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## CENTRE DEMOCRAT'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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## HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION

The Centre Democrat's Most Prosperous Period--Business Increased Four Fold--Other Improvements--Gained 3188 Patrons in Ten Years

"The Centre Democrat" was established in Belleville in 1875 by the Bailey brothers, who sold it to "The Centre Democrat Publishing Company" in 1879. From that date it was edited and published by various persons. In October 1888 the writer, then living at Centre Hall, was employed to edit and manage the paper for the above company. The plant was located on the second floor of the old Conrad Building, on Allegheny street, where Temple Court now stands. At that time the surroundings were decidedly uninviting, the subscription list probably was the smallest of any paper in the county and of an unprofitable character. The mechanical equipment corresponded with the balance, while the "good will and established business" the most valuable asset of a live paper was actually a burden. While the treasury of the company then was empty, the available capital to begin operation was necessarily meagre. After a three months' struggle, the present publisher leased the plant in January 1899 and continued the publication. Just ten years ago, in June 1895, he purchased the entire establishment from "The Centre Democrat Pub. Co." and has conducted the paper ever since, giving it his entire attention.

As this issue marks our "tenth Anniversary" we have concluded to celebrate the event in a modest, yet appropriate, manner, and in doing so will not solicit any of your "Tin," only beg your indulgence for consuming a portion of your time and attention, believing that it will be found interesting, and will meet with your approval.

IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT made of the purchase of the paper, in June 1895, among other things we note the following paragraph:

"As to the future. It is not the intention to begin with elaborate predictions and promises. Some decided changes will be made in the paper and its equipment, as we move along. It seems unnecessary to state that in the future, as in the past, this paper will always be found an earnest and enthusiastic expounder of the principles of true Democracy; at the same time cautiously avoiding those dangerous extremes--blinded prejudice and political bigotry, so often the bane of modern journalism.

"It will be our aim to furnish a paper that will be a welcome visitor to every hearthstone and fireside, and prove a potent influence for all that contributes to the public good--a newspaper that will merit the support of a worthy constituency, and win the hearty approval of all good citizens."

The ten years that have lapsed since the above sentiment was printed, is a period that is filled with arduous toil and devotion to duty. At the same time there are many pleasant associations and recollections that now come to mind which made the work inviting and encouraged our journalistic efforts. Believing that facts and figures often are more forceful and eloquent than words, we beg to submit a brief comparison of the position this paper occupied in 1895, and what it holds today. It will be a story of a 10-year's growth. What approval it has merited, in that time, will be shown by comparison of the patronage accorded it by the public, who certainly are competent judges.

In the following table are given the number of subscribers on our Mailing Lists in June 1895 and June 1905, showing the net gain in ten years. Space will not permit us to enumerate all the small postoffices, hence confine the comparison to important towns in Centre county and adjoining localities:

Postoffices:	Year 1895	Year 1905	Net Gain
Woodward.....	9	48	89
Piedler.....	3	36	33
Aaronsburg.....	7	92	85
Millheim.....	20	80	60
Wolf's Store.....	7	43	36
Rebersburg.....	15	82	67
Smulton.....	0	24	24
Madisonburg.....	30	51	21
Coburn.....	15	107	92
Centre Hall.....	8	21	13
*Spring Mills.....	20	268	248
Sober.....	0	7	7
Potters Mills.....	5	17	12
Tusseyville.....	9	20	11
Centre Hall.....	15	82	67
Linden Hall.....	6	31	25
Oak Hall.....	0	14	14
Boalsburg.....	5	35	30
Lemont.....	12	40	28
*State College.....	31	132	101
Pine Grove Mills.....	21	19	loss 3
Warriors Mark.....	0	16	16
Benore.....	0	20	20
Fairbrook.....	0	5	5
Pa. Furnace.....	0	23	23
Gatesburg.....	5	4	loss 1
Stormstown.....	9	9	0

## LOOK AT IT.

The date after your name, on the yellow label, shows when your subscription expired. We hope those who are in arrears for a year, or even more, will pay some attention to the bills sent them during the past month. Please don't take advantage of our leniency any longer, but favor us with a remittance.

Buffalo Run.....	0	14	14
Waddle.....	0	9	9
*Belleville.....	205	482	277
Axemann.....	8	22	14
Pleasant Gap.....	22	41	19
Zion.....	29	80	51
Mingoville.....	9	20	11
Hubersburg.....	27	55	28
*Nittany.....	18	86	68
Clintondale.....	0	11	11
Salona.....	0	11	11
Mackeyville.....	0	7	7
Lamar.....	0	9	9
Mill Hall.....	0	22	22
Lock Haven.....	6	32	26
Abdera.....	2	5	3
Walker.....	16	19	3
Flemington.....	0	7	7
Beech Creek.....	7	25	18
Blanchard.....	10	57	47
Romola.....	8	26	18
Howard.....	23	87	64
Mt. Eagle.....	6	15	9
Roland.....	16	48	32
Milesburg.....	26	59	33
Yarnell.....	0	25	25
Wingate.....	0	14	14
Runville.....	0	22	22
Snow Shoe.....	15	25	10
Clarence.....	0	16	16
Moshannon.....	14	38	24
Pine Glenn.....	3	9	6
Philipsburg.....	15	83	68
Clearfield.....	4	24	20
Fleming.....	13	94	81
Julian.....	4	50	46
Hannah.....	0	5	5
Martha.....	5	14	9
Port Matilda.....	3	57	54
Tyrone.....	4	27	23
Bellwood.....	0	16	16
Altoona.....	8	55	47
Philadelphia.....	7	50	43
Kipple.....	0	6	6
Pittsburg.....	0	15	15
Braddock.....	0	9	9
DeBois.....	0	7	7
Punkutawney.....	8	8	0
Pitcairn.....	0	21	21
Wilkesburg.....	0	9	9
Johnsonburg.....	0	11	11
Jersey Shore.....	0	7	7
Williamsport.....	0	16	16
Centre Oak.....	0	14	14
Tylersville.....	0	22	22
Logan Mills.....	0	4	4
Loganton.....	0	4	4
Greenburg.....	0	6	6
Mifflinburg.....	0	7	7
Lewistown.....	0	10	10
All other papers not itemized here amount to.....	131	769	538

Total Mailing List, 947 4135 3188

\*Rural delivery routes recently established at these points have taken names from adjoining offices, and added to this one.

NOTE--Any postmaster in the county, at any time, is given the privilege to inform any one as to the number of our subscribers at his office--thus the above can easily be verified.

The above represents only the mailing list. It does not include copies sent to advertisers, office sales, papers given to employees, sample copies, and extra editions, all of which average over 150 per week, which will aggregate the present circulation to be over 4300 copies each week, and by the end of the year we predict the average circulation for 1905 will be near 4500. This gain in circulation has been steady, and averaged about 310 new names per year.

The Centre Democrat's total gain in ten years of 3188 is even larger than the total circulation accorded to, or claimed by, any other paper now published in Centre county. At many postoffices in this county postmasters have voluntarily informed this office that the circulation of "The Centre Democrat" exceeds that of all other Centre county papers combined.

The Newspaper Directories accord "The Centre Democrat" the best circulation rating of any papers, in the same class, in the state of Pennsylvania. Any one who will take the time and interest to call at this office, can see the above points verified.

While this circulation of this paper has grown with leaps and bounds the paper certainly was improved to merit this liberal patronage. In a high degree it also must have won the confidence of the public.

In the mechanical department scarcely a remnant of the old equipment is left. A new and faster press with folder attached has been installed, and better power employed. Modern type has supplanted the old. Last, and not least, our new location is neat, bright, cheery, and convenient--is a model printing establishment.

This is the story we have to tell upon our 10th anniversary. An increase from 947 to 4135, (over four times as large, in ten years) needs no eulogy; these totals tell the story. It shows that our pledges made in 1895 have been faithfully kept. It also assures the public that since "The Centre Democrat" has risen from the lowest notch to the front rank, in the future it will be better able to serve its patrons than in the past.

If the above sounds extravagant our only apology is that we have presented the truth. Should some note an exultant air in these brief lines, we would say, have we not occasion to rejoice and be glad?

## NUMEROUS CAVERNS IN PENNSVALLEY

Limstone Formations Favorable for Underground Passages.

## CENTRE HALL'S CAVERN OPENED

The Drillers Encounter an Opening--Numerous Caves Throughout that Valley--Some that Never were Explored--Famous Penns Cave.

Some years ago we printed an article giving it as our opinion that the section of Pennsvalley at and near Centre Hall had an underground cavernous formation of vast extent, which is a characteristic of limestone countries. Shortly after printing the article a drill was started to reach water for an industry at Centre Hall station. After the drill had reached some considerable depth it suddenly dropped quite a number of feet, indicating that a cavern was struck, and the pump brought up clean gravel and evidences of a stream of water flowing over it. There are caves in several sections of the county besides the celebrated Penns cave, accessible from surface entrances. Our attention is recalled to the opinion we gave, as above referred to, by the fact that the drilling for oil on the George Emerick farm close to the mountain near Centre Hall, struck a large cavern some 80 feet below the surface. A gentleman from that town informs us that, by the stopping of the drill caused by boulders encountered, a second hole was worked upon close to the first, and like trouble was encountered. This second hole in combination with the first afforded an opening large enough for one of the men engaged in drilling to venture down by means of a rope guarded by persons on the surface. Reaching the depth the drills had traveled, with lantern, he "viewed the landscape o'er" having encountered some dangers in his descent, and to his amazement a vast cavern presented itself filled with the wonders of these institutions of nature, crystals, stalagmites, stalactites, and formations of beauty usually found in caves.

This discovery, and others, confirms the soundness of the opinion of the editor, as to Pennsvalley, and particularly the section which is the subject of this article, that it was the roof for wonderful caverns which might rival the noted Mammoth cave or any of its sister caves, anywhere.

That there are immense caverns under the surface above referred to, always seemed evident to us from the fact that none of the mountain rivulets from Gregg's ore banks to the Kline farm in Brush valley, a distance of some seven miles, cross the Brush valley road but sink close by the foot of the mountain and in these caverns they gather to furnish the supply, and source, of Penns creek at Penns cave, where the disappearing mountain streams from up the valley emerge in one large outflow from the cave and keep up the volume of water at the head of that historic stream all the year round.

The following are the caves already accessible in Penns valley: The well known Penns Cave 2 1/2 miles north of Spring Mills, navigable by boat and fine formations in the cave. Two miles east of Old Port north of the pike there is a large cavern having an entrance on the level ground. Two miles south of Aaronburg near Pine Creek there is a large cave with some fair formations. In the lower end of Haines township, on Pine creek, there is a cave known as the Morky Stover cave, some two miles above Woodward. About a mile east of Aaronburg and half a mile off from the pike to the north there is an unexplored cave that seems of vast magnitude, having a perpendicular entrance of 60 to 75 feet, large from the surface down, and stones thrown in and timed indicate that depth before striking, when the onward rolling of same can be heard for nigh a third of a minute. It is surprising that this cavern never was explored, there seeming to have been no persons of courage to undertake it, although with windlass it would be perfectly safe to make the descent. This would present an adventure that State College students might delight in.

Will Raise Stingless Honey Bees. E. E. Pressler, the Williamsport apiarist, has just received a stingless queen bee from the shores of the Caspian sea, through Professor Benton, of the United States agricultural department, who while traveling in India for the purpose of getting some new characters of bees purchased this queen bee and sent it to Mr. Pressler. It is the first of its kind ever sent to this country and cost Mr. Pressler \$125. He will introduce it into a colony of his choice bees at his apiary.

The man who knows it all is never popular.

## OUR SCHOOL BOARD.

The Belleville school board made some changes last week when it was reorganized. The officers are: President, William C. Heine; secretary, D. F. Fortney; treasurer, A. C. Mingle. The election of teachers for the ensuing school year was postponed until the next meeting night. John D. Meyer was elected principal instead of David O. Eters and his salary fixed at \$1,500 per year to begin at once. As Prof. Eters is now county superintendent, and not being allowed to fill two offices at once, the change was made at this time.

In reference to the above the Gazette made the following unwarranted comment: "The former board was A. C. Mingle, president; H. C. Quigley, secretary, and John P. Harris, treasurer. Mr. Harris has held this office for thirty-five years and has always tried to do his duty. Party lines were drawn Wednesday night--something that should not enter into an organization of that kind, where so many interests are at stake, irrespective of party or politics". The vote in each case was 6 to 3, which at once shows that it was not on party lines. There was a demand for a re-organization in our schools which now has been brought about; and at the same time a change in the school board was considered advisable, and was made. The fact is, that for some time there were too many knackers in our school board who became intoxicated with a little brief authority and imagined they were the whole push; one by one these have been made to go way back and squat down flat.

We never heard any such complaint in regard to Mr. John P. Harris, who has been treasurer of the board since 1870, a period of about 35 years; and as the salary has varied from \$100 to \$300 per annum and he received probably \$6000 in that time, he hardly has any cause for complaint. His services were never questioned, but the majority demanded a complete change, and that is about all there is of it.

H. C. Quigley, Esq., became a member of the board in June, 1898 and in June 1899 was chosen secretary and has served in that capacity up to the organization of the last week. In this time Henry C. Quigley received \$900 in salary. This helped to pay the tuition of his children at the Belleville Academy, and shows what real interest he has had in our schools during this period. True he kept the minutes, but drew his salary. Why should he complain, or the Gazette even squeal. "Henry Cute" used to smile over the matter and his associated knackers bowled D. F. Fortney out of the presidency of the school board. Never did he dream that this same David should some day rise up early in the morn and pluck from under his very nose the luscious morsel of \$150 per year at which "Henry Cute" has feasted these many moons.

Yea Verily; it has come to pass that he that knocketh shall himself be knocked.

## Centre County Reunion.

The second annual basket picnic and reunion of the "Centre County Association" in Philadelphia, will be held in Fairmount Park, Saturday afternoon, June 24th, at Belmont Mansion. The hour for luncheon will be 5 o'clock. Centre county has a large representation in that city and these gatherings always prove a great success.

The entertainment committee are: Dr. Roland G. Curtis, president; Thos. Foster, vice-president; L. Olin Meek, treasurer, M. S. Mint, Philadelphia; Dr. S. Gray Matters secretary, 1015 North 44th street; Gen. B. F. Fisher, Ira D. Garman, Dr. George D. Rishel, T. Emory Hoy, B. Frank Schaeffer, Charles McCafferty, William S. Furst, Esq., Hermah Haupt, Max Liveright, William A. Magee, S. Cameron Burnside, Prof. George D. Bible, Thomas I. Loughrey, J. L. Spangler, Esq., Prof. William C. Meyer, Dr. Stuart D. Runkle, Rev. Dr. Robert Markinson.

## Fourth of July Blowouts.

On the 4th of July the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the United American Mechanics and Improved Order of Red Men will join in having a union picnic a Snow Shoe. This picnic will be the opening of the driving park and athletic ground at that place and it will be one of the largest events ever witnessed on the top of the Alleghenies. The new park consists of twenty acres of the finest woodland in Pennsylvania. The citizens of Scotia, Centre county, are now making preparations to have a big picnic on the 4th of July. It is going to be something that will eclipse anything of the kind that has ever taken place in that section of the county. The eagle will scream in a number of other places in the county.

George Loder, a prominent merchant of Lock Haven, died in the hospital at that place, on Saturday morning from an attack of appendicitis. The remains were taken to Long River, N. Y., for interment.

## WHY THE JAPS WON SO EASILY

The Russian Squadron was in Bad Shape

## IT RAN OUT OF AMMUNITION

Marksmanship was Poor--There was no Understanding Among the Vessels--Fleet Became Confused--Sailors Lacked Discipline

A series of interviews which the correspondent of the Associated Press has had with naval officers who survived the battle of the Sea of Japan has developed a most sensational story of the causes of Russian disaster first of all, and the complete demoralization which followed the sinking of the flagship Kniaz-Souvaroff and the wounding of Admiral Rojestvensky. It is explained that not a single officer of the fleet knew the commander-in-chief's plans. The admiral in command of divisions knew no more than the sub-lieutenants and had to rely only on the signals of the flagship. Admiral Nebogatoff, on whom the command devolved, saw Rojestvensky only once after the junction of their squadrons and then only for fifteen minutes.

All the stories of extensive target practice in Madagascar it seems were false. During the entire voyage there practically was no training in gunnery worthy of the name and the big gun practice was confined to three shots per vessel. Ugly stories are told of the happenings at Madagascar. Some of the crews were certainly untrained in gunnery and exhausted by the eight months' voyage under trying moral and physical conditions were no match for the veteran Japanese, whose marksmanship was wonderful. The Japanese concentrated their fire on one ship until she was placed out of action and then on another, thus successively sinking the Oslabya, Alexander III and Kniaz-Souvaroff. Some ships developed deplorable structural defects. The Oslabya sunk without having a single hole below the water line. Heavy seas entered the vessel above the water line and the water-tight compartments which were changed several times during the voyage, did not stand the strain they had been calculated to stand and burst, flooding and keeling the vessel over until she turned turtle.

Lack of homogeneity among the ships made it impossible to manoeuvre in harmony. The Vladimir Monomach, Admiral Oushakoff and Admiral Seniavin had to lag behind, on this account, becoming easy victims.

Finally the ammunition was exhausted after the first day's fight.

Even the very morning of the battle, while the buzzing of the wireless instruments on the Russian ships showed that the Japanese scouts were communicating his dispositions to Admiral Togo, Admiral Rojestvensky continued his careless manoeuvring and when the Japanese actually appeared, the Russians were caught in an impossible formation and were attacked on three fronts. Rojestvensky's position was cramped and his transports were badly placed and caused confusion. While the Japanese were training projectiles even from machine guns on the Russian ships, the latter were huddled together, blanketing each other's fire. Only the leaders of the columns could bring their guns to bear and even those the untrained gunners fired wildly. To render matters worse the floating of torpedoes down in the Russian divisions added to the confusion. The Borodino, Admiral Nakhimoff and Navarin fell victims to these obstructions.

It is a heartrending narrative that Russia and the world should know. The sailors and officers were not altogether to blame. The main fault lies elsewhere. There were many heroes among the Russians. Captain Berk, of the Oslabya, committed suicide on her bridge as the ship sank, rather than save himself. There were thousands of other heroes whose names the world will never know.

## RUSSIA SEEKS ALLIANCE.

Tuesday's dispatch indicates that Russia now wants not only peace, but an alliance with Japan.

She seeks not a partial, conditional association like England's agreement, which will expire by limitation in a year and a half, but a thorough, potential alliance, offensive as well as defensive--one that shall rule the destinies of Asia. In short, she will try to retrieve her losses in the war by making her present foe her future partner, and by their combined efforts will be the absolute master of the Orient. Such an alliance would be possible, if the Japs could place any dependence in Russian pledges.

In two weeks time the orphans' court clerk of Clearfield county issued 67 marriage licenses.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

## A REFUGEE IN DISTRESS.

A fellow's father knows a lot Of office work and such, But when it comes to things like what A boy wants, he ain't much. For when it comes to cuts or warts Or stone bruise on your toes, A fellow's father don't know, but A fellow's mother knows.

A fellow's father, he looks wise And says: "A-hem! A-hem!" But when it comes to cakes and pies, What does he know of them? He knows the price of wheat and rye And corn and oats, it's true, But if you got the leg ache, why, He don't know what to do.

And if you burned your back the time That you went in to swim, And want some stuff to heal it, why, You never go to him, Because he doesn't know a thing About such things as those, but you just bet, and don't forget, A fellow's mother knows.

And if your nose is suburned, till It's all peeled off, and you Go to him for some healin' stuff, He don't know what to do; He's just as helpless as can be, But when a fellow goes And asks his mother, why, you see, A fellow's mother knows.

A fellow's father knows a lot But it ain't any use, So if a fellow's really got The leg ache or a bruise, Or if there's anything he wants He gets right up and goes And asks his mother, for, you see, A fellow's mother knows.

Even the smallest man can do some tall lying. Some men would try to lie out of anything, even a bed.

The man who bets may be a gambler, but the man who doesn't is no better. The moon affects the tide. In fact it affects a young couple before they are tied.

The Scotch dominie, after telling his scholars the story of Ananias and Sapphira, asked them: "Why does not God strike everybody dead that tells a lie?" After a long silence one little fellow exclaimed: "Because there wouldna be nobody left."

## OUR GYMNASIUM.

For some time work on the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium has been progressing at a slow pace. This we believe is due in a large part to financial distress. This institution is being erected principally on the theory that a gymnasium is a good place for young chaps to secure bodily exercise so that they may develop into fine, strong, healthy young men. There is no doubt but that the institution will do good work along this line, and lots of young men are fairly dying to get the place in shape to secure exercise. Since finances are a little slack and the weather is so fine, would it not be a clever idea for our young athletes and gymnasts to get sincerely practical. By that we mean they should volunteer a little work about the premises in the way of cleaning up. There is lots of rubbish on the front of the building and in the back part of the lot that could be removed. The stones and dirt in the cellar could be removed and used to fill up and grade the lot, all of which, if done by the young men, would save many dollars. Think of the exhilarating motions swinging a pick or working a shovel handle a few hours each day--such exercise is a great muscle builder and would make the blood fairly tingle. Then think of the abundance of good fresh air--talk of exercise and training--it can't be beat. Then if work would become scarce, the old stable could be cleaned up and repaired and even white-washed, and the new building scrubbed out. No professional trainer at a high salary would be needed to direct the work either.

Now boys, especially you chaps who have been figuring how to induce the "stingy" people of Belleville to give their money for this gymnasium, just show the people how honest and anxious you are for the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. Off with your coats, roll up your sleeves, jump in and contribute a little actual work to complete the building. By setting such an example you might be able to loosen up some of the strained purse strings in Belleville.

This is a new organization affected in Belleville. At the last meeting about thirty different merchants of the town were in attendance and officers were elected as follows: President, H. Sechler; secretary, A. C. Mingle; treasurer, Ed. Hoy. A committee of three members consisting of John Olewine, Elmer Davis and F. C. Montgomery were appointed to prepare by-laws for the association and report same at the next meeting, which will be on Monday June 19th. The purpose of the association is practically to take the place of the former Board of Trade and to consider all matters that pertain to the business interests of the community.