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TYPE OF DEMOCRAT WHO CAN BE ELECTED GOVERNOR

The Philadelphia Record Describes the Character of Man and Says We Have Them and Must Be Brought Forward.

The Philadelphia Record in an editorial in its issue of the 18th instant, describes the character of Democrat who can be elected governor of Pennsylvania and furthermore says the Democratic party has the class of man described and that he must be brought forward.

A portion of the Record editorial is as follows:

The Record has no candidate for Governor. But it can describe the only one who will fill the bill.

He must be one whose name and record are known and approved from one end of the Commonwealth to the other.

He must be honest and courageous.

He must be free of obligations to professional politicians.

He must be radical. If radicalism implies devotion to the rights of the humblest citizen; and conservative, if conservatism implies a well-balanced judgment of public questions.

He must be a man who can see clearly and think clearly, and who will not attempt to lead his party astray in pursuit of false and irrelevant issues.

His character and associations must convey assurance, if elected, he will not appoint incompetent or untrustworthy men to positions of trust and responsibility, or attempt to pay personal or partisan debts out of the public treasury.

We think we have described a Democrat. There are such Democrats in Pennsylvania. The nomination of one such to head the ticket, and of three others as his running mates, is the first step toward reaping the harvest planted and carefully cultivated by blind and rascally Republican leadership.

The Record invites the Democrats of the State to think this thing over. The time for the crystallization of sentiment in support of trustworthy leaders is growing short. Reflection and subsequent action should be guided by these simple considerations:

First, there are thousands of Democrats all over the State—many of them right here in Philadelphia—who will gladly support men of the right type, but who will not come out to vote if the candidates do not command their respect and confidence.

Second, there are thousands of independent Republicans, and more thousands of regular Republicans, who will vote the Democratic ticket this year if convinced that the Democratic party will give them laws guaranteeing honest elections; and only candidates of unimpeachable standing will so convince them.

Third, it would be fatal to attempt to drag the prohibition issue, in any way, shape or form, into this State campaign. Democrats who do not stand for law enforcement might as well lie down, to save themselves from falling. Opinions favorable or unfavorable to prohibition as a national policy have nothing more to do with Democracy in Pennsylvania than opinions on hair-bobbing.

The question before our State Democracy is whether it wants to win or lose—to serve the State or serve a futile factionalism. It will never have a better chance to win than it has right now, provided the right men are brought to the front. We say "brought" because if they won't come they ought to be forcibly drafted.

The last paragraph of the Record editorial eliminates Judge Eugene Bonniwell of Philadelphia, as coming within its specifications, for the Judge, who holds office at the pleasure of the Republican gangsters, has already announced himself a candidate. If the Democratic party has no better man to offer than Bonniwell it ought to hibernate.

The executive committee of the National Grange favors an increase of the appropriation for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis to \$6,000,000. The Grange looks with favor on the movement to further encourage farmers to clean up their herds.

SPRING MILLS

Clair Allison, of Renovo, spent Sunday with his father, H. M. Allison.

Roland Gentsell and family, of Altoona, were visitors with relatives.

J. R. Haney is spending this week at the Evangelical parsonage.

Quite a number of people attended a law suit in Bellefonte on Monday.

Mrs. William Fredericks, who is quite ill, is not improving at this writing.

Mrs. Dean Braucht and little daughter, of Coalport, were visitors at the Dr. Braucht home.

Rufus Finkle, of Mifflinburg, and William Rocky and family, of Altoona, spent Sunday at the Russell Condo home.

Mrs. Paul Swabb, who was operated on in the Gelsinger hospital, is recovering nicely and will be home in the near future.

Miss Ora Wagner, who teaches school near State College, was home for a week, ill with grippe and soar throat.

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LINCOLN ESSAY CONTEST WON BY "HIGH" JUNIORS

Alma Lutz and Grace Wible, the Judges Say, Had Best Papers—One of the Essays Printed Below.

As previously stated in these columns, Alma Lutz and Grace Wible, members of the Centre Hall High School Junior Class, were judged to have written the best two essays on Lincoln. The essay of the latter is reprinted below:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Abraham Lincoln was born in the back woods of Kentucky on Feb. 12th, 1809. His father, Thomas Lincoln, was a descendant of Samuel Lincoln of Norwich, England, who migrated to this country in 1638. His mother, who was Nancy Hanks, was a native of Virginia. When Abraham was four years old his father moved to Knob Creek to a much better farm than the one on which he had been living. It was here that Abraham's mother began to teach him, and where he first attended school. The Lincoln family lived at Knob Creek for four years, until Thomas Lincoln again caught the fever of western emigration. Then they moved to Indiana. Thomas Lincoln did not have time to build a house immediately after moving, so he erected a dwelling made of boards, in the shape of a three-sided wood-shed. This was used for a temporary shelter. He did not get a house built until the next spring. The family was compelled to live all winter in the wood-shed shack. They moved into their new house the next spring about the time some of their relatives and friends came from Kentucky. The old shack was occupied by the new-comers. The next autumn a contagious disease appeared among these people and several of them died, because of the lack of medical aid. Thomas Lincoln was a carpenter, and it became his task to construct coffins in which to bury the dead. Mrs. Lincoln contracted the disease and died. Abraham was not quite nine years old at this time, but he helped his father bury his mother and wrote a letter to a preacher, asking him to come and say a prayer over his mother's grave.

The death of Mrs. Lincoln was a great loss to the Lincoln family. After the mother's death the managing of the house fell to Abraham's little sister, Sarah, who was only eleven years old. She took care of the house until the next summer, when Thomas Lincoln married Mrs. Sally Bush, a widow. Abraham's step-mother was always very kind to and just with him and his sister, and later became one of the great influences of his life.

Mrs. Lincoln soon saw the abilities of this boy and greatly encouraged Abraham to read and study. This was advantageous because all the schooling he ever had would not have amounted to one year.

When Lincoln was a boy he loved to read, but the only books which the Lincoln family possessed were: Aesop's Fables, The Life of Washington, The History of the United States, Pilgrim's Progress, Robinson Crusoe, and the Bible. These books he read and re-read. He borrowed all kinds of books from people for miles around, and was often heard to say that his best friend was the man who would loan him a book which he had not read.

In 1831, when Lincoln was 21 years old, he had his parents good-bye and set out to make his own way in the world. When he left home he went to New Salem where he found work in a store. It was here that he won his name "Honest Abe." He was given this title because he tried his best to be honest in all things. There are many stories told of the honesty of Abraham Lincoln, and especially of his work in this store. One story of him which is very popular is the one about the six and one-fourth cents which he had overcharged a woman for tea. This lady had made several purchases, and after she had paid for the goods and gone to her home Lincoln found that he had charged her six and one-fourth cents too much. That evening he walked several miles to return to his customer the amount of the overcharge.

Mrs. Donling, the daughter of Lincoln's step-sister, said: "Uncle Abe got his honesty and his kind heart from his father. Maybe the Hanks family was smarter," she said, "but they could not hold a candle to Thomas Lincoln when it came to morals."

When Lincoln was at New Salem he enlisted in a company of volunteers from Sangamon county to fight Black Hawk and his followers. To his great surprise he was elected captain of the company. He was captain of the regiment for three months but did not see any real fighting. His regiment was finally mustered out, but Lincoln re-enlisted as a private and remained with the army two months longer. When he saw no signs of any more war he returned home.

During the time Lincoln was at New Salem he fell in love with a beautiful blue-eyed girl, Anne Rutledge. She was very much like Lincoln himself in temperament and disposition, and was very kind and tender-hearted. She was loved by every one who knew her. She had been engaged to Mr. McNamey, who had gone east to settle certain family affairs. He never returned and Anne became engaged to Lincoln. Only about a year after her engagement to him she died. The cause of her death was brain fever. Her death was a great shock to Lincoln, and it brought to him great grief. He wandered about without food or shelter for several days, but finally, through the care and kindness of his friends, was led back to thinking of other things. But the lines which grief had furrowed in his face were never erased.

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\$230,772 LOW BID FOR THE SEVEN MOUNTAIN ROAD

Dod Construction Company, of Hastings, Low Bidders on Road from Milroy to Centre County Line.

Bids for 23,693 feet of reinforced concrete on Route 29, Armagh township, Mifflin county, were opened on Saturday afternoon by the State Highway Department, and the Dod Construction Company of Hastings, Pa., was the low bidder. The price was \$230,772.95. It is believed that the contract will be awarded later.

The construction covered in this contract starts at Milroy and ends at the Mifflin-Centre county line on top of the Seven Mountains. While there will be several changes to eliminate dangerous curves and lessen grades, the route followed will be practically the same as traversed by the present State road and will not traverse the "Coxe Valley route."

It is understood that the road will not be closed during the construction of the concrete highway but that one side will be built while traffic is allowed the other side. This plan will eliminate a detour of many miles.

During the past several weeks many contracting firms have visited Milroy to secure prices of materials and look over the ground before placing their bids for the work. The work is to be started as soon as weather permits.

Married at Parsonage.

Theodore Glenn Perrini, of Sandy Lake, Mercer county, and Miss Dorothy Knisely, of Bellefonte, were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Trinity Methodist church, Lock Haven, Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, by the Rev. J. Merrill Williams, pastor of the church. They will reside in Bellefonte. The bridegroom is in the employ of the State Highway department as draftsman and construction engineer.

Trio Next Lecture Course Number.

To-morrow (Friday) the Esther Gene Runyon Trio will appear in Grange Arcadia, as one of the numbers on the local lyceum course. This promises to be a good musical number, and well worth the small admission price. If you are not the holder of a course ticket, attend this number and thereby assist the committee in its endeavor to meet the cost of the course without a deficit.

Lecture To-Night.

Don't forget the Hawaiian lecture to-night (Wednesday), in Grange Arcadia by Lottie L. Tibbets, who is thoroughly familiar with the customs, habits and traditions of this people. Admission, 15 and 30 cents.

Cows and Manure Value.

An added income of \$252,949 a year is enjoyed by Centre county farmers indirectly as a result of keeping cows, according to the Larowe Institute of Animal Economics. This income is in the form of a more fertile soil due to the manure of the dairy cows in this county. On the basis of practically a \$20.00 fertilizer valuation per animal per year, this means a total of \$252,949 added to the richness of the soil in this county every twelvemonth.

TWO MURDERERS WILL ESCAPE ELECTRIC CHAIR

Pair Win Commutation to Life Sentence, One is Refused.

Two men under sentence of death in the electric chair at Rockview Penitentiary, William J. Bishop, of Hersey, and Alvin Case, were granted commutation of sentence to life imprisonment by the State Board of Pardons at its monthly meeting in Harrisburg. The appeal of another prisoner, under sentence of electrocution next month, Thomas Legins, Philadelphia, was denied.

Bishop was sentenced to die March 22, and Case, who was known also as "Charles Steele of Tennessee," was sentenced to go to the chair next Monday. The case of Joseph Baker, a Negro, was withdrawn following an announcement that he had died at the Western Penitentiary.

Legins was convicted of killing his wife while at the home of her parents by firing three shots into her body.

William Carper Uhl was taken to the county jail falling to furnish bail in the sum of \$6000. Up to February 4th he was a sophomore in Penn. State. The last few days of his living in State College were devoted to passing forged checks in sums ranging from \$3.50 to \$50.00. His method was to purchase an article at a store and present a check in excess of the amount. He left State College for Philadelphia and was picked up there by a State College police.

Three more days in February. What has March in store?

MISSION SERVICE IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Day of Prayer for Missions Observed—Juniors Render Fine Program.

Friday was the day set apart by the Federation of Women's Board of Foreign Missions of North America and Council of Women for Home Missions as a day of prayer for mission work. These organizations include all of the various mission activities of all churches. The day was observed in the Presbyterian church by the rendering of an appropriate program by junior mission workers of the various churches of Centre Hall.

The first portion of the hour was devoted to prayer. In this there engaged both the adult, the young people and the juniors.

After this the program was given over to the little people, the opening being the singing of "The Sweet Story of Old" arranged for pantomime by Isabel Bradford.

"The Story They All Sang" was the title given a tea-party by two American girls (Thelma Brungart and Helen Odenkirk), who gave expression to see something new, even a new face. While sipping tea at a table richly set with china and silver, their wishes were gratified by the appearance of strange faces from Japan, China, India, Ceylon, Korea, Syria, Burman, and a follower of Mohammed. Each was most heartily welcomed and invited to share in their repast before them, and by them accepted. The conversation turned to religion, and the one thing they knew was that Jesus loves them, and gave expression to it by singing in Japanese, Chinese and Hindi the familiar song, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know."

The children representing the much welcomed faces were Lorraine Brungart, Mary Reiber, Catharine Goodhart, Bettie Ebricht, Anna Mary Martz, Catharine Runkle, Ruth Hartley, Sarah Odenkirk.

The little missionaries also sang several missionary songs and the choir rendered selections.

School Report, 5th and 6th Grades.

For fifth month: Number pupils, boys 18, girls 18, total 34; per cent of attendance boys 95, girls 93. The following pupils made 100 per cent in monthly tests: Spelling—Lawrence Hartley, Hugh Morrow, Isabel Bradford, Franklin Moyer, Benjamin Gutzell, Burton Snyder, Muth Bailey, Jack Coldron, Arithmetic—Muth Bailey, History—Muth Bailey, Visitor, Prof. H. C. Rothrock—Thos. L. Moore, teacher.

Methodist Conference Dates.

Annual conferences of the Methodist church of six districts will be held in March and April. The Central Pennsylvania Conference will meet on March 17, at Berwick, with Bishop Edgewood Hughes, of Chicago, presiding. The Philadelphia Conference will be held in the Fletcher Memorial Church, at Philadelphia, on March 24. Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of that city, will preside. Other conference dates include: March 24, Washington, at Pittsburgh; Bishop W. W. Clair, Covington, Ky.; April 7, Wyoming, at Kingston; Bishop William F. McDowell, Washington, D. C.; April 7, Delaware, at Chester; Bishop W. P. Thirkield, Chattanooga, Tenn., and April 21, East German Conference, at Philadelphia, Bishop H. L. Smith, Helena, Mont.

Paul Hironimus, an employee in the silk mill at Selingsgrove, and Miss Thelma Salter, also of Selingsgrove, were guests for a week at the home of the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hironimus, in Centre Hall.

A circular electro-magnet suspended from a truck and driven over a portion of the Yellowstone Trail, picked up 150 pounds of nails, bolts and scrap. Every piece picked up was a menace to the motorists' tires.

A band of distinguished Federal agents hobbled with residents about Reedsville and Lewistown, got into their good graces, bought booze and stored it for evidence. Later the men came back with search warrants. The result is that a large number of persons in that district will be in Harrisburg on Friday and be the principals in a hearing in that city.

Frank McClintic, of Linden Hall, was in town on Saturday in the interest of his sale of live stock in March. Mr. McClintic has lived on the Tressler farm for seventeen years and is yet of the opinion that moving from one farm to another is unprofitable. Mr. McClintic is one of several members of the Bonalsburg I. O. O. F. who were recognized recently as having been members of the order for twenty-five years.

Mrs. H. H. Longwell and son Robert, of Williamsport, were among friends in town beginning of the week.

INCOME FROM STATE FOREST \$107,499 FOR YEAR

In Twenty-five Years Sales from State Forests \$702,744—Large Increase in Latter Years.

Figures compiled by the State Department of Forests and Waters show that the income from the State Forests during 1925 amounted to \$107,499.72. Much of this income was derived from the sale of chestnut poles, posts, ties and lumber killed by the blight. The removal of the dead and dying chestnut trees has eliminated serious fire hazards, and also made room for other valuable forest trees to grow. Considerable income was also derived from the sale of minerals, such as sand, clay and gneiss rock. Each year an increasing income is also derived from the recreational privileges on the State Forests, which include the leasing of permanent camp sites, concessions, and other recreational privileges. The total income from this source during 1925 was \$12,611.

During the last twenty-five years the receipts from the State Forests have totaled \$702,744.67. Of this amount \$344,464.50 have been deposited in the State School Fund. That the State Forest receipts have been increasing rapidly in recent years is shown by the fact that during the past three years, 1923 to 1925, the total income from the State Forests has been \$237,902.26, or 48 per cent of the total receipts since 1900. During this three-year period the School Fund receipts have totaled \$76,992.16.

New Hotel for State College.

A community-built hotel is planned for the borough of State College. Representative citizens of the town have received and accepted a favorable report from the Hockenberry System, Inc., and are planning to raise the necessary funds through community subscriptions.

Need for a new hotel has been felt by State College for many years, especially since the Pennsylvania State College has begun attracting hundreds of motor tourists throughout each year. A committee of fifteen prominent men has been appointed to complete details and to determine the size and location of the proposed hostelry which is to be modern in every respect.

Our Public Schools.

The wealth of Pennsylvania is estimated at \$28,822,745,000, and is second in wealth of the states in the Union. Twenty-four per cent of this wealth is taxable for school purposes. The State has invested in schools the sum of \$331,185,244.

The assessed valuation of property taxed for school purposes is \$8,052,621,577.

The total amount appropriated for the public schools and related agencies in Pennsylvania by the 1925 Legislature was \$56,637,194. In addition more than \$6,000,000 was appropriated to Universities and Colleges, State-owned and State-aided institutions, boards and commissions and the State Library and Museum.

GASOLINE TAX \$10,574,412.48.

Increase Over Former Years of 24 Per Cent—Centre's Share of the Fund, \$16,660.77.

State Treasurer S. S. Lewis, sent out the following statement regarding gasoline tax for the year 1925:

The total amount of gasoline tax collected in Pennsylvania during the calendar year of 1925, was \$10,574,412.48. Of this amount \$2,661,703.64 will be distributed among the several counties throughout the State; \$3,285,248.82 was paid into the General Fund and \$4,627,459.92 into the Motor Fund. Centre county's share of the fund was \$16,660.77.

In the future no part of the gasoline tax collections other than that which may represent delinquencies will be paid into the General Fund. Under the Act of 1925 all gasoline tax will be used only for the purpose of construction, re-construction, maintenance, and repair of roads and highways and for the payment of interest on bonds issued for road purposes. One-fourth of this tax, which will be approximately two and one-half million dollars, will be distributed among the several counties on the first day of August and February of each year; the other three-fourths, representing approximately seven and one-half million dollars, will be paid into the Motor Fund.

Statistics show that the increased consumption of gasoline during the year 1925 was practically 24 per cent. This is a substantial advance over the increase of former years, when the average was about 20 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Jodon, on Thursday, attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Vonada Tibbens, wife of Henry Tibbens, who died in Bellefonte. Mrs. Tibbens was an aunt of Mrs. Jodon's.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A Chevrolet coach was sold to C. W. Slack by W. A. Homan of the Homan Garage, Centre Hall.

Tonight (Wednesday), Lottie L. Tibbets, globe trotter, will deliver her Hawaiian lecture in Grange Hall.

Mrs. J. Fred Kurtz, of Lewisburg, stopped at Centre Hall on Friday between trains. The time was spent in a visit to Mrs. Margaret Smith, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shunk, of Sunbury, were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerre Shunk, parents of the former, beginning of this week. Mr. Shunk is a railroad engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harvey, of State College, announce the birth of a daughter on Tuesday, February 16, at the State College Private Hospital. The mother was formerly Miss Helen Luse, of Centre Hall.

Mrs. Charles B. Neff, of near Centre Hall, on Friday, went by train to Dewart where she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rickert. Mr. Rickert is employed by the Dewart Products company.

James Boyer, a valuable young man to Walter R. Hosterman in the operation of the Hosterman Garage, was forced to lay off last week because of having the great toe on his left foot crushed when a disk auto wheel fell on it.

Mrs. B. F. Hackett, of Morgantown, recently visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burtges, in Millheim, and F. P. Vonada, in Coburn. Mrs. Hackett, before marriage, was Miss Carrie Tibbens, well known about here and in Gregg township where she was reared.

A. H. Stover, of the hardware firm of Hosterman & Stover Company, in Millheim, attended the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Pennsylvania and Atlantic Seaboard Hardware Association, in the Franklin hotel, Philadelphia.

The Evangelical parsonage in Millheim was sold to James E. Ziegler, of that place; consideration not made public. It is understood that the purchaser will get possession on or about October 1st, this year, meanwhile a new parsonage will be erected on the lot adjoining the church on the south, donated by S. G. Snook.

William Hettinger, of near Spring Mills, was severely injured by a kick from one of his horses. Mr. Hettinger was passing along the aisle back of his horses, when one of the animals kicked, inflicting an injury on the face consisting of a split nose, fractured jaw bone and bruises. Dr. Braucht rendered surgical aid.

Walter Cohen has conceived the idea that water from the big spring in Bellefonte could be shipped at a profit to city dwellers who are not so fortunate in having water pure as the spring goes. He has asked the Bellefonte borough council what protection, if any, he would be given if he would work up a trade for Bellefonte Big Spring water, for which he would be willing to pay the regular meter rate.

The third annual banquet of the Mifflin County Association of Philadelphia will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening. Dr. McCune Radcliffe, well known about here and long connected with the Wills Ear and Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, is the head of the directors of the association. The banquet will be held in the hall of St. Andrew's Methodist church, 45th and Walnut streets.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kramer, of Reading, were in Centre Hall from Saturday until Monday, guests of Mr. Kramer's brother, John F. Kramer, and Mrs. Kramer, and were pleased to find him somewhat improved and in good spirits. Mr. Kramer is engaged with the Bell Telephone Company, and after a seventeen-year employment period as a switchboard electrician, thinks the Bell is an ideal employer.

Harold O. Alexander came up from Wenonah, New Jersey, on Saturday, and until Monday was with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alexander, in Centre Hall. His wife, who had been in Centre Hall for a week before his arrival, returned home with him. The young couple, married several months ago, were here together for the first time since the event, and on Saturday night were reminded that young people don't forget. Their hasty departure following the wedding ceremony left no time for the calthump-like to give them the usual serenading, but Saturday night afforded the young people their opportunity, and they seized it with a vengeance. Like a good sport, Harold "came across."