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## WILSON RUNS ALL ALONE IN RACE FOR SENATE

### Withdrawal of G. H. Rowley Leaves ex-Secretary Only Democratic Candidate

William B. Wilson, secretary of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, issued a statement Saturday outlining his personal platform as Democratic candidate for the United States senatorial nomination. The withdrawal of G. H. Rowley, as an opponent of Mr. Wilson, supported by the Guffey-Bigelow factions, leaves the former Labor Secretary without opposition at the primary.

Mr. Wilson, who has the backing of the McCormick "reorganization" Democrats of Pennsylvania, said he was opposed to the attempt to nullify any part of the Constitution. His statement follows:

"My record of public service in Congress, and in the Cabinet of President Wilson is, I take it, a sufficient assurance of the soundness of my Democracy. I stand upon that record and the record of party achievement.

"If elected Senator, I shall use whatever ability and influence I possess; to maintain the purity of elections by the enactment of laws, Federal if necessary, to safeguard the election, so that all votes shall be honestly cast, honestly counted and honestly credited to the person for whom they are intended.

"To see that the Government is conducted on a basis of the strictest economy commensurate with efficient service.

"To promote world peace by the creation of or adherence to such international agencies as will tend to accomplish that purpose.

"To oppose giving power to the National Government to take over and operate any established industry, except as a war measure, or to commandeer any person to work in them.

"To open and keep open the doors of opportunity on a framework of equality to all persons in every walk of life.

"I cannot accept the theory that the Federal Government must not deal with social and moral questions. Such a theory carried into effect would not only repeal the Eighteenth Amendment but would also abolish several important departments with all of their scientific and social welfare bureaus, including the Bureau of Standards, the Bureau of Mines, the Bureau of the Public Health Service and several others of a similar character. All such questions should be decided upon their merits and the jurisdiction given to the States, the Federal Government, or concurrently whichever will best serve the interests of the people.

"I shall oppose every attempt to nullify any portion of the Constitution or to impair the functions of any Federal department that is giving a desirable service better than it could be provided by the respective States."

## Club House Bevelry.

M. A. Davis, county detective, and John J. Winkler and Joseph Harris, deputies, of Lewistown, raided the Independent Club House located in New Lancaster Valley, Seven Mountains, a few nights ago, where the county detective states they found 35 or 40 people staging a dance and booze party, fifteen of these being women, at least seven of them under 15 years of age.

Several members of the party attacked the county detective and grasped him by the throat. Warrants have been issued for these persons, charging drunk and disorderly conduct, assault and resisting an officer. Fifteen or more others were recognized by the officers and warrants will be issued for them. The jug of booze was broken, but they were able to save enough from which they could make an analysis.

The club is located on State forestry lands and in an attempt will be made immediately to have the permit cancelled by Governor Pinchot, to whom an appeal will be made in person.

## CLEAN UP.

Now is the season of the year when Mother Nature gets busy and cleans her world by sweeping winds, gentle rains, and then beautifies it with green grass, flowers, and trims the trees and shrubs with leaves. It would be well for us to follow such an excellent example, and clean up our small world. Now is the time to rake up all the rubbish, burn it, bury it, or dispose of it in some way that it won't be an eyesore in your community. Now is the time to paint everything paintable so the buildings can present a shining countenance to the Springtime world.

Now is the time to plant flowers, shrubs, gardens, vines, some kinds of trees to assist nature in beautifying the world. We are endowed with fine homes, surrounded with lovely old trees, and it is our inheritance, and our duty to care for them. Many of the trees are dying, or are being cut down along the old trails. If we would make our community more beautiful, and a better place to live, we should aim to replace them.

In the meantime, let's get the Springtime urge, and clean up, pick up, paint up, and plant.

## McLennahan's Grain House.

FARMERS—please note that we are in the market for hay and straw. We pay best prices.

We have just received a carload of Cement, of finest quality. For new building or repairing, nothing gives the lasting endurance of cement. Decide to use nothing but the best. We have it—MCLLENNAHAN'S GRAIN HOUSE.

The PINK LABEL this week.

## B. D. BRISHIN, 81.

### Civil War Veteran and Andersonville Prisoner Quietly Celebrates Anniversary.

Brice David Brishin, a resident of Centre Hall since 1875, celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary on Tuesday. From appearances it was just an ordinary day for him, yet the mails brought messages of good wishes, and remembrances, and his neighbors gave expression in brief calls.

Mr. Brishin is the oldest male resident in Centre Hall, and so far as the writer knows he also leads all males in length of continuous residence here. He is, however, exceeded in both age and length of residence by one or more females.

Mr. Brishin was one of several dozen young men who congregated in the jewelry shop of Jacob B. Edmonds, located east of the stone hotel in Boalsburg, on August 5th, 1862, and there gave his word he was ready to take up the cause of the Union by becoming a high private of Company G, 148th Regiment, P. V. I. Two days later, August 7, 1862, he and his companions formally enlisted, and were mustered August 18, 1862, at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863, he was wounded, and June 22, 1864, when a skirmish line before Petersburg broke, he was taken prisoner, together with Nathan Beans, of Half Moon township, and William V. Starliper, a recruit, whose residence Mr. Brishin did not then know. This trio were marched into Richmond to the Pemberton building, a tobacco storehouse. From here he and the other prisoners were taken on foot to Danville, a distance of about seventy-five miles. They were guarded by men on horseback who carried shot-guns and various kinds of weapons. From Danville to Andersonville the prisoners were carried by rail.

Mr. Brishin was one of about five thousand prisoners taken from Andersonville to Charleston, S. C., where they were huddled on the fair grounds while the city was being shelled. Shells fell all along the border of the race course within the circle of which the prisoners were, but not one inside of it. From here the prisoners were taken to Florence, S. C., where they remained until March, 1865, and later in that month to Richmond, where they were paroled.

At Richmond Mr. Brishin took fever and was seriously ill. He was given good attention, however. He attributes his recovery to a violation of the physician's order not to drink water. A vessel with water was in his room, and when all alone he managed to get from his bed and thoroughly quench his thirst. Next morning the physician told him, after making an examination, that his condition was much better and that he would soon be sent home. It was then the patient revealed what he had done.

The Department of Highways has decided on a detour across the Seven Mountains by way of Siglerville, Half Valley, across the big flat on the old stage road and follow the old tramway to the present road near the Foust Place on top of the mountains. Part of this road was put in shape by the Forestry Department last year and machinery and men under Foreman Ralph McNitt, of Milroy, began work on their huge task to make the old road passable for automobiles the latter part of last week. It is said that \$10,000 has been appropriated for this work. It is expected that the present road across the mountains will be closed for traffic almost any day, as a steam shovel has arrived and work will be started in a few days.

From the above description of the detour only a general idea of it is possible and no definite road can be named after it leaves the road known as the "new pike." Travelers from the east may enter the detour over the "new pike" at Green Brier, one and one-half miles west of Coburn.

## Long Detour Over Seven Mountains.

Three new dwelling houses are to be erected in the section at Millheim known as Gramley's addition. They will be built by I. W. Vonada, of Penn township, B. F. Heckard, of Morganza, and Windom Gramley. The cellar for the latter dwelling is now being excavated.

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## T. B. MEETINGS IN PENN AND HAINES TOWNSHIPS

### Dairymen in Lower Penns and Brush Valleys Fall in Line for Area Tests—Meetings in Aaronsburg and Rebersburg.

Sensing the advantage of area tests for t. b. in cattle, dairymen and cattle growers in Penn and Haines townships, in lower Penns Valley, have already positive assurance of not only getting the required 90 per cent of their number to sign the agreement, but more—probably 100 per cent.

On Tuesday evening of last week a meeting was held at Aaronsburg and addresses were made by Prof. E. B. Fitts, of State College, and County Agent Blaney, and the next meeting at Coburn, Penn township farmers met to hear Dr. J. F. Shigley, instructor in veterinary work at Penn State, and Mr. Blaney.

Penn and Haines townships were organized to the plan adopted in Potter township—a township chairman and a chairman for each school district. A. A. Stover was named township chairman for Haines, and Ralph Stover for Penn township. At the meeting held for Penn township, seventy per cent of the farmers signed up, and Haines township fifty per cent.

Miles township completed its signing up last fall, and is all set ready for tests.

Harris township will next receive attention of the organizers who are not anticipating opposition there.

## I. O. O. F. Install Officers.

An interesting session of the Odd Fellows lodge was held by the local order, Saturday evening, at which time the newly-elected officers were formally installed for the current term. A number of visitors were present and several good talks were given. Following the business session light refreshments were served.

Following is a list of the officers installed:

Noble Grand—Chester A. Spyrker.  
Vice Grand—Jonas Boal.  
Warden—Newton S. Crawford.  
Conductor—Ralph Homan.  
Inside Guard—John Dutrow.  
Outside Guard—J. F. Lutz.  
R. S. to N. G.—V. A. Auman.  
L. S. to N. G.—Russell Brungart.  
Chaplain—M. L. Emerick.  
R. S. to V. G.—Ernest Homan.  
L. S. to V. G.—P. V. Jodon.  
R. S. S.—Myles Snyder.  
L. S. S.—Daniel Bloom.  
Representative elected to Grand Lodge—William E. Montgomery.  
Representative to Orphans' Home at Sunbury—Clyde Dutrow.

Representative to Anniversary at State College, April 27th—J. M. Carson.

## Recalls Days of '61 in Potter Twp.

Freeport, Ill. Mar. 9, 1925.  
Editors Centre Reporter:

Enclosed find money order for the renewal of the Reporter. I sure like to read the Centre county news. I was well pleased with A. W. Shadow's letter of Feb 12th, and am glad I can answer some of his questions. I remember well when Centre Hall had no railroad, and remember the sawmill before it was named "Colyer." Well do I remember when David Miller started the tannery, as I ground tanbark more than one day for him and his son-in-law, George Reiber. I also remember when they built the first church on the Hill, and "Johnny" Allen ran the stone mill, and the Burkholders ran the red mill. I worked for my uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lose, at Potters Mills, in 1861, and received \$4.00 a month for wages. Also remember where the first soldiers went through there to war, and I attended school at Colyer; when the Shadows, Kerrs, Stennas, Zerbyhs, Heckendorns, Jordans, Kerns, Bechtols, Rossmans, Youngs, Lees, and Austin McMinn and lots more went to that same school. Yes, and I heard them say that A. W. Shadow's father had a sweet girl not far from the new church.

In 1871 I took a trip after the great Chicago fire to Centre county and at that time Uncle Aaron Luckenbach had the saw mill above the stone mill dam.

I must now ring off. Yours truly,  
J. L. THOMAN.

## The PINK LABEL this week.

Does yours show a 26 or 27? If not, you are in arrears, and a remittance will be appreciated.

## HARRIS TWP. HIGH SCHOOL TO STAGE LITERARY CONTEST

Civic Club Will Award Prizes—Program to Be Rendered This (Thursday) Evening in Presbyterian Church.

A literary contest will be staged by the Harris Township High school this evening at 8 o'clock, in the Presbyterian church, Boalsburg. Eight high school students will compete for prizes, which will be awarded by the Boalsburg Civic Club.

The judges are: Miss Sabra W. Vought, C. O. Hidenour and H. F. Graves. The following is the program:

MUSIC ..... Theodore Roosevelt  
AMERICANISM ..... John W. Meyers  
THE BALLAD OF EAST AND WEST ..... Rudyard Kipling  
MADALENE MARKLE

BETSY AND I ARE OUT ..... Will Carleton  
MUSIC .....  
MARTHA R. WERT

MUSIC ..... Orchestra  
SPARTACUS TO THE GLADIATORS ..... Elijah Kellogg  
PRISCILLA HAM

THE INVENTION AND PERFECTION OF THE TELEPHONE ..... John W. Shuey  
MUSIC .....  
FLORA SNYDER

WILL PEACE ENDURE? ..... Anonymous  
MUSIC ..... Orchestra  
YES, I'M GUILTY ..... J. M. Munyon  
KENNETH THOMAS

THE SISTERS' STORY ..... Sophie Keller Hall  
GRACE I. MARTZ  
MUSIC ..... Orchestra

## CARE FOR BLIND BABIES.

### Pennsylvania Provides for Care of These Unfortunates—From Kindergarten to Overbrook or Pittsburgh Schools.

Laws that care for the blind in the State of Pennsylvania now include the child from the day of blindness, even though that be at birth. This makes Pennsylvania one of the leading States in the care of its young blind. The law is House Bill No. 648, introduced by Mr. Walter, providing payment for blind babies of "not more than \$150 per day."

A special budget is provided for these children and they are appointed, not committed, but appointed by the State Board of Education as pupils for "care, maintenance and education in kindergartens, hospitals and homes combined, provided for them. If the mother will realize that the baby needs immediate care, she will take advantage of these appointments and send the baby that it may have the hospital care especially, before the little body becomes twisted and deformed.

The present budget provides for several more babies or young and backward children. Where are the children who should have these appointments? Report all such blind to Mrs. John Allen, Founder of the Blind Babies Homes and Kindergartens and originator of the Blind Baby Law in Pennsylvania—address Blind Babies Home, Summit, New Jersey. The institution where the State of Pennsylvania has been sending its blind babies for over ten years.

The State pays \$1.50 a day for each child so appointed, and it graduates when old enough to the Overbrook or Pittsburgh Schools, or State Classes for the Blind, where it gets the higher education. Delay in sending the baby early often means its deterioration into a helpless and backward blind child.

## Will Elect County Superintendent of Schools Next Tuesday.

Next Tuesday the school directors of Centre county, of whom there are almost two hundred, will assemble in the Court House, Bellefonte, and there elect a county superintendent of schools to succeed Prof. D. O. Eiters, who retires in accord with the provisions of the school code. There are six candidates in the field—Messrs. Rothrock, Payne, Rogers, Baird, Williams, and Pletcher. It requires a majority vote of the directors present to elect. It is exceedingly doubtful that an election will result on the first ballot.

## Former Centre County Man Recognized

N. E. Stewart, of Bucknell university, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science at the closing session of its annual meeting held in Harrisburg on Saturday. Other officers named included:

E. A. Ziegler, formerly of Centre county, State forest school, Mont Alto, vice president; T. L. Guyton, Harrisburg, secretary; M. W. Eddie, Dickinson college, assistant secretary; Dr. H. W. Thurston, Pennsylvania State College; treasurer; R. W. Stone, Harrisburg, editor, and W. A. McCubbin, Harrisburg, member of the Executive committee.

## Some Reckless Driving.

There is considerable just complaint against State College auto drivers as to speed and a manner of driving through Centre Hall, the objective point of the travelers as a rule being Lewistown, or returning from there. The speed carried through town is unnecessarily rapid and not infrequently reckless. There are probably a dozen and a half cars that make these trips regularly at vacation periods and always at about the same gait. A good move might be to take their numbers and give the drivers or car owners severe measures could be adopted. During the commencement period, and at the various athletic meets, we have the same thing—fast driving—to contend with, the only difference being that the cars passing through are from all parts of the State and not regular offenders, time after time, like those referred to first.

## Gold and Silver in Lycoming Co.

Several years ago it was learned that small quantities of gold and silver existed in a vein found in the Wallis Run, district, Lycoming county, and attempts were made to sink a mine, but paying quantities were not found, and the effort was discontinued.

The attempt is again being made, although assays of the ore found so far, made at State College and Washington, do not disclose paying quantities of the metals.

A shaft has been sunk by Harry Bryan and A. A. Crandall on a tract of mountain land above Loyalsockville, to a depth of nearly thirty feet, a gasoline engine and drill being used.

## 12,000 Miles Travel to Surgeon.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray E. Rice, Missionaries to Danahoe, Central Province, India, reached Philadelphia last week with their son, Thomas, five years old, after traveling a distance of 12,000 miles, covering a period of almost three months. The youth breathed a tiny glass head into his lung, and on January 6th the journey to the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, was begun. The operation was performed by Dr. Cherrill Jackson, in the bronchoscopic department of Jefferson Hospital. The boy began improving almost immediately after the operation.

## Lye Is Fatal to Sunbury Child.

Lye which she swallowed more than a year ago caused the death of Mary Jane Spotts, four years old, at the Mary M. Packer hospital at Sunbury. In October the tiny tot secured some lye water which she drank while her mother's back was turned. Her throat and stomach badly burned, she was rushed to the Fountain Springs hospital at Ashland and thence to the University Hospital at Philadelphia, where specialists attempted to offset the effects of the poison liquid. Peritonitis developed Monday of last week and resulted in her death.

The child is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spotts, and a sister, Bernice Ryan.

## INCREASE OF FARMS IN EAST, AS WEST, SHOWS DECLINE

### Advantages West Once Held by Reason of Unlimited Fertile Acres Has Been Destroyed by Long-Continued Cultivation.

In agriculture in the western part of the United States permanently waning coincident with a revival in the east, and are the troubles emphasized in farmers' demands on congress for relief legislation due to the orderly play of economic forces that will force a migration from the western to the eastern states?

To both of these questions prominent agronomists at Washington, including Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine, give affirmative answers.

It is the belief of the secretary that the day of opportunity for Pennsylvania and other eastern farmers has arrived and that those engaged there in agriculture are reverting to the prosperous conditions that once marked their industry.

In support of this opinion, Secretary Jardine cites that while the middle and far western states have been reporting declining population figures there has been an actual increase of farmers and farms in Pennsylvania, in all the New England and in several of the south Atlantic states.

Unless there were some assurance that the business could be made profitable, people would not be attracted to agriculture in the east.

Farming in many western states where it once flourished is now declared to be more of a problem than it is in Pennsylvania, so far as production costs are concerned.

Moreover, farmers of the west are declared to be under a distinct handicap in the matter of transportation charges, and it is predicted this unfavorable feature will not respond to any treatment so far suggested.

Pennsylvania is now importing thousands of tons of food products from states remotely distant which could, in the opinion of the department of agriculture, be produced within the state, thus eliminating transportation cost. Potatoes consumed in Pennsylvania are grown in Maine, Michigan, Wisconsin and even as far west as Nebraska. This is said to be typical of other vegetables and some fruits.

That Pennsylvania could be made self-supporting with advantage to both farmers and consumers, is held by Secretary Jardine to be demonstrable.

Scientific farm methods would, it is stated, increase yields beyond the average for the western states.

Pennsylvania bids its own fairly well against the competition of the uncultivated free land of the west, but it was compelled to revise many of its practices because in some lines it could not produce as cheaply as could the west. Since then, however, the cost of transporting produce has tremendously increased, while at the same time yields have been shrinking in competitive districts.

It is asserted by federal officials that there is vast acreage of farm land in Pennsylvania that is awaiting tillage, and that there are indications that agriculture there is facing what is described as probably its most prosperous era.

It is recalled that the urban districts are strung along the transportation lines and that between them is land that in the main is as productive as that of any of the western states and which in addition enjoys the benefit of farm districts do not possess. The latter is held to be the factor that will determine the future of agriculture in Pennsylvania and in other states.

## Shipments are again being made from the stone quarry at Centre Hall operated by Chester A. Spyrker. The quarry was idle for several months, and although not a full force of men are now at work, Mr. Spyrker thinks conditions will be such in the near future as to warrant putting on the full complement of workmen.

John Meyer, a school boy of thirteen years, had a narrow escape with his life when while riding a bicycle he collided with an automobile on the diamond. The boy was coming down Church street from school and struck a car going toward the mountain. The youth was but slightly hurt, but the bicycle was demolished. The driver of the car failed to stop, neither was the license number of the car taken.

Mrs. William A. Wagner was given a real birthday surprise at her home in Juniata. She was decoyed from her home in an automobile, and on her return was greeted by a full house of well wishers. A sumptuous supper was served by her daughter Helen. She was the recipient of many nice gifts as mementoes of the occasion.

Among those from this section to attend were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kimport, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Miller, Miss Myra Kimport and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kimpfort, of York State. The Wagner family is well known to many of the readers of this paper.

Under the head "Clean Up" residents are encouraged to make Centre Hall better appearing. We always look well, but could look better. While we are agitating a general cleaning up let us remind you how much more tidy Centre Hall would appear if the "littering up" were omitted at all times. There are a few business firms that furnish nearly all of the litter carried to various sections where they finally lodge. It may be due to thoughtlessness that waste of various nature is continuously left in the open to be carried elsewhere by the wind to litter sections kept clean. A business expecting and receiving business from the general public ought to appreciate the extra cost of cleaning up.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The weather on April 1st was wickedly cold, with snow and wind.

C. W. Swartz of State College, stopped off at Centre Hall for a few minutes on Friday, on his way through the valley by auto.

Prof. L. O. Packer was home for a short Easter vacation, returning to Pittsburgh on Monday to resume his teaching in the High school there.

Well, we don't need to be ashamed of our Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator—William B. Wilson—his platform for the men and women who stand back of him.

Mrs. S. M. Goodhart and children, Franklin, Margaret and Grace, of Johnstown, were guests of Mrs. Goodhart's sister Mrs. W. F. Keller, in Centre Hall, from Friday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hazel, of Bellefonte, celebrated the silver anniversary of their marriage at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William H. Kline, Mrs. Kline being their eldest daughter.

Sheridan Garis, of Altoona, has joined his father and brothers here as a member of the Garis stonemason force, and will be engaged in that line of work during the spring and summer months.

During last week James I. Fetterolf, the Durant and Star distributor here, received a car load of the Durant company's product of cars. Later in the week he was obliged to add to his stock of cars brought from Altoona.

Boise H. Brown, of Reading, is visiting among relatives at Tusseyville. For more than a year he has been in the employ of the Loden Candy company. He is looking forward to the time when he will again enter the U. S. mail service.

Miss Margaret Weidner, head of the office force at the Kerlin poultry plant, is now located in the apartment above the drug store. Her mother, from Jersey Shore, was here last week and assisted in making the change of residence.

William H. Breen, of near Penna Cave, was a caller Monday to arrange for the advertising of a sale for his father-in-law, James Scholl, which will be held April 17th. Mr. Scholl, who is now ill, expects to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Breen.

John H. Weibly, of Lemont, a retired railroad track foreman, was in town on Saturday and while here paid his respects to James H. Smetzer, who is also a retired track foreman. Mr. Smetzer has been in poor health for some time and has been confined to his home.

William H. Keller, who for some months has been confined to his room and for several weeks was considered seriously ill, has recovered sufficiently to enjoy his meals and sleep well, although not able to walk without assistance, owing to his limbs not being able to carry his weight.

It is proven again that "it's an ill wind that blows no one good," for the stone sliding from the mountain onto the State road are proving easy picking for Clyde Bradford. He is making a fill at the Sheffield Farms Company's plant, and finds the stone along the highway the easiest obtainable in all this section.

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