



LEADERS GIVE PENNA TO SMITH BY BIG LEAD

Democratic Chieftains Are Confident After Conference With Raskob— See G. O. P. Lose Pittsburgh.

Governor Smith will carry Pennsylvania, putting the State in the Democratic column for the first time in 72 years.

Party lines will be forgotten in a tidal wave of admiration for the Governor as a man. New presidents will be set because the personality of a Presidential candidate will be a greater attraction than party affiliation.

Thus the Presidential campaign of 1928 will be Smith vs. Hoover rather than Democrats vs. Republicans.

Such is the feeling of State leaders who were in Philadelphia following a conference in New York with John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Senator Peter Gerry, of Rhode Island, chairman of the executive committee, and Colonel Herman Lehmann, financial director of the Smith campaign.

Pennsylvania leaders at the conference were John R. Collins, of Connersport, State chairman; Solvick Kistler, of Lock Haven; National Committeeman; and Joseph F. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, former National Committeeman.

While some preliminary campaign shots may be fired prior to Labor Day, according to Mr. Collins, the plans will provide for six weeks of intensive effort to present Governor Smith and the things he stands for to the people of Pennsylvania.

The increased circulation of newspapers, the radio and the automobile will permit the work to be accomplished in half the time of former years. Every precinct in the State will be organized.

Mr. Collins, speaking for the Pennsylvania leaders, who conferred with the party's national officials in New York, said Governor Smith would undoubtedly carry the mining, the railroad and the industrial centers of Pennsylvania, and among the hundreds of cities and towns in Pennsylvania which seem definitely destined to go for Governor Smith, Mr. Collins included Pittsburgh, the home of Andrew Mellon, Republican Secretary of the Treasury.

Governor Smith's attitude toward the United act and the Eighteenth amendment, Mr. Collins said, and his frankness in the expression of his views, has won him a tremendous following and has been a heavy factor in the Smith sentiment in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Collins expressed a sincere doubt of Yale's ability to swing Philadelphia into the Hoover column.

The spectacle of Pennsylvania piling up a Democratic majority when there are admittedly not enough Democrats in the State to win such a victory by themselves, means that it will be the Smith following, not confined to the members of the Democratic party, that will break all records in Pennsylvania, Mr. Collins said.

"It is surprising, even startling, to see the vast number of men in all sections of the State who are volunteering, even demanding, to work for Smith," he said. "And a large percentage of these men are usually looked upon as Republicans. But the personality of Governor Smith, his record as a public servant, his honesty in office and his platform are sweeping party lines into the discard to such an extent that factional issues will be forgotten in admiration of the man himself."

School Mergers Continue

There are now 508 approved consolidated schools in Pennsylvania for which reimbursement for transportation is made by the State. Approximately 1,500 one-teacher schools have been closed and the children are now being transported to consolidated schools. The records also show that during the past year 23,000 children were transported to consolidated schools.

A number of improvements are being made to homes in Centre Hall to add to the comforts of those who live in them. Hot water heating plants were installed in the residences of F. V. Goodhart, Wm. P. Fosdy and H. L. Ebricht. Mr. Ebricht also had the first floor of his home covered with modern hard wood flooring.

MIFFLIN COUNTY YOUTH JAILED IN BOY'S DEATH

Pole Struck Horse Boy Was Riding, Causing Him to Fall and Fracture Skull.

Public rumor is responsible for the incarceration of Paul Venrick, son of John Venrick, of Colver, in the Mifflin county jail pending action of the coroner's jury in connection with the death of Christian Specker, according to the opinion of W. A. Barr, coroner of Mifflin county, who has completed a personal investigation, but has not yet submitted the evidence to a jury.

Christian Specker, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Specker, of near Woodland, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon when riding one horse and leading another along the back mountain road. A lumber truck came out of a side road and in swinging into the main road a pole struck the horse Specker was riding, causing it to rear, and he fell to the road and fractured his skull.

Rumor had it that Ray Amiller, owner of the truck, was under the influence of liquor. He was locked up by Sheriff W. H. Printz who found him at home.

Paul Venrick, the driver, was arrested, charged with failing to stop and render assistance, reckless driving and driving while intoxicated. The coroner finds in his investigation that Venrick notified the boy's father of the accident and stood by until he took charge of the body.

Venrick will be held in the county jail until the coroner's jury takes action.

ANDREW CURTIN THOMPSON. Who He Is, and What He Stands For.

When Centre county was formed on February 13, 1800, the Thompson family were already conspicuous in county affairs. The first of the family in this county was John Thompson, who settled in Half Moon Valley in 1789, being the second settler in that township. His son, also named John Thompson, was Sheriff of Centre county from 1839 to 1843, and was one of the most influential men in the county in his day. The father of the present candidate for Assembly was Andrew Jackson Thompson, who was familiarly known in every section of the county as "Jack Thompson."

Andrew Curtin Thompson was born in Stormstown in Half Moon township. He was educated in the common schools, the Pine Grove Mills Academy and the Friends Academy in Half Moon. Mr. Thompson's youth was spent on the farm at Stormstown, which he operated in conjunction with his father. Leaving the farm he became a school teacher, teaching at Half Moon Valley, at Unionville, at North Philipsburg, and for a number of years was in charge of the schools at Snow Shoe. Some years ago he entered the wholesale hardware business, which he has followed to this time.

In 1898 Mr. Thompson married Bertha E. Denning of Philipsburg. Their only child, Edward J. Thompson, was educated in the public schools of Philipsburg, Haverford College, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Thompson, during his entire lifetime, has always been a leader in every progressive movement in the county. For a number of years, he was actively identified with the Centre County Sabbath School Association, and for the past six years has been superintendent of the largest Sunday school in the county. For fifteen years he has been a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church at Philipsburg. He has always been positive in his stand and in his efforts on every question affecting the moral life of his community.

The wide acquaintance and intimate knowledge that Mr. Thompson has acquired of the personal problems of the people of every section of Centre county, makes him ably fitted to represent the people of Centre county in the State Legislature. He has been the most ardent champion of the improvement of rural roads and the improvement of public schools. He likewise has been an unceasing opponent of the dangerous system of centralization being worked out in our State Government today.

Being brought forth by no political faction, and possessing no sectional prejudices, Mr. Thompson is an ideal candidate of the people of Centre county for the State Legislature. Clean, capable and energetic, his whole life has been a pledge for the high character of service he will render his constituency.

Inspect I. O. O. F. Home.

Delegates from the various I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges interested in the Oshans Home at Sunbury inspected the institution during last week. The lodge in Penns Valley was represented by Robert Bloom and Mrs. M. A. Burkholder, Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ralston and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Eiters, Boalsburg; Percival Rudy, State College; John Condo, Spring Mills; Harry Leitman and Mrs. Keen, Millheim.

The local Reformed church will hold a picnic Saturday, August 4th, on Grange Park.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Antler, North Dakota, July 23, 1928. The Centre Reporter:

Enclosed find check for \$15.00 for another year's subscription to the Reporter. I do not like to be without the paper as I have been a continuous reader of it for 35 years and in every issue it fails to get here I am lost since through its columns I keep in touch with some of my old friends that otherwise I surely would lose track of. It always reminds me of my old home and the pleasant years I spent in and around Centre Hall. My visit there six years ago was such a pleasant one and I wish I could live it all over again, but as I have lost my hearing altogether, I can never expect to travel so far alone again, so I don't expect to see my old home again, much as I long for it.

The spring of this year was very dry and backward. We had our first rain the 7th of June, but since that time we have had an abundance of rain, and such hard rains! On the night of the 15th of July, 4 1/2 inches of rain fell in one hour—it was a regular cloudburst, and we have had rain every day since. Our own garden has been under water all week and everything is drowned out and cellars all around are full of water. The report is that since the 7th of June 28 inches of water fell in this part of the county. All kinds of grain was looking good, but since that cloudburst the wheat is very much flattened so that much of it cannot fill out, but that not too far advanced may yet make a good crop. Sweet clover has most all been cut and was a fine crop. Hay of all kind is plentiful. There is a large acreage of corn this year so we hope for a late fall in order that it will ripen. Wild fruits of all kind are quite plentiful, and what there is of tame fruit is doing very nicely.

The county fairs in this part of the county are all over, and they were a grand success in every way. It would be a pleasure to me to have some of you Eastern people come out here on a visit to see the difference in country between east and west. I am hoping to see the day when I can welcome some of my eastern friends out here.

Wishing you prosperity, I am,
Very truly yours,
MRS. MARY H. PRICE.

CENTRE COUNTY-LOCK HAVEN MOTOR CLUB PICNIC

A Number of Contests Promise to Make Gathering a Pleading Event—"Flying Circus" to Occupy Nearby Field

Invitations to the first annual Centre County-Lock Haven Motor Club Picnic have been mailed to members of each club, and by reports received by the joint committee the attendance will be very large. An attendance of from 5000 to 8000 is expected.

The forenoon will be devoted to meeting your fellow members and their friends. Each member will wear an identification tag.

Starting at 1:30, there will be addresses by prominent AAA men from the national and State organizations. At 2:30 the pavilion will be open for dancing until 5 o'clock, and again from 7 to 9 o'clock. After nine o'clock a small admission fee will be charged. Music for dancing will be furnished by an orchestra from Lock Haven.

At 2:30 there will be a baseball game between Philipsburg and Lock Haven. Both teams have been leading in their respective communities. Contests will start about 3:30. Arrangements have been made for the following contests:

- Trap shooting;
- Indoor rifle match;
- Quot pitching;
- Baseball;
- Running and swimming races;
- Bathing Beauty contest;
- Slow automobile race;
- For the Kiddies—Peanut race;
- Running races;
- Watermelon races, etc.

The committee have provided prizes for the winners that are worthwhile, and are now on display in Lock Haven, and later will be displayed in Bellefonte.

Howard Band will furnish music all day.

The "flying circus" will occupy a field adjoining the baseball field.

At a special meeting of members of the Centre County Motor Club held in Bellefonte on July 25th, the membership dues were reduced from \$6.75 to \$5.00, including emblem. This was done to make the dues uniform with those of adjoining clubs.

Recital in Reformed Church.

On Saturday, August 11th, at 8 o'clock P. M. a recital will be given in Trinity Reformed church, Centre Hall, by the pupils of Miss D. R. Keener. The recital is sponsored by the Ever-Ready class of the Reformed church school.

Pomona Grange Meeting.

A regular meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange will be held at the picnic grounds, Centre Hall, on Saturday, August 11th. Forenoon session at 10 A. M. The dinner will be a basket picnic. Please bring your baskets.

E. H. DALE, Secy.

YOUTH OF 20 GOES TO ROCKVIEW CHAIR AT ROCKVIEW

Joseph Kamensky, twenty years old, went to the electric chair Monday at 7:00 A. M. at Rockview penitentiary, for the murder of Dr. Gerald Kelly, of Jessup.

Kamensky was one of the youngest persons ever to die in the electric chair in Pennsylvania. He went to his death only after repeated efforts for the pardon of his sentence.

On August 13, 1925, Kamensky had his left leg crushed in a mine accident and was taken to the office of Dr. Gerald Kelly at Jessup in a serious condition from loss of blood. Dr. Kelly applied a tourniquet to the leg and advised the amputation of the leg below the knee and assisted in the amputation, although both Kamensky and his parents refused their consent.

Kamensky used crutches as he unflinchingly made his way from his cell to the death chamber.

A witness to the execution was a brother of the man Kamensky shot.

NEW MISSIONARIES TO CHINA.

Reformed Church in U. S. Will Send a Number of Pennsylvanians to Foreign Field.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States announced at its headquarters in Philadelphia that conditions have become so settled in the province of Hunan, China, that school work will be resumed during the ensuing year in two central stations.

The province of Hunan was the center of disturbance last year and the missionaries were forced to evacuate. Letters that have been received from Chinese Christians have assured local missionary leaders that there is a welcome to Americans and to the message they bring.

At the same time the Board announced the appointment of new missionaries who will be sent to their posts this summer and during the fall. The appointments are: Robert H. Gerhard, of Lancaster, as a teacher in the North Japan College; Miss Edna M. Martin, of Hanover, as a kindergarten teacher in Japan; the Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson C. Glessner, of Berlin, Pa., and Miss Effie M. Hones, of Calumet, Pa., to Mesopotamia; the Rev. and Mrs. David D. Baker, of Clyde, O., to post-graduate work in Edinburgh, Scotland, before entering work in Scotland.

Rev. J. Frank Bucher, of Lancaster, and Rev. Edwin A. Beck, of Loveland, Col., returned to China a few months ago, and Rev. Sterling W. Whittier, of Hickory, N. C. will sail in October.

ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR NEWS.

Tent Erection to Begin in Few Days.— Demand for Tents Exceeds Supply.—A Band for Each Day.

Tent erection will begin on Grange Park within a few days, thus bringing before us the fact that another year has passed and the opening of the great Grange Fair with its many unique features is at hand. Its camp, containing hundreds of tents, the largest encampment run in connection with a fair east of the Mississippi River, will again be increased by the additional tents purchased this year and already rented. And at that, the demand far exceeds the supply—a regret to the committee. In addition, more tent owners, ever desiring to camp on the grounds, have made application for space and the erection of tents. These tents will be wired and ground rental, including light, increased to \$4.00. In case of tents excessive in size, an additional charge will be made.

The comfort of the campers is of paramount importance and every effort will be made for better sanitation, more careful attention to the removal of garbage and rubbish, and the location of tents.

There is every indication the up-to-date and big barn erected on Grange Park this year will be filled with live-stock of a superior quality, all coming from live-stock breeders in Centre county. The old barn on the north side of grounds will be fitted for special exhibits such as coming from school and Granges of Centre county.

As never before has there been such a proper display of exhibits in this district, something very fine may be expected here.

The music feature for the week should appeal to camper and visitor alike, as it will come from bands in Centre county—a band for each day, beginning Saturday, August 25th. Sunday included, and these bands have achieved a reputation for excellent work and assure us plenty of good music, a great aid in giving pleasure to a group of people in the great outdoors.

The plays in the contest, presented each evening in the auditorium, will be up to standard of past years; and an entertainment is planned for Sunday evening which will surpass anything attempted in that line. We bespeak for it an appreciative audience.

Some unusual features in connection with the base ball games which have been arranged for the week will be certain to arouse exciting interest.

Truck Driver Badly Injured.

A Parks, an Oriole Street truck driver, was seriously injured Thursday evening of last week when a spindle of the axle broke and he fell from the Manna Kline home, tenanted by Stewart Musser, on the State highway this side of Bellefonte.

Mr. Parks was first taken to the Centre County hospital, then to his home in Tyrone, and later to an Altoona hospital. An X-ray photo revealed that the ribs on one side of his spine were broken, loose and crushed in. The injuries are of an exceedingly painful and serious character.

When the spindle broke the wheel left the truck and ran into the Musser yard. The truck struck a culvert before the momentum could be checked.

Victory Over Milroy.

Centre Hall scored a clean-out victory over the Milroy baseball team, on the local High school athletic field, Saturday afternoon, by the score of 11 to 4. The locals gathered fourteen hits off Davinson's delivery, while Harry Gross, pitching for the home team, yielded but five hits.

The complete box score is available, but the batting order of the teams is as follows:

Centre Hall—Fetterolf, ss; A. Emery, cf; Reiter, 3b; H. Gross, p; Keller, lf; Martz, 1b; Foust, c; Durst, 2b; H. Emery, rf.

Milroy—Ruble, c; Kline, cf; Harpers, 1b; L. Davison, p; J. Davinson, rf; Hunt, ss; Hertz, 3b; Sulhoff, 2b; Botloff, lf.

Graduate from Evangelical Home.

Merlin Lettler, Edward Miller and Betty Arnold are the first children to graduate from the Evangelical Home, at Lewisburg. The exercises will take place on Friday. The latter is the young lady recently graduated from Rebersburg High school, who won the State Scholarship for Union county in the State examination this spring. She is planning to attend Bucknell and \$400 goes along with the scholarship.

Radio Program from State College.

Radio Station WPSOC of the Pennsylvania State College this week opened its summer session series of broadcasts, and will continue with programs for the remainder of the session on each Tuesday and Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, standard time. The station opened with new equipment and adjustments following theft of some valuable tubes on the night of June 16, and it is declared that the quality of the broadcasts is better than ever.

The Tuesday night programs are given by artists of the Institute of Music Education, a feature of the college summer session. This introductory program last Tuesday was declared to be one of the best programs ever broadcast by WPSOC, every artist being an experienced broadcaster with appearances at some of the largest eastern stations. On Wednesday night the college radio audiences will be treated to talks by the outstanding authors and lecturers on literature and poetry who are visiting lecturers each week at the Institute of English Education. Next week the speaker will be Lewis Browne. Before the close of the summer session the newly organized summer session orchestra will give a special program. There will be no Sunday broadcasts until after the opening of college in September.

OLD FORT HILL.

Tonight the moon is redder Than a bowl of human blood, And, low and full, it lightens The dusk-hung neighborhood. The sultry air is throbbing With an unheeded tom-tom beat; The tall dead grass is swishing Beneath the tread of feet. And here I linger, watching Dim, warlike forms advance, For on the Old Fort Hilltop The ghosts of Indians dance. —Harvey W. Phak.

JUNIOR FARMERS' CAMP.

Will Open Monday, August 27, and Will Continue for Five Days, on Grange Park.

The Centre County Junior Farmers will go to camp at the Grange Fair in Centre Hall, on Monday, August 27th, and stay until Friday, August 31st. In previous years the camp has opened on Saturday, but the Junior Farmers' Committee has decided on shortening the stay in camp this year.

Applications and letters of instructions have been mailed to members of the Association. There may be some few who will not get an application, but if these people will apply to the County Vocational Supervisor, W. S. Jeffries, Bellefonte, they can get the blanks.

According to the present plans there will be something doing all of the time. The stock judging contest will, of course, be one of the main features of the camp. County Agent R. C. Blaney has his plans well along for this and says it will be the best ever held at Centre Hall. There will be at least one ball game each day. Six teams have agreed to come in and play a series of games. This feature, in itself, will add to the enjoyment. A new feature for this year's camp will be the short educational meetings held each day especially for the Junior Farmers. These meetings will be held so as not to interfere with other parts of the program. Speakers of prominence will be present and the boys can rest assured they will hear some very valuable talks.

LEWISTOWN BANKER ARRESTED IN EMBEZZLEMENT

Treasurer of Lewistown Trust Company \$25,000 Short in Accounts—Institution Fully Protected.

The State Banking Department on Saturday announced that Karl H. Bergey, treasurer of the Lewistown Trust Company, Lewistown, had been arrested, charged with misapplication of the bank's funds and making false entries.

A shortage of \$25,000 was discovered in his accounts by bank examiner Walter S. Hoke.

Bergey was arraigned and held in \$20,000 bond in court.

The department announced that the bank was fully protected by surety bonds and would suffer no loss.

Further investigations are being made into Bergey's activities by the examiner.

Corman—Jodon.

Glen Stewart Corman and Miss Mary Jean Jodon, recently united in marriage by the Rev. M. C. Piser, using the impressive ring service, at Millersburg. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Goodhart. The bride is the fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster V. Jodon, of Centre Hall, an amiable young lady. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Corman, of Spring Mills, a promising young man.

On Friday night the young couple were given a rousing serenade at the home of the bride's parents in Centre Hall.

REBERSBURG.

Robert Smull and wife, from Newark, N. J., are visiting at the home of Mr. Smull's father, Charles Smull, who has been an invalid for several years and at this writing is not improving.

Curtis Weaver and family from Reading, are enjoying a vacation at the home of Calvin Weaver, Sr.

Charles Heiler and wife, with several friends from Canton, Ohio, drove to Rebersburg on Friday, where they will be visitors at the home of Jacob Heller for a week.

Nevin Meyer and wife spent several days in Bloomsburg with their daughter, Mrs. Marstellar.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Weaver, Jr., went to Orbisonia on Sunday and the mother of Mrs. Weaver returned to that place with them after spending several weeks here.

Melvin Bright, who left this place some years ago and holds a good position in Philadelphia, is visiting among relatives.

Mrs. Samuel Gephart spent the week end at State College with her daughters, Helen and Lusia, stenographers in the college departments.

Warren Beck and family, from Illinois, motored to this place where they will visit Mrs. Edwin Hosterman, mother of Mrs. Beck, and other relatives and friends.

Adair Reich, his daughter, Mrs. Paul Hockman, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winkler, drove to Stroudsburg on Saturday to visit at the home of Orion Reich.

The Loganton ball team went down to defeat at this place on Saturday. Our team has met with marked success, losing but few games this season. Kenneth Haines, who has been playing with the Scranton ball club since graduating from Penn State, is home for a rest. He has not been in the best of health for some time and was ordered to rest for several weeks.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Steam shovels are at work on the new concrete road to be built between Thompsontown and Mifflin.

The new premium book for the 1928 Grange Fair will be ready for distribution by the latter part of the week.

After having been closed for several months, the branch of the Millheim knitting mill at Millroy is about to begin operations again.

At a special meeting of the Centre County Motor Club held recently, the annual dues were fixed at \$5.00 instead of \$6.50 per year.

A lot of girls are letting their hair grow that would rush to a barber if they could see themselves from the rear without looking over their shoulders.

Prof. H. C. Rothrock, assistant to County Superintendent of Schools, F. Glenn Rogers, together with Mrs. Rothrock, were callers in town last Friday.

Mrs. Andrew Potter and daughter, Marjorie, of Altoona, arrived in town on Friday and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, uncle and aunt of Mrs. Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Diemer Pierce, of State College, were recently called to Ithaca, New York, by the illness of their daughter, Helene, who underwent an operation for appendicitis there.

Dr. J. K. Hosterman has again removed from St. Louis, Missouri, to Seattle, Washington, his business interests in the latter city necessitating his removal to the Pacific Coast.

The eighth annual Fisher reunion was held on Saturday at Shillington, near Reading. The gathering was attended by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher, of Centre Hall, who belong to that clan.

Miss Mary Kennedy, Mrs. Ed. L. Bartholomew and daughter, Miss Clara, of Altoona, were at the Kennedy home, west of town, for a few days. Sunday they were taken to Altoona by Miss Helen Bartholomew.

The Logan Iron and Steel Works at Burnham are running four to five days a week of late. Employees there are greatly elated over the prospects of more time than less during the approaching political campaign.

John W. Keller, the head of one of the several divisions in the Forestry Department, on his return to Harrisburg from a meeting of foresters held in Clearfield county, stopped in Centre Hall for a short time on Friday evening.

William Weaver, of Yeazentown, while felling a tree on the Kelly lumber job in Ferguson Valley, Mifflin county, was struck on the head by a falling limb. He is now in the Lewistown hospital suffering from a fractured skull. His condition is regarded as serious.

The "stop" traffic signs erected by the State appear to be satisfactory and add much to the safety of the traveler on the main artery highways.

Stop signs in many instances could be used instead of the traffic light with as good results and with practically no expense.

The Tunney-Henney bout was listened to by many hereabouts. The announcements came over the radio fairly well, giving the listeners the worth of their money. There was such a unanimous belief that Gene would retain his laurels that money lay still—little or none lost.

Register and Recorder Morris, in Mifflin county, makes every hundredth bride in that county happy by permitting her to go to the Miller-Green House, Lewistown, and select for herself a bouquet of her own liking. No \$600 license was issued recently, which meant a gift of flowers to the prospective bride.

W. R. Neff and sons John, Homer and Hoy, paid Harry Neff a visit at Mt. Rose, where he is employed on one of the large dairy and sport farms in Sullivan county. Several hundred boys are entertained in a large camp on the farm, and are provided with food grown almost exclusively on the farm in question.

The Middleburg Post and the Charles & Ritter Commercial Printing plant, in Middleburg, were acquired by the Sentinel Company, Lewistown. The Post and the commercial printing plant will be combined and will occupy the Post building. The real estate of the Post owner, George W. Wagonseller, was also included in the deal.

A large barn belonging to Mrs. Catharine Webb and tenanted by Edward Morrison, located in Ferguson Valley, Mifflin county, was destroyed by fire. The replacement loss is about \$15,000. A bundle of clothing was found on the barn bridge, indicating that someone had entered the barn and left in haste.

The summer session of the Lock Haven Teachers' College closed on Friday. A number of young people, elected to teach in the public schools in the valley, who attended the sessions, returned to their respective homes.

The regular term of the school will open September 11th, before which time the main college buildings will be renovated throughout.

John Wert, aged about twenty-two years, made an unsuccessful attempt to take his life by slashing himself on the right side of his abdomen. He was a prisoner in the Mifflin county jail when he performed the rash deed, but was taken to the hospital where his condition is reported as not serious. He is accused of having slashed himself to gain sympathy. He is being held having attacked a woman at the point of a revolver.