



NINE AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

Call For 75 Million Dollars Appropriation—\$8,000,000 for Penn State Buildings.

Nine resolutions, promising amendments to the constitution of the state, will be before the 1925 session of the Legislature for second passage, unless withdrawn by their sponsors.

Among the proposed amendments are three which would provide for the issuance of \$38,000,000 of state bonds, provided they receive approval of the voters.

The other amendments would provide that the subjects of all laws revised or amended shall be clearly expressed in their titles; that laws may be enacted authorizing assessments against all properties in Philadelphia which may be specially and particularly benefited by the construction of public improvements or public utilities.

If the amendments receive favorable action by the Legislature they could and should be submitted to the people at the general election this year.

"Nittany" An Indian Name.

An official connected with the Standard Steel Works, at Burnham, wrote from Philadelphia, asking if Nittany, as applied to the mountain above Centre Hall, is an Indian name.

She was a good neighbor, affectionate wife and kind mother. Her remains were laid to rest in Georges Valley cemetery, Rev. M. C. Drumm, a former pastor of Middleburg, officiating.

Roosevelt's Writings.

The confidential letters of Theodore Roosevelt to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge are to be disclosed for the first time in a series to start in the Sunday New York American next Sunday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A red fox was killed by James E. Frohm on Monday.

The boys and girls are having good skating on the Booser ice pond, at the foot of the mountain.

C. E. Musser, of Anaronsburg, installed a Junior Beaver heating plant in Mrs. Godshall's home last week.

Misses Helen and Margaret Kline, of Altoona, spent part of their Christmas vacation with their aunt, Mrs. V. Godshall, in Centre Hall.

A son was born two days before Christmas to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Brit, at East Sanguis, Mass. The mother will be recalled as Miss Iona Tibbitts when a resident here some years ago.

BRISBIN.—Mrs. Tobitha Brisbin, widow of Benjamin Brisbin, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Glenn, in State College, following a long illness of complications due to advanced age.

Out-of-town relatives and friends who attended the funeral of Mrs. L. Ray Morgan, were her husband, and son, Louis B. and Mrs. Morgan, of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice, of Belleville; Mrs. Frank Gibson, of Reedsville; Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Kuhn, Mervin Kuhn and daughter, Miss Mildred, of Williamsport; Coris Faulkner, of Johnstown; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, and Fred Weber, of Boalsburg; Messrs. Clark Herman, John Shook, David Ewings, and P. D. Osman, represented the I. O. O. F. and Woodman lodges at State College.

DEATHS.

Mrs. L. Raymond Morgan died at her home at 345 East 8th Avenue, Homestead, on Sunday evening, 28th ult., after an illness of two weeks which began with ptomaine poisoning.

Mrs. Morgan was the youngest daughter of William H. and Margaret (Rolph) Kuhn, and was aged fifty-seven years. There survive her husband and one son, Louis Benjamin Morgan, of Pittsburgh, and the sister named previously.

Her marriage to Mr. Morgan took place at Centre Hall in 1898, at which time Mr. Morgan was a clerk in the State College post office under Postmaster John Stuart, from State College.

where they have since lived.

HETTINGER.—After a lingering illness of a complication of diseases for more than seven weeks, the spirit of Susan, wife of R. E. Hettinger, took its flight. Mrs. Hettinger was the daughter of Joseph and Lydia Rishel, of Gregg township, and was born October 19, 1858, and died Dec. 22, 1924, aged 66 years, 2 months and 4 days.

She was a member of the Lutheran church for many years. Her husband and four children are left to mourn: Misses Verna and Edna at home; Herbert Hettinger, of Huston; and Bruce Hettinger, near Penns Cave. Also the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Carrie Cain, of Georges Valley; Charles B. Rishel, of Blackfoot, Idaho; George Rishel, of Maple Park, Ill.; Mrs. James Decker, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Fred Stover, Mrs. W. C. Krader and Jonas Rishel, of Oshkosh, Wis.; and John H. Rishel, of Spring Mills. One brother, Andrew Rishel, preceded her to his reward.

He was a son of David and Mary (Susan) Blue, and was born at Centre Hall on April 27th, 1859, hence was in his seventy-fifth year. He was a blacksmith by trade and all his later life was spent in Clearfield county.

He was married Miss Cecelia Flegel, who died four years ago. His survivors include six grand-children and the following brothers and sisters: A. D. Rhue, of Altoona; Edgar, of Hastings, Mrs. Anna Lucas, of Runville, and Mrs. Jennie Strayer, of Altoona. Burial was made at Wallaceton on December 26th.

BAILEY.—G. Wash Bailey, a native of Ferguson township, died in a hospital at Seattle, Wash., on Christmas day, following several weeks' illness with uremic trouble. He was a son of John and Nancy Goheen Bailey, and was born in the Glades seventy-five years ago. Fifty years ago he married Miss Mary Miller, of Pine Grove Mills, and shortly thereafter went west and located in Downs, Kan. His wife died fourteen years ago and since that time he had been making his home among his children in California and Washington. His survivors include three daughters and two sons, as well as one brother, Warren Bailey, of Springfield, Ill. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a good citizen in every way. The remains were taken to his old home at Downs, Kansas.

BECK.—William F. Beck, of the firm of W. F. Beck and Sons, dealers in musical instruments, died at his home in Lock Haven, from bronchial asthma. He was born at Hubbersburg, Centre county, on October 14, 1846, but has resided in Lock Haven since a young man of 27 years. He was one of the pioneer music teachers in the Lock Haven section, and a member of the Lutheran church.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Brady and Ward E. of Lock Haven, and one brother and one sister.

BRISBIN.—Mrs. Tobitha Brisbin, widow of Benjamin Brisbin, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Glenn, in State College, following a long illness of complications due to advanced age.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Peters. Surviving are these children: Mrs. Samuel Weaver, of Bellefonte; Mrs. John Glenn and Mrs. James Williams, of State College, and Lawrence Brisbin, of Tyrone. One brother, William Peters, of Unionville, also survives. Interment at Unionville.

RIPKA.—India (WRO) Ripka, widow of Henry Ripka, died in Sunbury, and on Saturday was buried in Middleburg where the Ripka family lived for many years. Her husband, who was well known about here, died about eight years ago.

(Other deaths on inside page)

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES FOR CENTRE HALL AND SPRING MILLS

Week of Prayer services are in progress in Centre Hall and Spring Mills, and will continue until Friday evening, January 16th. The theme for the services is "The Life of Christ". Besides the local pastors, visiting ministers representing the five various denominations of the town, are taking part in the services and helping to make them interesting.

The program for both Centre Hall and Spring Mills, follows:

CENTRE HALL

Song Leader—Mr. E. W. Crawford

January 6th Presbyterian Church "Jesus—the Servant"....Sermon by Rev. H. H. Sherman.

January 7th Presbyterian Church "Jesus—the Minister"....Sermon by Rev. F. S. Greenhoe.

January 8th Lutheran Church "Jesus—the Man of Wonders, Miracles and Signs"..... Sermon by Rev. A. D. Gramley, Williamsport, Pa.

January 9th Lutheran Church "Jesus—the Prophet"....Sermon by Rev. D. R. Keener

January 10th Reformed Church "Jesus—the Teacher"....Sermon by Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick.

January 12th Reformed Church "Jesus—the Shepherd"....Sermon by Rev. E. E. Haney.

January 13th Evangelical Church Sermon by Rev. W. W. Moyer, Boalsburg, Pa.

January 14th Evangelical Church Sermon by Rev. W. J. Wagner, Boalsburg, Pa.

January 15th Methodist Church Sermon by Rev. J. W. Long, D. D., Williamsport, Pa.

January 16th Methodist Church Sermon by Presbyterian Representative.

SPRING MILLS

Song Leader—Mr. Luther Musser

January 6th Methodist Church "Jesus—the Physician"....Sermon by Rev. J. F. Bingham.

January 7th Methodist Church "Christians' Assurance"....Sermon by Rev. A. D. Gramley, Williamsport, Pa.

January 8th Reformed Church "Jesus—the Teacher"....Sermon by Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick.

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January 14th Lutheran Church Sermon by Rev. W. W. Moyer, Boalsburg, Pa.

January 15th Lutheran Church "The Garden of Life"....Sermon by Rev. J. Shabl, State College, Pa.

January 16th Lutheran Church Sermon by Rev. J. W. Long, D. D., Williamsport, Pa.

Church Extends Courtesy.

Two congregations are now making use of the sun church, following the destruction by fire of the Snow Shoe M. E. church, a short time ago. The Presbyterian congregation immediately offered the use of its building to the homeless congregation. Plans for rebuilding the burned church are being made but no real action can be taken until after cold weather is over.

The church was completely destroyed by its two organs, piano and furniture. It was a historic building and had been in use since 1870.

POTTERS MILLS.

Everybody has recovered, it seems, from their severe colds.

Samuel Leister has been sick, suffering from kidney trouble.

Miss Sara Landis spent New Year's with Miss Kate Fredericks.

Mrs. Will Stover spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Confer. We are glad to see Sammy Lingle back again.

Forester Wm. McKinney has been seriously ill with indigestion and heart trouble.

Mildred Duck, a student at the State Normal, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Lee.

Ed. Mingle and wife spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. George McCormick.

Mrs. Ed. Foust spent New Year's day with her friend, Kathryn Wagner, who has been very sick.

Mrs. Joseph Funk, of White Haven, spent some time with her father, Samuel Leister.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith spent Christmas at William Smith's, at Spring Mills.

Mrs. John Wilkinson and Harry Wilkinson spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Carson.

Another year past and gone. We know what is past, but what will 1925 bring forth for us?

Mrs. Ruth Thomas and William and Mrs. Emma Fohringer enjoyed a turkey dinner at John Fohringer home on New Year's day.

J. Roy Smith spent a few days with his parents. He has moved from Reedsville to Lewistown where he will be closer to his work.

Mrs. Lizzie Shirk of Centre Hall; Thomas Miller and family, of Tusseyville; Charley Milfee and family, of Centre Hill, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Miller.

Floyd Jordan, teacher of the Grammar school at this place, held a fine Christmas entertainment for his scholars. It was a grand success. That's the way to try to make everybody happy around you. God don't intend you to roll up your eyes and droop the corners of your mouth. Life is too short for that. Everybody should make life worth living. Use your talents in every way.

'Twas a cold, snowless Christmas, with mercury hovering around the zero mark.

New Garage Man Here.

On New Year's day, Walter Hosterman assumed complete control of the L. L. Smith garage, in Centre Hall, which he recently purchased from Mr. Smith. Mr. Hosterman is well known in this section, and for some years past has been the leading mechanic in the Snyder garage at State College. He has a thorough knowledge of the garage business, and is especially fitted along the line of electrical work, which he has given much study. Battery charging and generator repairing will receive special attention. He promises to give auto owners service second to none.

Assisting Mr. Hosterman in the garage is Ralph Hagan, also an experienced and painstaking mechanic.

Mr. Hosterman has the agency for the Dodge Bros. automobiles, and expects to push their sale in this part of Pennsylvania.

About April 1st, Mr. Hosterman will move his family here and occupy the Edward Loughner property, formerly the Kerr home.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Although all roads are covered with snow, but few sleds are seen anywhere.

Coasting on snow-covered hills is sport much enjoyed by the boys and girls. Automobile drivers, take notice and give them all the road you can.

On Monday morning William B. Garis went to Williamsport where he will be an instructor in a vocational school. He will teach young men how to lay brick, using the three and four-brick mortar spread method.

Earl J. Grove, who had been assisting his brother on the Howard Grove farm, near Tusseyville, left on the first of the year for Altoona, where he will be employed on the Bel Mead dairy farm.

L. Maynard Barger and son Richard, were among the Reporter's business callers on Saturday. Mr. Barger lives in the Red Mill district and thinks himself lucky that he is not obliged to move because of the fact that he owns the farm on which he lives.

W. D. Shoop, who had been employed in the Fable clothing store, Bellefonte, almost twenty years, came to his home in Centre Hall, on Monday, having quit as a salesman. As was previously announced, Mr. Shoop contemplates going south sometime during this month.

Clyde E. Dutrow and Samuel Gross, beginning of this week, left for Lakeview, Florida, where they will be engaged with Elmer Evey, formerly of State College, in house construction. Both men had been employed much of the time at State College on construction work. Before leaving they joined a mechanics' union in Lewistown.

\$125,000 FIRE AT STATE COLLEGE

Second Fire in Six Weeks Destroys Ten Business Places.—Origin of Fire Unknown.

Tuesday night, December 30, State College was visited by the second disastrous fire within a period of six weeks, when ten business places and an apartment in the heart of the town fell victims to flames entailing a loss of approximately \$125,000.

The business places wiped out were The Variety Store and the restaurant of Wilbur F. Letzels, George L. Smith's tonorial parlor, Graham & Sons' "Little Store on the Corner," Walter Hoy's grocery, the Montgomery clothing store, Dr. Robison's dental parlors, the chiropractic office of Dr. R. H. Fox, Kline's shoe shop and the shoe shine parlor. The apartment burned was that of George L. Smith on the third floor of the Letzell building. All carried insurance save Mr. Kline, who had just installed some new machinery and put in a \$500 stock of leather.

The Variety Store building and the one occupied by George L. Smith, Graham & Sons, Dr. Robison, Dr. Fox, Mr. Kline, the shoe shine parlor and the Smith apartment were both owned by H. A. Letzell; the Hoy Grocery building by George L. Smith and the Montgomery store by Montgomery & Co. All are virtually a total loss. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Within the past eight years almost the entire area extending from the Fromm Quality Shop, on College avenue, to the corner of Allen street and Beaver avenue, have been burned over. Metzger's store was on fire several years ago, but the flames were extinguished before they had gained much headway. The others to escape are the building of the Peoples National Bank, Crabtree and Dr. J. V. Foster.

Sheriff Runkle Paralyzed.

Sheriff John W. Runkle, of Middleburg, on New Year's morning, suffered a paralytic stroke that rendered him completely helpless. He had risen from bed when his housekeeper heard a call for help from him, but before she could render assistance she heard him fall to the floor. A prisoner was released to aid in caring for him until a physician was secured. His condition since has been extremely serious. Members of the household were summoned from Florida.

Mr. Runkle is sheriff of Snyder county. He is in his seventy-third year and is a brother of James W. Runkle, of Centre Hall.

Phillipsburg Philanthropist.

David Atherton, one of Phillipsburg's most successful business men, now wintering at St. Petersburg, Florida, has donated \$5,000 to the Old Folks' Home of the Presbyterian church, now in course of construction at Hollidaysburg.

The contribution will be a great help to the charitable enterprise, and those who are promoting and sponsoring it are doubtless deeply grateful to Mr. Atherton, who as a member of the Williamsgrove Brick Company has become widely known in business circles.

Milk Thrice Daily.

It is not "forty times a day," as the old song runs, but regularly thrice daily the sixteen cows kept by John Snavely, on his dairy farm east of Centre Hall, are milked. The hours are 5:00 A. M., 1:00 P. M., and 8:00 P. M. The milking is done by a modern milk "maid," which must be cranked up. Mr. Snavely keeps only the best cows, feeds for milk, and his barn is warm, well ventilated and arranged so the cows have the greatest comfort.

Mr. Snavely is accustomed to having spectators at the near mid-day milking period, and if you chance that way at 1:00 o'clock P. M., you will be rewarded if you visit the barn.

Barn Burned.

The large barn on the Than Yearick farm, west of Jacksonville, was totally destroyed by fire about a week ago. The place was tenanted by Richard Meckley, who estimates his loss at \$2500; the barn was valued at \$5000. There was light insurance on both. It is thought by some that the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion. The fire broke out in the afternoon while the tenant and family were a way from home.

District Attorney Appointed.

Ivan Walker was appointed district attorney, on Friday, by Judge Arthur C. Dale. The vacancy was caused by the elevation of Mr. Dale from that office to the judgeship by appointment. Mr. Walker is the junior member of the law firm of Spangler and Walker, and is a son of former Sheriff Miles W. Walker. From some quarter it is given out that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself at the election next fall.

Penn State College Notes.

President John M. Thomas of the Pennsylvania State College, received an unexpected Christmas gift last week when he was granted a commission as major in the Officers' Reserve Corps by the War Department. Dr. Thomas, who served as a chaplain during the Mexican border trouble and the World war, formerly held the rank of captain. His promotion was strongly recommended by Colonel John T. Axton, chief of chaplains.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A second gas tank has been installed by James I. Peteroff, from which he will sell the Sinclair gas.

An eight weeks old calf purchased by John Dauberman from W. W. Tate, of Pleasant Gap, weighed 290 pounds. The dam was a Guernsey and the sire a Holstein.

Fred Bender and little daughter, Margaret, at the close of the old year left for Pittsburgh for a short stay. Mr. Bender is a Rawleigh salesman and is vigorously pushing the business.

Phillip Musser, who is employed in the golf ball department of the Goodrich company's plant in Akron, Ohio, was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Musser, near Centre Hall, for a few days.

A daughter put in her appearance at the C. D. Bartholomew home in Centre Hall, the morning after Christmas, and has been named Jean. An only sister, fifteen years old, gave the newcomer a hearty greeting.

The Woodring hotel at Port Matilda has been reopened after being extensively remodeled. The old hostelry is now under new management, M. J. Redenberger and C. Baumgardner being the new proprietors.

Rev. Wilson P. Ard is seriously considering accepting the appointment to the chaplaincy in the U. S. Army. He was recently in Washington consulting with Secretary of the Navy Wilbur relative to the position.

The Evangelical church at Tusseyville was papered and painted recently, the work having been done by J. M. Coldron, of Centre Hall. A picture, representing the Sermon on the Mount to the rear of the pulpit, is reported to be exceptionally pretty and artistic.

Wells A. Schnader, Deputy Attorney General of Pennsylvania, has been named chairman of the executive committee which aims to raise \$200,000 to complete building operations at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster.

Since the 1924 Halloween carnival the Bellefonte Elks have distributed exactly \$1175 to charity in Bellefonte and vicinity. This sum represents the entire proceeds of this annual function and this worthy organization certainly deserves great credit for their thoughtfulness.

A fine crop of ice was harvested from the Booser ice pond beginning of last week. The weather conditions were ideal for that kind of work, the only difficulty being lack of water to bear up the ice as it was being cut. This was overcome by using the water from a second pond.

The Reporter's sale register is taking shape, and we urge farmers contemplating sale next spring, to give us their date now, so that others may know what dates are occupied. The charge for this service is nothing when we are permitted to print the sale bills, which, by the way, can be done at this office as well as elsewhere, and at no greater cost.

A belated wedding announcement is that of Miss Ellen Ishler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ishler, of Linden Hall, and Phillip Collins Shoemaker, eldest son of Mrs. Thomas A. Shoemaker, which took place Tuesday, August 26th. Mr. Shoemaker is one of the business men of Penns Valley, being at the head of a general store and coal yard at Linden Hall, where they are living.

A driver for the Centre County Junk and Fuel Co. lost control of his truck while coming down Spring street just turning off from Bishop, Bellefonte. The truck climbed over the curb and crashed into the wall of the Dr. J. M. Broeckerhoff residence. The crash occurred just where a fire-place was located in the inside, and completely demolished it, also making a large hole in the outside wall. The truck was badly damaged, but the driver was not injured.

After February 1st, former Recorder William H. Brown will have charge of the Garman House, Bellefonte, having leased the same from the owner, Augustus Glinz. The Brandt House, also in Bellefonte, has been purchased by W. W. Beckett, who is conducting it. The Bush House also has new landlords in the persons of H. J. and A. D. Rhinewalt, formerly of Wellsburg, West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Booser, on Sunday, returned from Chicago where they visited their son, Ralph C. Booser. The Junior Mr. Booser had the misfortune to have his second car destroyed by fire. The first car—a Winton six—two years ago, burned in a public garage and the one burned ten days ago—a Packard sedan—was burned in Mr. Booser's private garage. Both cars had been in use but a few months and were insured, which helped to ease up the loss.