each Sunday school is requested and expected to send two girls and two boys, between the ages of 12 and 24 years and one adult as delegates. The program that has been planned can best be carried out by the help and co-operation of all who are interested in young people and the building up of Christ's Kingdom. The program will appear next week.

Boys and girls, whether you are a delegate or not, come. Your friend, Esther L. Williams, will be one of the State workers present. If you know her you will want to know more of her, and if not, you have a treat in store for you.

Margaret Ferree, of Oak Hall, has recently been appointed Young People's Superintendent of S. S. in Centre county. She is anxious and willing to serve you.

\$35,000 Fire at Montgomery.

Fire caused a loss of about \$35,000 in Montgomery early Thursday morning of last week when four buildings on Main street above Houston avenue were destroyed. The properties were owned by T. E. Grady and Mrs. Emma Felsburg. Included in the burned area were the Montgomery Mirror plant, the Lyceum theatre, the Charles Sholtz tin shop, the Wolfe meat market, the Felsburg home and a dwelling house owned by Mr. Grady.

Speed Traps.

The Reporter is not alone in condemning the illegitimate speed trap, operated only for what is supposed to be profit to the municipality treasury conducting them, when really it is a discredit and dead loss to all communities tolerating them.

The Williamsport Sun, in a recent issue, editorially refers to speed traps thus:

The agitation by state motor clubs to eliminate speed traps is meeting with success.

One of the most notorious of these annoyances was removed at Liverpool this week with much satisfaction to all automobilists who travel the Susquehanna Trail and particularly rejoicing to those whose purses have been made to suffer by the commercial efforts of Liverpool's officers to enforce the law.

This is as it should be. There is no excuse for commercial mills of this kind from which this state has suffered in the last few years.

Their elimination, however, places a serious responsibility upon the motor clubs which have been striving for their removal and upon the members of the same.

Motorists are now upon their honor and not fear to obey the reasonable speed restrictions which state and municipalities place upon them, which is again as it should be.

Only the ultra-reckless will violate this honor upon which all drivers are placed and the violations of these are so glaring that they can be apprehended and punished in the ordinary course of traffic regulation without bringing to the bar of justice all the sensible, law-abiding drivers who may occasionally happen to let their cars go a trifle over the prescribed speed limit.

Airplane Lands Here.

At dusk on Sunday evening, an airplane landed in one of the Bradford fields at Old Fort and in doing so was damaged to some extent. The machine was owned and operated by a young Mr. Crozier, presumably a son of Andrew Crozier, of Belleville, who is employed by his uncle in John Crozier's garage, Millroy. He had been at State College carrying passengers for a spin, and on returning home became confused after passing through heavy clouds. He saw the lights in town and concluded he must already have crossed the mountains and was near Millroy where he meant to land.

Pennsylvania Day at State.

Several thousand visitors spent the past week-end at the Pennsylvania State College observing Pennsylvania Day, the annual fall athletic and social holiday for students. Many of the visitors were young ladies who were guests at fraternity houseparties. There were no less than four intercollegiate athletic events, many fraternity and club dances and annual concert of the men's glee club on the program arranged by the students.

A box social will be held at the Earlstown school house, Friday evening of this week, to which patrons and others are most cordially invited.—Martha Yearick, teacher.

The Lutheran parsonage is being repainted on the interior.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. John A. Slack is again confined to bed, her condition being regarded very serious.

The next lecture course number for Centre Hall is scheduled for next Tuesday evening, in Grange hall, when former Governor Brough will be here.

George Goodhart has our thanks for four nice grey squirrels which he killed one day last week. George is the champion small game hunter of the town.

After the Rockvow state pen officers hunted for a day on the state's land connected with the pen, notices were posted prohibiting others from hunting on that territory. That looks a bit queer.

Last week's Bellefonte's papers reported ten or more cases of diphtheria in that town. The schools were not closed but other precautionary measures were taken to prevent, if possible, further spread of the disease.

Plants exposed to a small dose of ether vapor will awake from their winter sleep and continue to grow again, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, following recent experiments.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kline, in Youngstown, Ohio, on Thursday. The information was telegraphed the grandparents and great grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Boozler, and Capt. G. M. Boal, by the proud father.

A shower was tendered Miss Lottie McCool at the Allison home in Millheim. Miss McCool was the recipient of many useful presents—more than fifty persons having congregated there, each with a useful household article.

A. B. Meyer, bookkeeper for the Millheim Banking company, has requested to be relieved of his duties in the bank for several months on account of failing health, and Paul J. Meyer, son of the late T. F. Meyer, will fill the position.

Lewis Brown, employed in the railroad shops in Renovo, was brought to his home in Millheim after receiving injuries while at work. A bruised leg and a rib torn loose were the two principal injuries that will keep him home for some time.

Mrs. Emma J. Emerick and daughter, Miss Verna M. Emerick, advertise letters testamentary on the estate of the late George H. Emerick, of Centre Hall borough, deceased. Mr. Emerick, it appears, had caused a will to be written, but it was without his signature.

It is to much regretted that residents are so thoughtless of the danger of outside fire as to resort to burning leaves. The conditions prevailing during the past few weeks have been such that no outside fire could be other than a menace to surrounding property.

Charles H. Morris, of Williamsport, is confined to bed with sickness. Mr. Morris having formerly conducted a drug store in Millheim, and Mrs. Morris, whose maiden name was Charlotte Miller and was reared in Centre Hall, accounts for a large number of persons hereabouts hoping for a speedy recovery of his health.

E. R. Zech and W. E. Gemmill, of York, put in a short time hunting in the Seven Mountains last week, making their headquarters with John Blauser, near Potters Mills. Ten rabbits, two pheasants, five squirrels was their success. They had several dogs with them, but found it too dry to hunt successfully with them.

The forest fire near Tyrone, last week, was started by hunters, and it is declared at least one or more hunters beside the one responsible for the fire knew who caused the fire. The local warden has offered a reward of \$100 for information and pleads that this is an opportunity to show if they are really interested in forest protection.

On Thursday of last week Clarence Musser moved onto the Jacob Musser homestead, near Penns Cave, vacated by his brother, Harry E. Musser. The former Mr. Musser lived near by on a farm also owned by the elder Musser. Mrs. Harry Musser and two children are now living with Mrs. Musser's mother, Mrs. Brungart, in Rebersburg.

Some of the officials connected with the State pen would have us believe that the head gardener was removed because of his inability to raise big cabbages, but when one looks over the situation with only a bit of care the conclusion must be reached that there have been too many cabbage-headed officials about the place since its inception instead of too small a cabbage crop.



PHILPSBURG STATE HOSPITAL

The corner stone of the Philipsburg State Hospital laid two years ago is now completed. The above picture of the institution is by courtesy of the Philipsburg Daily Journal, which paper in a recent issue gave the following information:

Near the service entrance on the ground floor is a modern equipped kitchen with electric range, steam tables, dishwasher, etc., also ample store rooms and cold storage refrigerators. At the south end is the ambulance and dispensary entrance, with provisions for all dispensary cases, including the state T. B. and G. U. cases, with provisions for waiting room, toilets, etc. Laboratory and pharmacy departments are amply provided. An X-ray department consists of radiographic, fluoroscopic and deep therapy rooms. A room for the proper storage for patients' clothing is provided.

The central section is for administration, consisting of offices, waiting room and four internes' rooms and baths. This floor is for men patients, the north for surgical cases with ward, surgical dressing room and quiet room; and the south for medical cases.

This floor is for women and children. The central section is devoted to four and six bed wards, utility, service and bath rooms. The north wing is devoted to a maternity department, with ward, nursery, sterilizing room, labor and delivery rooms. A feature of the nursery is the glass enclosure, permitting a mother to see from the ward or hall the bathing and care of her baby. It also serves to permit the visitors to see without entering the nursery, thus preventing danger of infection. The baby is protected against too hot water and too strong water pressure. The water is delivered through a mixing valve to a tank with a thermometer, and runs by gravity through a spray over the baby.

The children's department is located in the south end and is surrounded by glass. One portion is equipped for isolation, if necessary, with outside entrance, to protect the other children from infection.

This floor is equipped with twenty rooms for private patients, with and without private bath and en-suite, also utility and service rooms.

The north wing is a complete operating suite, consisting of major and minor operating rooms, sterilizing room, surgeons' dressing room, anesthetizing and work room and blanket warmer. Operating rooms are well lighted by skylights and an ingenious new French central operating light. The sterilizing equipment is the latest word in efficiency.

The roof is covered with pavement tile, and when weather permits, the patients may be brought up in the elevator and wheeled out on the roof. There are six enclosed sun porches for the comfort of patients.

An automatic electric push button elevator travels from the ground floor to the roof.

All doors are four feet wide to permit beds to pass through.

The floors throughout are designed for durability and comfort and are practically noiseless, consisting of Battleship linoleum, treadlite and rubber.

When a patient calls a nurse by pushing a button, a light shows at the bedside, over the door, at the nurses' station, also in the utility room and serving room, so that the nurse is quickly guided to the patient needing assistance. The light is not extinguished until the nurse releases the switch at the patient's bedside.

A telephone switchboard in the office connects all nurses' stations, all private rooms, operating and maternity departments.

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