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CENTRE COUNTY PHILADELPHIANS

Held Another Reunion Monday Evening in That City.

GATHERING LARGELY ATTENDED

Had a Splendid Program for Entertainment--There was Music, Refreshments, Dancing and Good Cheer--A Lively Organization.

Natives of Centre county, who are now Philadelphians, to the number of two hundred or more, participated in the annual midwinter reception and dance of the Centre County Association, Monday night. The entertainment was held in Moseback's Hall, at Thirteenth street and Girard avenue.

Centre county folks are noted for their clanishness. They were the first of all emigrants from up state who have settled in that city to establish an association for the perpetuation of county loyalty and social intercourse.

In the summer they hold picnics, and in the winter entertainments, while the men hold a banquet "for just men" once a year.

In addition to the social features, a business meeting was held, at which these officers were elected:

President, Dr. Roland G. Curtin, vice president, Thomas Foster; treasurer, L. Olin Meek; secretary, Dr. S. Grey Matern; directors, B. F. Fisher, Ira D. Garman, Dr. George P. Rishel, J. Emory Hoy, B. Frank Schaeffer, Charles McCafferty, the Rev. Dr. Robert Harkinson, Professor George P. Bible, Thomas J. Loughlin, Max Liveright, Professor William T. Meyer, Dr. Stuart C. Runkle, Thomas Foster.

The reception committee at Monday night's entertainment comprised Misses Eva Rich, Agnes Schaeffer, Anna Peters and Ada Nall Dom, Thomas Loughrey, John Schaeffer, William Magee and Gordon W. Ardell.

Runaway Engine.

At Kittanning Point recently the engine and fireman of a shifting engine that had just helped a train up the hill stepped to the track, and in some way the engine started back, and it was but a moment until the big machine was making its way down the hill at rapid speed, the two men having failed to remount it. Word was telegraphed along the line that the runaway was moving toward Altoona at a 35-mile rate of speed. The track was cleared, and it was not long until the engine whizzed through the Altoona depot. Here an engine was sent after the empty one and it was overtaken at the Red bridge. By the time the engine was overtaken the track was cleared as far as Huntingdon, and had it kept on its wild flight the open track could have been extended any distance necessary.

Ran After the Voice.

A party of Italians at the Pennsylvania railroad station at Williamsport could not make known where they wished to go. One of them was taken into a telephone booth. A Vannucci was called and told to talk to the Italian. The sound of a voice speaking his familiar tongue yet coming from an unknown source started the man on a run around the station to find the speaker. It was with difficulty that he was induced to re-enter the booth and talk with Mr. Vannucci over the wire.

Musser House Sold.

The real estate in Millheim belonging to the late Mrs. Rebecca Musser, has been sold by J. C. Meyer, executor. The hotel property, known as the Musser House, was sold to G. B. M. Brungart, of Lock Haven, and the dwelling house on Penn street to Mrs. W. S. Musser.

The present proprietor of the Musser House, S. R. King, will quit the hotel business in the spring and live private. As yet no one has rented the hotel.--Journal.

Deer Locked in Duel, Dead.

With their horns locked after a deadly combat, two large buck deer were found in the snow on a mountain south of Danbury. The bodies of both the animals were lacerated as a result of the fight, and the snow for rods around was covered with blood. The larger of the two animals had frozen to death, as it had no mortal wound. It had been held tight to the adversary it had slain by the entangling of their horns.

Potatoes Beat a Record.

The potato crop of 1904 beat a record, being 40,000,000 bushels more than the banner crop of 1896. The three years' totals are: 1902, 284,000,000 bushels; 1903, 247,000,000 bushels; 1904, 332,000,000 bushels, twenty bushels for every family in the country.

—Manager Garman strongly endorses "The Liberty Bells," which will be at the Garman House on next Wednesday evening.

RUSSIA A WARNING.

"Russia's Revolution as a Warning to American Plutocracy" was the topic of Dr. Madison C. Peters' prelude to his sermon at the Park Theatre, Philadelphia. In part he said: The question at the bottom of the Russian revolution is bread. That is the problem in America to-day--how to adjust and maintain the rights of labor and capital, that in their practical working they shall not collide; how to arrange society that the laborer shall have his bread as wholesomely, cheaply and surely as the capitalist--this is the question which underlies all fiscal problems, not only in Russia, but in America and in every other country.

PEOPLE WANT JUSTICE, NOT CHARITY. We are living in times of popular discontent. The American people, too, are sleeping on a volcano. Capitalists may give their millions for churches, colleges and charities, but money gifts cannot certify to the motives which prompted them, especially when, right or wrong, the people have come to think the money given by the rich really belongs to the working men.

Men can no longer be won by charity. They demand justice. They are tired of the old gospel of contentment when preached by people who have all the comforts this world can give, who have more than they can use of the costliest food and finest raiment, while at least 10,000,000 in America to-day would be glad to eat the crumbs which fall from those tables and wear the cast-off clothes.

One per cent of our population owns more wealth than the remaining ninety-nine per cent. This extreme and indefensible inequality is all that the agitator need ask. The Morgan and Standard Oil syndicates control not less than \$200,000,000 of the \$450,000 of banking capital invested in N. Y. city. De Tocqueville warned us more than fifty years ago that the greatest peril in America would arise from plutocracy. Twenty-five thousand men own one-half of the wealth of this country, and 200,000 own quite 80 per cent.

20 CAPITALISTS COULD RULE COUNTRY. One-half of the wealth produced in this country annually goes as a tribute to 25,000 persons, and thus about one-half of our population of 80,000,000 are working all the time for 22,000 of their fellowmen. One hundred and twenty-five families in the United States have more money than all the other 80,000,000 put together.

Twenty men in this country have it in their power, by means of the wealth they control, to arrive at an understanding, and any day they could, if they so chose, stop every wheel of commerce from revolving, block every avenue of trade and strike dumb every electric key.

These men control the circulation of the currency; they may, at their will, embarrass business, enrich whom they will, control production, corner the necessities of life and increase prices so as to make good living for the masses prohibitive, throttle competition, buy judicial decisions and make for halls of legislation hauls of spoliation.

Carson-Kline.

Wednesday forenoon an interesting nuptial event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kline, in Spring township, when their daughter Miss Anna and Mr. Clark Carson were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed at 11 a. m., by Rev. Robert Kline, an uncle of the bride and rector of the Episcopal church at Allentown, Pa., in the presence of over a hundred guests. The groom was attended by D. Paul Fortney, and Miss Alice Ishler, daughter of Ex-Sheriff Ishler, was the bridesmaid. A wedding feast followed in which all heartily partook. The young couple took their departure on the 2 p. m. train at Belleville for their wedding journey. Both bride and groom are popular young people of this section and the many handsome presents and good wishes extended can truly be accepted as a token of esteem and worth.

Sledding Party.

A crowd of young folks gathered at the home of William Tressler and wife, near Hunters Park, one night last week. They reported a fine time playing games and having lots of fun. Those at the party were: Bertha Johnston, Nannie Henderson, Mamie Henderson, Anna Tressler, Emma Henderson, Bertha Henderson, Eva Bathgate, Nellie Hastings, Harry Roan, Otto Henderson, Robert Tressler, Wm. Ardell, Andrew G. Shively, Harry Smeltzer, Wm. D. Loose, Bud Hastings.

SENATOR DILLINGHAM introduced a bill giving a pension of \$24 a month to Esther A. Damon, widow of Noah Damon, late of the Massachusetts troops, Revolutionary war. He said Mrs. Damon is the last surviving widow of the Revolutionary war. Of course this widow was not born until long after the Revolution, and was quite young when married to soldier and patriot Damon--perhaps 50 years older than she.

TWO NEW STATES TO THE UNION

Oklahoma and Indian Territory Joined Are One.

NEW MEXICO FORMS ANOTHER

Arizona Territory is Compelled to Wait--Eleven Republicans Join With Democrats in Voting to Admit New Mexico.

Two stars were added to the flag by the U. S. Senate on Tuesday. Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, joined, were admitted as one state, and New Mexico as another. Should the House concur in the bill as amended there will be forty-seven states in the Union, instead of forty-five. No action was taken as to Arizona, which will remain under Territorial government.

The bill as passed by the House provided for two states by the consolidation of New Mexico with Oklahoma. The final character of the bill will depend on the action of the conference.

The crowded galleries, filled during the first five hours of debate, were often rewarded with brilliant oratorical efforts, although limited to ten minutes.

The passage of the statehood bill by the Senate ends a bitter fight which prevailed throughout the Fifty-eighth Congress. New Mexico has been seeking admission for more than thirty years. In previous Congresses New Mexico has been repeatedly on the verge of securing statehood. Almost every session a bill for statehood would pass the House and fail in the Senate, or vice versa.

Gave Up Bride-Elect for \$400.

William Riley, of near York, Pa., is glad he answered a matrimonial advertisement in a Chicago paper, but bitterly regrets having given up his bride-elect for \$400. The advertisement told of a handsome girl worth \$5000 who wanted a good husband. Riley, who is a shoemaker, wrote to her, and a correspondence followed, resulting in an agreement to marry.

The girl came to York and met Riley. She regretted her bargain and asked Riley to release her. He said he would give her up for \$800. The girl offered to pay \$400 cash and promised that if she were not married within a year she would renew the engagement with Riley. The shoemaker agreed, but when he went to see her off on the train he remarked that he would rather marry her than take her money. The girl thrust another \$100 bill into his hands and hurriedly boarded the train. Riley says he would give up all he has to have the girl back.

PRESIDENT TAKES A HAND.

President Roosevelt has sent a message to Congress calling attention to the fact that no statistics on marriage and divorce have been collected since 1886 and recommending legislation. President Roosevelt says that the marriage and divorce laws are very lax and are indifferently administered. Since the institution of marriage is the foundation of social organization, all influences that affect this institution are of vital importance to the entire people. The President expressed the hope that the several States can be induced to co-operate and pass uniform laws which will safeguard the interests of the family. He recommends that the director of the census be authorized to collect and publish the statistics covering the period since 1886.

RUSSIAN ROYAL HOUSE.

The Russian reigning house, has, it is said, greater wealth than any other royal family in the world.

It is estimated that the revenue which the Czar derives from the crown and state domains is not less than \$7,500,000 a year, or more than three times as much as the allowance made to King Edward VII.

In addition more than forty members of the imperial family draw large incomes from property set aside by the state for that purpose.

The jewels in possession of the Russian royal family are also unequalled in value and splendor among all the reigning houses of the world.

Will Rebuild at Once.

The Howard Brick company started to work clearing the wreckage of their building which collapsed last week. Work will be pushed as rapidly as possible for the erection of a new and more substantial structure.

To Succeed Rev. Dr. E. J. Wolf.

Dr. William Freas, formerly of York, Pa., but now of Baltimore, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the presidency of the general Lutheran synod of America caused by the death of Dr. E. J. Wolf, of Gettysburg.

HELD FOR COURT.

Our last issue went to press before Capt. M. A. Caulkins and Mrs. Maggie Hoover were given their hearing before Justice Keichline, last Thursday morning. The lady created quite a scene when brought to the office where she collapsed and was in a delirious and fainting condition most of the time. The hearing was brief, both were bound over to court upon the charge of adultery and unable to secure bail, were returned to jail. Her husband J. C. Hoover and his father, Samuel Hooyer, of Hickory, Forest county, traced them to this place and caused the arrest. According to history Capt. Caulkins became a boarder at his house and that intimacy led to the elopement about two months ago. Mr. Caulkins has a wife and three children at Oil City, Pa., and while here was doing photographic work and organizing lodges of Sons of Veterans.

Mrs. Hoover's condition became such that she was removed to the Belleville hospital, being threatened with appendicitis.

Boro Council Meeting.

The usual session of council was held on Monday evening and the evening was spent principally in considering and passing an ordinance for the proposed street railway. The ordinance as passed can either be accepted or rejected inside of 30 days by the Belleville Traction Company.

It is proposed to lay a 12 inch water main from the reservoir to the diamond, to increase the flow of water on Curtin and Linn streets. This is another costly experiment that looks as if there was more in it for some one than anything else. The idea is absurd, but the boro is rich and the people like to pay high taxes for experiments about the water works.

A new bridge will soon be constructed across the race at the depot. The abutments will be put in by the boro and the superstructure by the county.

Bills to the amount of \$1719.16 were approved.

ATTENDING SALES.

For the convenience of many of our patrons living in the eastern portion of Pennsylvania, we have arranged to have W. H. Zeigler, of Rebersburg, attend the following sales, prepared to accept money on subscription to this paper and receipt for the same. He will attend the following:

Friday, February 24, E. M. Boone, at Fiedler.

Tuesday, March 14, Jonathan Spangler, 2 miles east of Rebersburg.

Wednesday, March 15, J. H. Corman, west of Cpburn.

Tuesday, March 21, A. E. Bartges, 1 mile south of Aaronsburg.

At Rebersburg any day prior to March 21st.

The republican delegation in congress from this state one day last week, held a caucus in which they passed a resolution not to support the democratic policy of President Roosevelt in a prosecution of the illegal trusts, his tariff reform and reciprocity recommendations, and beef trust suits. These Pennsylvania brigands and tools of the trusts ran against a snag when they found that in the House there would be a large element against their caucus action, and they pulled in their horns somewhat. The President need only show backbone enough in what he has started out to do and these caucus cattle from Pennsylvania, under the lead of free-booter Penrose and his backer, Is Durham, of Philadelphia, will be effectually dehorned. The democratic members of congress will stand by the President in his policy above named and along with the reform members on the republican side are likely to bring about a curbing of the trusts.

OUR Congressman, Mr. Dresser, on Monday dodged--yes, DODGED--when the vote was taken on the Townsend-Esh bill to regulate railroad rates to come up Thursday. Some other republican members dodged, while the democrats and enough republicans will vote on Thursday to pass the bill through the House. The President is for the bill and will use his lash to bring some of the recalcitrant republican members to time. The monopolist members are opposed to the bill because they are owned by the trusts, but with democratic aid and the backing of the President the bill will pass and is a measure the democrats always favored. Eight other Pennsylvania republican members dodged along with Mr. Dresser.

IN Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday while his jury retired with a case Judge F. B. Dillon took up chancery work and in less than two and half hours granted nine divorce decrees, an average of one marriage tie broken every fourteen minutes. That work was much more speedy than the courtships, which at an average of two years each would have been a waste of eighteen years, and each knot untied in 14 2/3 minutes.

RESULT OF THE FOURTH COUNT

For the Award of Books to Teachers in Centre County.

SOME DECIDED GAINS MADE

School Teachers in all Parts of the County Approve of the Award--Large Number of Votes Cast--Some are Holding Premium Ballots.

Belleville, Pa., Feb. 8, 1904. The following is the total number of votes cast in the Teachers' Book Award in the various Institute Districts in Centre county to this date:

First District:
1--Miles, Penn. Haines and Gregg townships and Millheim boro--46 teachers.
T. A. Hosterman, Penn. 1142
Thomas L. Moore, Potter 446
Samuel Gephart, Haines 1134
L. A. Miller, Haines 348
E. R. Wolfe, Haines 312
W. E. Keen, Penn. 65
Chas. Royer, Gregg 56
Theresa Rachan, Gregg 53
Mary Guise, Gregg 42
Mary Foreman, Gregg 41
Annie Grove, Gregg 37
Wm. Lambert, Miles 28
Anna Smith, Penn. 26
Elka Duck, Gregg 2

Second District:
2--Potter, Harris, Ferguson and College townships and Centre Hill and State College boro--56 teachers.
Samuel M. Goodhart, Potter 768
Thomas L. Moore, Potter 446
G. W. R. Williams, College 340
John H. Bitner, Potter 295
Ella Livingstone, State College 181
John Fortney, Potter 62
Maud Irvin, Ferguson 53
Marga't Mothersbaugh, Col'g. 50
Elizabeth Lechin, College 50
Gertrude Keichline, Ferguson 25
Harry N. Walker, Ferguson 24
M. E. Heberling, Ferguson 7
Frank Young, Harris 2

Third District:
3--Spring, Benner and Walker townships and Belleville boro--57 teachers.
Ralph Noll, Spring 783
Cyrus Hoy, Walker 638
Harry Breen, Spring 416
Carrie Weaver, Belleville 277
Gertrude Taylor, Belleville 229
Bertha Johnston, Benner 153
Bella Barnhart, Spring 106
Mayme Wolf, Benner 104
Mary Woods, Spring 71
W. H. Markle, Walker 60
Annie McCafferty, Belleville 57
Willis E. Wion, Spring 50
Verna Allison, Walker 48
Bessie Dorworth, Belleville 13
Jennie Hollinger, Marion 10
Lillian Rearick, Spring 8
Laura Faxon, Benner 7
Mabel Brungart, Benner 2

Fourth District:
4--Boggs, Howard Marion, Liberty and Curwensburg townships and Liberty and Curwensburg boro--46 teachers.
Alma Fletcher, Howard 836
Blanche Irwin, Marion 551
Mary Johnson, Liberty 439
Alice Neff, Boggs 421
W. H. Minnich, Marion 281
M. F. Gardner, Liberty 141
Alma Holter, Howard 125
Susan Fletcher, Boggs 109
Harvey Robb, Howard 68
Kate Hollinger, Marion 50
J. Fred Weaver, Boggs 17
Carrie Bowes, Liberty 14
Pearl Gates, Howard 4
Nannie Delaney, Boggs 3

Fifth District:
5--Union, Huston, Worth, Taylor, Half Moon and Patton townships and Union Hill boro--57 teachers.
Alice Buck, Unionville 871
W. R. Heaton Patton 702
Margaret Williams, Union 556
F. W. Dillen, Huston 418
Walter R. Williams, Worth 335
Henry Cronister, Huston 263
Elizabeth Hoover, Taylor 239
James Pratt, Unionville 201
Mabel A. Norris, Patton 123
Lizzie R. Crum, Worth 55
Mabel Garbrick, Union 54
Mary E. Erhard, Union 52

Sixth District:
6--Rush, Snow Shoe and Burnside townships and Phillipsburg and South Phillipsburg boro--59 teachers.
Grace Vallimont, Snow Shoe 227
Jennie Lucas, Snow Shoe 41
H. E. Leathers, Snow Shoe 6
Nettie Pennypacker, Pgh 4
Mary Penny, Snow Shoe 4
Susanna Ward, Pgh 3
Jennie Parks, Snow Shoe 2
Harry Hoover, Burnside 2
Jennie Graham, Snow Shoe 2
Susanna Pennypacker, P'h'b. 1

JAMES COLE,
JOHN D. MEYER.

DOMINATED BY BOSSES Penrose and Durham, the action of the Republicans in the House at Harrisburg a few days ago in first voting to endorse Roosevelt's policy on the railroad rebate question and then within half an hour reconsidering the vote and defeating the Creasy resolution was the worst exhibition of baby business ever witnessed in a legislative body. It was another evidence, however, of the willingness of the present body to go any length demanded by the bosses. Roosevelt's present democratic attitude against the illegal trusts and railroad rebates, does not suit the boss element at the head of the republican party, but honest republicans now see the justice of it, and along with the democrats will stand by Roosevelt, and against the millionaire trusts and monopolists.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

THE OLD TIMER.

When any chap says, "Ain't it cold?"
To Uncle Abner West,
He'll give his coat a backward fold
An' loosen up his vest.
An' then he'll answer, "Why my lad
This weather makes me thrive;
Ye oughter seen the kind we had
In 1855."
"Talk about cold!"
Etc., etc., etc.

Complaints about "our sharpest day"
With him don't make no hit;
He'll listen to the things they say
Then fan himself a bit
An' say, "My son, it's jest too bad
That you were not alive
To see the winter that we had
In 1855."
"Talk about cold!"
Etc., etc., etc.

The fellow who sows his wild oats
sometimes reaps a grass widow.
Some women seem to think that a
marriage license is equivalent to a
contract to lecture.

It is always safer to play classical
music; the people won't be so apt to get
onto the mistakes.

It is strange but nevertheless true that
an injury resulting from a public highway
is always more serious than when
similar accidents occur on one's own
premises.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Ex-State Treasurer Harris, of Clearfield, was married Wednesday to Miss Glenora Gearhart of the same town. Mr. and Mrs. Harris will spend their honeymoon in the sunny south and in the west.

The water front in the kitchen range of Ralph Peter's home at Curwensville, blew up last Sunday afternoon, demolishing the range and bringing out the fire company. Damage done in accidents of this kind is not covered by your fire insurance, since it is not fire but the lack of it which does the mischief.

Perry Waltz, whose home is at Avis, while driving from this place to Avis several days ago, was struck in the right eye by some small flying object. He has been unable to see with that eye since. A doctor could find nothing in the eye except a small hole directly in the centre of the ball, where the object struck. It is thought he was hit by a cinder from a passing engine, as the accident happened near the railroad.

Will Import Old Maids.
E. M. Henthorp, a politician and landowner, has devised a scheme which promises to make Grant county, Kan., the most populous in the western third of the state. At present the population of the county is only about 400, and most of these are males. Mr. Henthorp proposes to import a lot of old maids, widows and marriageable girls who will settle on his land. After the first consignment have found husbands, more women will be imported. At Garden City, where the plan has been discussed, 38 women have consented to their luck.

Quilting Bee.
There was a quilting bee at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hastings, near Gatesburg, Centre county. A very sumptuous dinner was served to which all did justice. One quilt was the Irish chair in red, white and blue. The other one Mrs. Hastings' grandmother pieced many years ago. Everybody returned home late in the afternoon, having enjoyed a very good time. Come to Gatesburg for your fine quilts.

BY ONE WHO WAS THERE.
Of all the tax bills before the Legislature few will attract more widespread attention than one introduced in the House last week by Mr. Creasy, of Columbia, providing for the retention by counties and municipalities of all license taxes now paid to the state. Surely a most righteous bill, as the state for several years has had a surplus of ten millions, wrung from the tax payers, which is in favorite banks that make large profits by loaning it out, and is used by machine politicians for speculating with. The bosses of the machine will kill the Creasy bill.

This machine legislature passed a law last session increasing the salary of the judges. Now the machine is going a step farther. The scheme to pension at full pay for life all judges who reach the age of 50 years after 25 years of continuous service on the bench is jogging merrily along toward the governor. It passed the Senate early last week, and was reported favorably to the House by the judiciary general committee. A lively fight is expected when it reaches a vote in the House this week.

"Parrish Priest" at the opera house next Monday evening.
—An immense lot of children's shoes at a big sacrifice. Yeager & Davis.