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THE DEMOCRATS FEEL BETTER.

Democrats Feel So Good They Will Dare to Nominate Governor Smith—Doubt and Confusion of Purpose Among Republicans.

[The New York World.]
As the time for the nominating conventions draws nearer the two parties show a curious reversal of fortune. Among the Republicans there is increasing doubt and confusion of purpose. Among the Democrats there is increasing unity and confidence. For the first time in many years it is the Republicans who are worried and it is the Democrats who are hopeful.

At bottom what makes the Democrats feel so good is that at last they feel right with themselves. They have reached a decision which they know is the right decision. They have conquered to doubt and confusion in their own minds as to whether they dared to nominate Governor Smith. That is the most important decision taken by the Democratic Party in fifty years. For Governor Smith does not merely talk about the principles which are the heart of the Jeffersonian tradition. He embodies them. And in deciding to nominate him the Democrats are declaring in the most concrete way that their great tradition is genuinely alive.

It is a tradition of this sort which saves men's souls. The Democratic Party has saved its soul. Four years ago it trembled and quivered, and quaked at the proposal to denounce the Ku Klux Klan. Today it is choosing as its leader the man who above all others has drawn to himself the venomous hatred of the Klan. That is a great thing to do, and the thrill of confidence which is pervading the party is the sign that the Democrats are at peace with themselves. They have met and faced and triumphed over the most dangerous issue with which a party can be confronted, and they have a wholly new self-respect and therefore a wholly new will to win. They can once again believe in themselves and in their traditions and in their future.

As long as the Democratic Party was beset by fears it could have no leadership. It could not even act as an opposition. It was a mere loose aggregation of discordant factions, each seeking merely temporary local advantages. The end of that period of disunion and confusion is the nomination of Governor Smith. The Democratic Party has pulled itself spiritually together and is ready now for the leadership which he will give it.

The best proof that this is a true estimate of the situation today is to be found in the growing confidence of the Republicans. Republicans know what it may mean in the campaign when the great mass of the voters get it into their heads that there is a candidate in the field who really represents the oldest American ideal of equal opportunity. The Republican leaders have not read their history in vain. They can read the portents. They know that at bottom, in spite of all the materialism and cynicism and complacency and worship of size and quantity and money, the American people still believe in and will on occasion declare for the simple democratic faith in which they were reared. There may be a disillusionment with the processes of democracy, but there is no significant disillusionment with its ideal. The American people are still very American.

20th Anniversary.

Assisted by her three former pastors and one ministerial son, Grace Lutheran congregation, at State College, celebrated the 20th anniversary of her founding and the 10th of the pastorate of Rev. J. F. Harkins, last Sunday a week. Rev. J. I. Stonecypher, of Seneca, supply pastor of Grace church for several years, following her organization; Rev. L. S. Sessaman, of Williamsport, pastor from 1910 to 1913; Rev. W. H. Traub, D. D. of York, pastor from 1913 to 1918; and Rev. J. I. Coje, of New Berlin, ministerial son of the congregation, were present for the festive occasion and delivered addresses. The ministerial chorus contributed to the success of the evening service.

Rev. J. F. Harkins began his ministerial labors in the congregation in May, 1918. During his pastorate the congregation has enjoyed material advancement and spiritual enrichment.

NAME CALIFORNIAN NEW MODERATOR OF PRESBYTERIANS

Delegates Pick Dr. Walker Deelsively—Opponent Fundamentalists—Philadelphia Withdraws.

Dr. Hugh F. Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles, was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. at the opening of the one hundred and fourth annual Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dr. Walker was opposed only by Dr. A. J. Dunkel, of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Dr. Walker received 593 votes and Dr. Dunkel 318.

Dr. Walker was nominated by Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, Newark, N. J., who had been advanced by his friends as a candidate, despite his declaration that he would not seek the office. Dr. Dunkel's name was presented by Rev. Abraham L. Lathen, of Chester, Pa., who referred to the Indiana pastor as a staunch fundamentalist.

Dr. Cleland Boyd McAfee, professor of systematic theology at McCormick Seminary, Chicago, and J. Wilson Smith, Philadelphia banker, who had announced themselves as candidates withdrew prior to the convening of the Assembly. Dr. Walker succeeds Dr. Robert E. Spoor, of New York, the retiring Moderator.

Potato and Corn Fertilizer.

Fertilizers especially suited to grow potatoes and corn will be found in stock at our warehouse. Do not fail to call and examine the formula and compare prices on the formula basis before buying. — McCLANAHAN'S GRAIN HOUSE, Centre Hall.

G. T. V. S. ACTIVITIES.

Ninth Annual Commencement Exercises Held Tuesday Night—Annual Picnic Thursday—Alumni Banquet Friday, June 8th.

An excellent and well organized class night program was given by the class of 1928 of the Gregg Township School campus. During this part the Junior class held Tuesday night at Spring Mills on Friday evening of last week.

The program was divided into three parts, all of which were of novel nature, and did not revert to the cut and dried class night program which is often presented. The first part of the program was a scene on the school campus. During this part the Junior song to the Seniors and the Senior song to the Juniors were well rendered by the respective classes. The class proclamation was then given. The first scene ended after the negro janitor carried on numerous discussions with various members of the senior class, as they grouped themselves about the stage.

The second part was staged in the Land of History. This proved to be a mysterious land in which the history of the class was unfolded in an entertaining and unusual manner. The various stages in the life of an individual were effectively portrayed during this part.

The third part found the class on the Isle of Prophecy where their futures were revealed to them by three witches whom they encountered there. The various stages were also presented to the members of the class by the witches. After the reading of the Metamorphosis of 1928 and produced by the seniors. The class gifts were placed on a wheel of fortune by George Luse and Elwood Smith, who seemingly knew just what gift was most appropriate to each graduate.

The play, the prophecy staged as the Hindu season by Joseph Hamer and Wilbur McClellan, and some unique musical numbers by the senior chorus, completed the program.

Sunday evening the Baccalaureate sermon was delivered to the graduating class by the Rev. W. E. Smith, in the Lutheran church. The color scheme of the school, maroon and white, was beautifully carried out in the display of mock orange blossoms and tulips. The church edifice was crowded to overflow, and four of the town's pastors—Revs. Keener, Kirkpatrick, Smith and Greenhoe—took part in the services. Rev. Smith's subject was "Only a Commencement," and was based on the words of Paul to the Corinthians, as found in the 8th chapter of I Corinthians 24 verse:

"If any man thinketh that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know."

Rev. Smith gave the young people something worth while to think about. A pleasing feature of the special singing for the occasion was a duet by Mrs. J. F. Wetzel and Mrs. F. V. Goodhart.

Unsettled lands advertised at public sale by Treasurer L. L. Smith, on Monday, June 11th, at the residence of Sheriff Dunlap and Deputy Sheriff Hoy.

After these unsettled lands are sold at the county treasurer's office, the land must lie dormant for two years and can be redeemed by the former owners by paying the overdue tax, costs and twenty-five per cent. additional. If not redeemed in two years the present buyer retains it and a clear deed is given him.

Posting Unsettled Lands.

Los Angeles Will Fly Over Altoona. The Los Angeles, the giant dirigible weather conditions proving favorable, will make a western trip this week and at the solicitation of Congressman J. Banks Kurtz, the navy department has arranged to have it fly over Altoona, Hollidaysburg and Tyrone.

Presbyterian—M. E. Merger Postponed

A proposal for unification of the Methodist Episcopal church with the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A., was presented to the U. S. A. general assembly at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and referred by it to the church department of co-operation and union, with instructions that it present a report before the next general assembly thus deferring action on the plan for at least a year.

P. S. C. Graduates Over 600.

The June graduating class of the Pennsylvania State College will total 604 young men and women to receive bachelor degrees, and 33 are to receive advanced degrees, according to estimates by the college registrar. With addition of those graduated last August and in February, Penn State will probably set a new graduation record for the academic year 1927-1928.

SPRING MILLS

Katherine Bitner is home from State College with a sprained ankle. Miss Gentzell, of Altoona, spent a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gentzell.

Tacy Smith and room-mate were circulating among friends on Saturday. They are students at Elizabethtown Normal.

Dean Braucht and family, of Coalport, were Saturday and Sunday visitors at the Braucht home. About thirty people are preparing for the pageant to be held on Tuesday evening, June 5th.

Mrs. Jennie Shook is contemplating a trip to Lewisburg to attend the Bucknell commencement.

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Jerry Shunk, of Centre Hall. Mrs. Shunk lived here quite a number of years, was well known and liked by her many friends.

The centennial of the Sunday school will start on Sunday morning with a community S. S. service in the Lutheran church. All the schools will take part and a large attendance is looked for.

The town was spared the force of last week's storm, which was so destructive to fields, gardens, and loss of stock, poultry, machinery, fruit, etc., mounts in the thousands of dollars.

Class night exercises by the Vocational school, on Friday night, consisted of a pleasing production representing a campus scene in three parts. It was enjoyed by the large audience.

The baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Leshar of Millheim charge, on Sunday evening, was appreciated by all who heard it.

C. H. H. S. GRADUATES CLASS OF FIFTEEN

Exercises Held Tuesday Night in Grange Park Auditorium Before Large Audience—Alumni Association Tenders Reception.

On Tuesday night Centre Hall High school graduated its class of fifteen members—six young ladies and nine young men. The exercises, which were held in Grange Park auditorium, were most impressive. The class decided against too many orations, hence six members of the class collaborated on an oration on Folk Music. The story of the music of the nations was told and illustrated by examples of folk music. Orations of local interest were the two on the history of Centre Furnace and Stories of Penns Cave.

Prof. Wetzel presented the coveted diploma at the close of the exercises, and the 1928 class passed into history. Following the graduation the seniors were tendered a reception by the alumni association in the High school building.

Class Night Exercises.

Monday night, the graduating class staged a most successful class night entertainment. Many of the numbers were novel to this community, and aroused considerable interest. The main features of the program were the school paper by Harold Bradford, and written by the sophomores; the junior playlet, "A Pair of Lunatics;" the class history dramatized by Fay Bradford and Alma Andrews; and the Metamorphosis of 1928 and produced by the seniors. The class gifts were placed on a wheel of fortune by George Luse and Elwood Smith, who seemingly knew just what gift was most appropriate to each graduate.

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JOHN NICHOLAS EMERICK ENTER SUIT IN U. S. C. COURT

To Recover Property from Heirs of John Jacob Astor, Trustee—Emericks Also Here Are Claimants.

The entire New York square between Broadway and 6th avenue, 42d and 43rd streets, is only one of the properties and other assets for which the heirs of John Jacob Astor now have been asked to make accounting by 190 claimants in Pennsylvania and 700 in other States.

The Pennsylvania claimants are most numerous in the region of Pittsburgh, and in Central Pennsylvania, including the Emericks in Centre county. When John Nicholas Emerick died in Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1816, he left property in trust with his partner, John Jacob Astor, as trustee, with instructions that it should be divided ninety years later among the descendants of his brothers, Christopher and Valentine Emerick.

A partnership agreement between Emerick and Astor, signed by the two June 29, 1787, recently has been discovered, say the claimants in a suit just filed in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York. This agreement provides that the proceeds of their business shall be divided two-thirds to Emerick and one-third to Astor. And it states:

"This agreement shall apply to all transactions made by either of the undersigned in the fur trade, shipping business, merchandising or any other business transaction in which either shall be engaged."

"Every man of a century," said Colvin I. Hoy, St. Louis, who with Evan B. Lewis, of Philadelphia, and Charles W. Letzsch, of Camden, represents the John Nicholas Emerick Heirs Association in the suit now filed, "descendants of Emerick's brothers, in all parts of the United States, have had a family tradition that John Nicholas Emerick left his property in trust with his partner, John Jacob Astor, but the documents necessary to prove their claim have only just been discovered."

"We have a memorandum written by Bathus Emerick, a cousin of John Nicholas Emerick, Dec. 28, 1816, after Emerick had died in his cousin's home in Philadelphia, which says that Emerick made Astor his one-third partner and left his estate in trust with him. We have a letter of the same date in which Bathus Emerick writes to George Emerick, a brother of John Nicholas Emerick, saying, 'I am sending John's trunk and things to you.'"

"That trunk came down, as a family heirloom, to George Emerick's great granddaughter, Mrs. Edna Carnahan, now living in Eau Claire, Wisconsin."

"Recently, at my request, Mrs. Carnahan examined the contents of the old trunk. Hidden behind the lining she discovered an old metal snuff box and folded inside that snuff box she found the partnership agreement signed by Emerick and Astor, and also a document written by Emerick in German on Oct. 24, 1815, in which he says:

"This is to certify that I, John Nicholas Emerick, two-thirds joint owner and partner of John Jacob Astor, have left in trust with said partner my estate for a period of ninety years after which time said estate, together with the accumulations therefrom, shall be given to and divided between the descendants of my two brothers, Christopher and Valentine."

Poultry Flocks in Centre County Reveal Coccidiosis.

Results of a survey made of poultry flocks in Centre county by H. D. Monroe, poultry specialist of State College, Pa., and C. Blaney, County Agent, showed there had been considerable loss of young chicks in the county this spring from coccidiosis.

This disease usually affects chicks between three and twelve weeks of age. The first symptoms are loss of appetite, a yellow color to the beaks and shanks of the chicks. Affected chicks usually pass blood in their droppings and act very sleepy. A post-mortem examination would reveal blood or a cheesy material in the caeca.

The disease can be controlled by feeding a diet rich in milk. Any form of milk can be used, such as whole milk, soured milk, skimmed milk, buttermilk, or any of the powdered forms of milk. Scratch grain should not be fed during the treatment. The birds will drink large quantities of water during this treatment and usually recover in from a week to ten days. Extreme care should be taken to keep the houses clean during the treatment.

SRI Starts Forest Fire.

Saturday afternoon a brisk forest fire broke out on the mountain between Elmora and Julian. When the fire was extinguished, Forest Ranger Brooks began an investigation as to the probable cause of the fire, and was rewarded for his efforts. A crude still was discovered and an explosion from all appearances had occurred, setting fire to it which later spread to the forest in which it was located.

Italia's Fate Unknown.

The fate of the dirigible Italia, which set out in lonely majesty on her trip to the North Pole on 22nd inst., is shrouded in deeper mystery than at any time since she last contact with the world early Friday morning when her wireless signals ominously ceased.

State Treasurer Lewis in an address the other day reiterated his contention that the proposed constitutional amendment to increase the indebtedness of the State are not temporary loans, but rather give authority to maintain a constant State indebtedness. Mr. Lewis says it will require a Supreme Court decision to settle the question. Presuming Mr. Lewis is right, all of the amendments should be defeated. In framing amendments to the constitution the language should be clear and permit but one interpretation, and until they are so written, they should be defeated.

OPERETTA BY LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Under Direction of Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick to Be Given Thursday Evening, June 7th—"The Gypsy Rover" With Large Cast.

More than sixty students of the Centre Hall High school will present "The Gypsy Rover," an operetta, in Grange Park auditorium, Thursday evening, June 7th, at 8:00 o'clock. Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick has the young people in charge, and under her direction the operetta promises to be a pleasing entertainment.

The admission price is the popular one of 15c and 35c. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the High School Athletic Association.

"The Gypsy Rover" is built around the character of Rob, later known as Sir Gilbert Howe. Rob is stolen when an infant by his nurse, Meg. He grows to manhood amongst the gypsies, leaving Meg and Marto to be his parents. It happens one day, while riding with her fiancé, Lord Craven, Lady Constance Martendale becomes lost in the woods. They wander to a gypsy camp where Constance and Rob meet and fall in love at first sight. Come and see how beautifully it all works up to the point where "they all lived happily ever after."

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Meg, Rob's foster mother... Sara Runkle Zera, the belle of the gypsy camp... Algie Emery Marto, Meg's husband... Wilbur McClellan Sinf, Gypsy lad in love with Sara... Bessie Colyer Rob, the Gypsy Rover, afterwards Sir Gilbert Howe... Elwood Smith Lady Constance, daughter of Sir George Martendale... Fay Bradford Lord Craven, an English lord... Daphne Knowlton... Homer Sweetwood Sir George Martendale, an English nobleman... George Luse Nina, Sir George's second daughter... Mildred Smith Capt. Jerome, Capt. in the English Army... Emery Flory Sir Toby Lyon, a society butterfly... Henry Blauer McClellan, a London publisher... Fred Luse Mrs. Marto's maid... Fred Luse; fairies; children.

SYNOPSIS

Act I—A gypsy camp near London, Morning.
Act II—A room in the home of Sir George.
Act III—Same as Act II.

Holstein Bull Association Organized at Centre Hall.

The third Centre County Holstein Bull Association was organized on Friday evening of last week at Centre Hall. Thomas Delaney was elected president and M. A. Burkholder, secretary and treasurer.

The association was made up of four blocks and decided to purchase cooperatively four high class Holstein sires whose dams have produced not less than 3000 pounds of butter a year. The bull association plan of owning cooperatively high class bulls has proved popular as a part of the dairy development program conducted in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Association. Two bulls were purchased by this organization from the Osborne Farms at Willoughby, Ohio, and will be delivered some time soon. The association will purchase other bulls for the remaining blocks as soon as they can be located.

Centre County S. S. Convention.

The annual Centre County Sabbath School convention in connection with the 100th anniversary of Sabbath School work at Spring Mills, will be held at Spring Mills, June 4th and 5th. All Sunday school workers and friends are invited to meet with us on this occasion which promises to be helpful and inspirational.

The school in the county is entitled to two regularly elected delegates who will have a voice in all the business of the convention. Come, bring a friend with you.—Committee.

Centre Hall 5; McClure, 4.

The Centre Hall baseball team journeyed afar on Saturday to meet the McClure, Snyder county, baseball team. The boys brought home the bacon in the shape of a 5 to 4 victory over McClure. It was a hard fought game, in which both teams alternated in taking the lead, until Centre Hall put over the winning run late in the game. Boalsburg High school went down to defeat by the overwhelming score of 17 to 4 at the hands of Centre Hall High, here on last Friday afternoon, in a game of baseball.

What's in a Name! Call "Mary!" and See!

What's in a name? Shakespeare once asked that question and a California professor who has been investigating the subject could give him an interesting answer. For instance, there's considerable in girls' names, or at least some of them, and if you could stand on a mountain top and shout "Mary!" you'd be surprised at the number of replies.

Do you know how many Marys and how many Williams there are in the United States? This, and many other interesting facts about names are told in a feature article by Elmo Scott Watson in this issue of The Centre Reporter. Be sure to read "What's in a Name?" in this issue.

Start Registration for Kiddies Day, June 4th.

The Elks Annual Kiddies Day picnic will be held at Hecla Park, on Thursday, June 14th. All children between the ages of 6 and 12 are requested to register their names and secure transportation. Registration will be in charge of G. W. Reese who will be at the Elks Club for that purpose beginning Monday, June 4th, and will close Saturday, June 9th.

Buses will leave the club on the morning of June 14th at 8:30 and all children are asked to be at the Club House promptly on that day. Flag Day services will be held by the lodge at Hecla Park at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 14th. Hon. M. Ward Fleming will deliver the address. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to take part in the services.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Four or five minor automobile accidents occurred on the Seven Mountains on Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. E. Kerlin left St. Petersburg, Florida, on Tuesday, and will likely arrive in Centre Hall today for a three or four months' stay. Charles Roland, of Chicago, visited his niece, Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick, in town for a few days. He is interested in real estate in Chicago, where he has long been a resident.

The trailer used in carrying mail between the post office and railroad station stolen last week was found in Benner's lane south of Oa Fort. The four wheels were stripped of their tires.

J. W. Adams and daughter, Mrs. Helen Holter, of Huntingdon, and Mrs. Lawrence Showalter and small son, of Harrisburg, were recent guests at the O. P. Adams home in Millheim.

Hayes W. Matern, of Patton township, will become cashier of the Farmers National Bank, Bellefonte, on Friday. He is a Penn. State graduate and for two years was employed as a bank examiner by the State Department of Banking.

As a project of a pupil in the Gregg Township Vocational School, Vernon Godshall is painting the dwelling house in which he and his mother, Mrs. Margaret Godshall, live in Centre Hall. He also did some interior decorating said to be a great credit to a school boy.

In the Eastern and Western Penitentiaries, State Industrial Reformatory, and State Industrial Home for Women, on the first of the year there were confined 4,505 prisoners. During 1927 there were sent to these institutions from the county courts, 1,729 prisoners, or 46 prisoners in confinement to every 100,000 of general population in the State.

Louise D. Brungart, for several years cashier of the Beech Creek State bank, recently made a National Bank, has tendered his resignation, effective June 1 and will remove to Muncy where he will hold a similar post with the Muncy Banking Company. He will be succeeded by J. Aaron Hough who has been in the office of the General Refractories plant at Beech Creek.

The State Department of Health is testing water supplies along highways with a view of protecting the public against using water carrying disease germs, so if you see a sign by a water supply reading: "Dangerous. Do Not Drink This Water," go by without quenching your thirst. You may not believe in signs, but if you are wise you will heed a sign like the one described above.

Fire, which started about 11 o'clock last Wednesday night, completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vance, at Greenbriar, west of Coburn. The blaze started in a small shanty adjoining the house and because they had had fire in the building and did not for some time past, Mr. Vance thinks it was the work of incendiaries. All the furniture except three pieces was burned. No insurance was carried.

Haston Long, of Aaronburg, and Ralph Houser, of near Centre Hall, whose cars collided at the junction of Park avenue and Main street, two weeks ago, were notified last week by the State Patrol to appear in Bellefonte and pay a fine for reckless driving. The amount of the fine is said to be \$25.00 in each case. All parties in the accident, it appears, are coming through with no permanent injuries, although some are yet wearing patches.

Miss Grace Wible is at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, in Centre Hall, where she lived for several years and attended school here. She graduated from the local High school last year, and last fall entered Teachers' College at West Chester, and expects to continue her studies there. From here Miss Wible will go to Three Springs, Huntingdon county, and July 1st will fill a place in one of the large resorts in Wildwood, New Jersey.

Sunday morning Prof. Joseph Haney, accompanied by Mrs. Haney, his father, Rev. E. E. Haney, of Grover, and a sister of the latter, Mrs. Stella Pinkerton, left for Philadelphia, to visit Rev. Haney's mother, Mrs. Smith, for a week. The mother is in her 85th year, but is very active and at this time is able to take care of her own home. On the return home the party is planning to stop at Albright College for the commencement exercises. One of the graduates from the institution is Victor Haney, a son of Rev. E. E. Haney.

The bill allowing postmasters of the fourth class rank, fuel and light up to 25 per cent. of their salaries, vetoed by President Coolidge, was passed over his veto in both the House and Senate. Postmasters of this grade were long rendered a service for mere pittance compared to salaries paid to postmasters of higher grade and clerks under civil service. Postmasters in this section who will be benefited are those in Boalsburg, Leont, Pine Grove Mills, Coburn, Aaronburg, Woodward, Rebersburg, and perhaps those at Tusseyville, Linden Hall and Smulton.

W. Frank Bradford, who has been station agent on the L. & T. since January 1, 1887, is the oldest agent in service on the Williamsport Division of the P. R. R. He began his railroad career at Centre Hall under Station Agent J. B. Ginter in 1886, and on the date named above was appointed agent at Paddy Mountain, from which point at that time many cars loaded of mine boss in Philadelphia, to road ties, telegraph and telephone poles shipped monthly. In December, 1882, he was transferred to Centre Hall, at which place he has served continuously since.