

## CENTRE DEMOCRAT'S BOOK AWARD

The Method of Distributing the Encyclopaedia Fully Explained

## THREE SETS IN A DISTRICT

Newspaper Coupons and Premium Coupons will be Used--How They can be Obtained and Voted--Books are on Exhibition.

The 18 complete sets of the "20th Century Encyclopaedia" recently purchased by The Centre Democrat for free distribution among that many different public school teachers of this county, arrived last Friday and have been on exhibition at this office since then. It is a work that was sold a year ago in this town for \$29.00 a set. All persons who have seen and examined the same are profuse in their words of praise as to the high merit of this Encyclopaedia and the excellent workmanship throughout. Without exception, wonder is expressed by all as to how The Centre Democrat is warranted in making such an award of costly books. To convince you that the "20th Century Encyclopaedia" is all, and more, than we have said of it, a number of editions will be distributed over the county for the inspection of teachers and others interested. We invite every teacher to examine, carefully, the character of the work, the vast scope and variety of topics it covers—a publication that came from the press in 1905 and therefore is up-to-date. Note the expensive half-morocco binding, elegant paper, clear print, costly colorplates and maps and illustrations throughout. You must see it, examine it critically, to fully appreciate.

Sample sets of the 20th Century Encyclopaedia have been placed at the following points in the county where the teachers are invited to call and carefully inspect each of the six volumes:

- BELLEFONTE....."Index" book store MILLHEIM.....T. F. Meyer's store SPRING MILLS.....C. A. Krape's store BOALSBURG.....Murray's Drug store CENTRE HALL.....Murray's Drug store BLANCHARD.....Murray's Drug store SNOW SHOE.....Murray's Drug store PHILIPSBURG.....Murray's Drug store STATE COLLEGE.....St. Col. Supply Co. UNIONVILLE.....A. J. Greist's store HOWARD.....Moore's Drug Store.

It is our purpose to present these eighteen sets free to that many deserving teachers in this county, but we will ask the patrons of the paper to make the award upon the following basis:

Centre county public schools are divided into six Local Institute Districts as follows:

- Local Institute Districts:**
- 1--Gregg, Haines, Miles, Millheim and Penn. Institute will meet at Millheim, Saturday, Dec. 16th.
  - 2--Centre Hall, College Ferguson Harris Potter and State College. Institute will meet at Boalsburg, Saturday, Dec. 16th.
  - 3--Bellefonte, Besser, Spring and Walker Institute will meet at Hubbersburg, Saturday, January 6th, 1906.
  - 4--Bozoz, Curtin, Howard, Howardboro, Liberty, Marion and Millburg. Institute will meet in Howard, Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1906.
  - 5--Half Moon, Huston, Patton, Taylor, Union, Unionville and Worth. Institute will be held at Port Matilda, Saturday, Jan. 20, 1906.
  - 6--Buraside, Rush, Philipsburg, Snow Shoe and South Philipsburg. Institute will meet at Snow Shoe, Saturday, Jan. 27th, 1906.

Three sets of the Encyclopaedia will be given to three teachers of each district; the selection of the teachers to be made as follows:

### Newspaper Ballot.

From this on, until the 21st of March, 1906, in each issue of "The Centre Democrat" the following NEWSPAPER BALLOT, each one good for one vote, will be printed, which any one can cut out, write in the name of any teacher of his choice, anywhere in Centre county, and if it is returned to this office *inside of 30 days*, it will be placed in a locked box, and each week the votes will be counted by two judges and the result will be published. These ballots will be numbered and dated as follows:

## 20th CENTURY ENCYCLOPAEDIA

## The Centre Democrat.

### NEWSPAPER BALLOT

No. 1. Dec. 14.

### ONE VOTE FOR

Name of Teacher

(Carefully insert in line below name of town or township where teacher is employed.)

This ballot, if cut along the border (must include the date) and sent to this office inside of 30 days from above date, will be good for one vote.

CHAS. R. KURTZ, Pub.

## ANNUAL STATEMENTS.

Following the custom inaugurated some years ago, between this and the end of the present year, Dec. 30th, 1905, a statement will be mailed to every patron of this paper who has allowed the subscription to become overdue. In most cases the amount may appear trivial, but kindly remember that our business depends entirely on our ability to collect many such small sums, which in the aggregate means much to us.

PUB. CENTRE DEMOCRAT.

### Premium Ballots.

In addition to the "NEWSPAPER BALLOT" printed each week, "PREMIUM BALLOTS" will also be issued at our office upon the following basis, to persons who pay on their subscription or secure job printing during this contest:

**4 Votes:**--will be issued for every month paid on subscription that is in arrears, OR 50 FOR A FULL YEAR.

**8 Votes:**--will be issued for every month that is paid in advance OR 100 FOR A FULL YEAR. (Persons already in advance can get full benefit of that time by another extension but for not more than 3 years.)

**16 Votes:**--will be issued per month on new subscription received, OR 200 FOR A FULL YEAR. No new subscription will be received for less than 1 year. Transferring an old to a new name will not be counted.

**100 Votes:**--will also be issued for every \$1 worth of Job Printing ordered, delivered and paid for between this and March 21st, 1906. (This does not apply to advertising or public printing.)

These PREMIUM BALLOTS are issued only at the office, are signed by us, numbered to prevent duplication, a stub record is retained for comparison when counting to assure accuracy. PREMIUM BALLOTS can be voted any time, or retained up to the last count.

You can vote for any teacher anywhere in the county. The ballot box will be kept in our office, securely locked, and keys will be held only by the judges.

After ballots are cast and counted, they can not be credited or transferred to another. No employee of the office will be allowed to cast a vote in this contest; no extra copies will be sold at the office.

The final count will be made Wednesday, March 21st, 1906. Ballot box will close at noon of that day.

In any case where a transfer of subscription is made in the same family or household, during this contest, no coupons will be allowed.

No subscription will be accepted for less than \$1 per year--no commission allowed to any one.

We expect these books to be awarded free by our patrons, and not to cost a teacher a single cent. For that reason we caution teachers not to pay any part of any subscriptions to secure votes; and if it is discovered that votes are secured in such manner, same will be canceled and declared void, even if already counted. This means there will be a "square deal," rich or poor have an equal chance--and no boodling tolerated.

The privilege is given any public school in the county to make an effort for a set of these books, under the same conditions.

### Called by Four Congregations.

As a result of a call extended last Sunday to Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Centre Hall, to become pastor of the Salem Lutheran church near York, Pa., the clergyman will preach to four different congregations, Stayer's St. Paul's, Dover and Harmony Grove. The call was practically unanimous. The members of the Lutheran church at Centre Hall will regret to part with Rev. Rearick, who so acceptably served that charge upwards of fifteen years. It is likely Rev. Rearick will accept the call, but we suppose would not leave the Centre Hall charge before spring.

### Those Who Never Had a Million.

Some of you fellows who never had a \$1,000,000 like we editors, do not know of course, of what the big pile consists. We will put you on. When you have a \$1,000,000 dollar bill and pile them flat upon one another and want to take one of them off the top you will have to reach up 275 feet. If you laid them end to end you would have to walk 11 2/3 miles. If you had that amount in silver dollars the pile would be 1 1/2 miles high, and so on. We know because we tried the other night, but the blamed bed slat broke and we woke up.

### Don't Wait.

9 more shopping days until Christmas. Don't put off buying gifts. Buy now while our stock is at its best. Our low prices makes the getting of holiday goods easy. We carry a large line of fancy china, dolls, games, toys, books, etc. Nothing in the store over 10c. The new 5 and 10c store, Bush Arcade.

The fellow who eats hash realizes that there is a place for everything.

## SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST YOUNG MAN

An Attempt to Extort Money From B. H. Warren.

## PROSECUTION WILL FOLLOW

R. U. Wasson, of State College, Makes An Awkward Attempt to Frighten An Official--Exposure Made Public Last Saturday.

Last Saturday an article appeared in the Philadelphia North American, in which two letters were published implicating Robert U. Wasson, of State College, Pa., with attempting to "blackmail Dairy and Food Commissioner B. H. Warren, and extort from him \$1000, and later \$150. Wasson is a native of College twp., a graduate of State College, in 1903 he taught the senior grammar school in Bellefonte, and has taught elsewhere in the county; at present he is connected with the State College Times. In his letters addressed to Warren, Wasson claimed to be in possession of some information which he threatened to publish, that would do the Food Commissioner great injury. His price for suppressing same was \$1000.

Dr. Warren placed the letters in the hands of the North American and they sent a reporter to see Wasson, who admitted writing the letters.

Wasson then wrote a second letter demanding \$150 in cash, or the alleged exposure would be made on the 9th, and Dr. Warren choose that date for exposing Wasson. In his letters Wasson gave Hon. John G. Love, H. C. Quigley and Prof. H. A. Surface as references.

It is Dr. Warren's intention to place the letters in the hands of the United States District Attorney and urge prosecution of the writer for using the mails for blackmailing.

"I never heard of the man before," said Dr. Warren "and I don't know what information he professes to have on which to base an attack. I will place his letters before the Federal authorities for prosecution."

## LINN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Linn Historical Society of Centre County and election of officers, will take place Wednesday, December 27, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the court house. A list of members was printed in the Democrat during the week of the September meeting, since which, up to this time the following persons have joined the Society and signed the Constitution, as we find in the minute book of Secretary Mitchell:

C. F. Montgomery, R. F. Hunter, P. G. Meek, Earl C. Taten, John J. Bower, Mrs. D. H. Hastings, Mrs. W. F. Reeder, John G. Love, John P. Harris, Mrs. J. L. Spangler, Mrs. Harry Keller, John D. Meyer, P. P. Blair, W. W. Montgomery, Elizabeth H. B. Galloway, J. M. Brockerhoff, Wm. C. Heinle, Dr. George F. Harris, Thomas Beaver, Mary McAllister Beaver, Miss Elizabeth Meek, Dr. G. H. Hayes, Mrs. Sarah H. Hayes, R. E. Rogers, Thomas R. Hayes, Sarah McAllister Hayes, Frank McCoy, of Bellefonte.

Mrs. Dr. Huston, of Nittany. John A. Woodard, of Howard. John I. Thompson, Jr., Mrs. John I. Thompson, Wm. Thompson, Jr., Mrs. Wm. Thompson, Jr., W. C. Patterson, of Lemont.

Geo. W. Atherton, N. L. Foster, W. C. Patterson, M. M. Musser, Sylvester Slagle, David F. Kapp, Prof. Edwin W. Runkle, Jno. W. Stewart, A. J. Lytle, T. S. Bailey, J. F. Kennedy, C. F. Miller, J. P. Seibert, Wm. Everhart, of State College.

Mrs. T. K. Morris, of Tyrone.

Dr. Roland G. Curtin, of Philadelphia.

### The Monument.

The stone work on the Soldiers' Monument in front of the Court House, is practically completed, the last block being set in place on Tuesday. The bronze plates bearing the names of soldiers from the county are not finished, in fact the list of names is not completed. The bronze figures are cast and ready for shipment. This means that no more work on the monument will be done during the winter and in the spring it will be completed. Owing to the weather, it would be impossible to put up a good concrete pavement about the structure. It will be safe to predict that the monument will be finished by Memorial Day for dedication.

### To Court With Vaccination.

To test the constitutionality of the compulsory vaccination law legal proceedings will be instituted by the citizens of Penn township Snyder county. The serious illness of many of the children vaccinated and disbelief in the efficacy of the virus, cause this procedure.

### Evangelical Conference.

The 12 annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical church will convene in the First United Evangelical church, at Sunbury, on Wednesday, February 22, and remain in session about one week.

## WOODRING-TURNER.

On last Thursday, Dec. 7th, at 11 o'clock at the Central Hotel, Port Matilda, was the scene of a very pretty home wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Edith Woodring, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Belle Woodring, and Leroy Turner of Avonmore, Pa. At 10:55 C. Duncan, of Shamokin accompanied by his sister Allie, led the way to the piano and as Miss Duncan impressively played Mendelssohn's wedding march, the attendants, Francis Woodring, of Lemont, a cousin of the bride, and Geo. Woodring, the bride's brother, came leading the way to the parlor which had been beautifully decorated with potted plants, fern and evergreens forming a beautiful evergreen arch. Next came Lula Adams of Avonmore and Howard Turner brother of the groom; as these four reached the floral arch and paused for a moment, the bride and groom slowly entered the parlor, and joined the attendants and Rev. Bergan of the Presbyterian church, beneath the arch; Miss Duncan very softly played the piano as Rev. Bergan pronounced the wedding ceremony, surrounded by about 125 guests. The bride wore white silk handsdown trimmed in French valenciennes lace and carried brides' roses; the maids of honor were also dressed in white handsdown and carried pink roses. After congratulations the wedding dinner was served. The bride and groom made a hurried exit for the 12:40 train, yet not without the usual amount of rice and old shoes, or anything within reach, however they succeeded in escaping, without any baggage, leaving for Harrisburg and Washington for a week's honeymoon trip. After their return they will reside at Avonmore where the groom holds a lucrative position with the P. R. R. Co. Many guests were present from a distance. The bride was the recipient of many handsome as well as useful presents. All join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Turner a future as bright and cheerful as was their wedding day.

### A GUESS.

Cost \$36 Per Bird. "Roy" Russ, a well-known Harrisburg hotel man, pleaded guilty before a city magistrate to the illegal purchase of 250 pheasants a month ago, and paid a fine of \$25 for each bird and \$34.56 costs.

With the purchasing prices of the game \$11, and the fees of his attorney, the entire transaction will leave Russ "out" nearly \$400, an average of about \$6 for each pheasant. And the state took the birds.

The charge was made by a deputy game warden, under the instructions of Dr. Kalbfus, secretary of the state game commission. Each bird was marked by a tiny pin, which was shown for identification at the hearing before the Magistrate.

### Big Fire at Tyrone.

Tyrone was threatened with destruction by fire Monday. While the department was busy fighting the flames consuming J. R. Condo's house, the water supply gave out, and the engines were taken to "Big Spring" Thus much time was lost and the fire spread to the dwelling occupied by J. W. Sellers and William Oster. A wind storm prevailing at the time carried burning brands throughout the town and four buildings in as many sections were ignited. Great excitement prevailed, but the incipient fires were extinguished with little loss. The Condo, Sellars and Oster homes were destroyed. The fire was caused by sparks from a flue. The loss was \$10,000.

### Destruction of Chicago.

Mrs. Gall, the colored woman who predicted the assassination of President McKinley, as well as the Baltimore fire, is visiting relatives at Lake Forest. She asserts that Chicago before long will be destroyed by an earthquake because of the wickedness in that city. Among other things she predicts a race war before Roosevelt leaves his seat. Her home is in Pittsburg. She asserts that God spoke to her and urged her to come to Chicago and warn the people of the earthquake which is to come.

### Duncan-Kennedy.

Edward Geary Kennedy, U. S. marshal for South Dakota with headquarters at Sioux Falls, and Miss Louise Dougal Duncan were married the evening of Nov. 28, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Duncan, of Washington, D. C. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Radcliffe, the wedding being quite a society event. The Duncans were formerly residents of Spring Mills, this county. Miss Mazie J. Foster, of Aaronsburg, a cousin of the bride, was present at the wedding.

In the future there will be a different system adopted in selecting jurors for annual filling of the jury wheel. At the meeting of the jury commissioners this week, Judge Orvis, took the occasion to be present and give some direct and explicit instructions.

## CASTLE TURNS GUNS ON AUDITOR GENERAL

Says Startling Revelations are Being Dug up in That Office

## TO STUMP THE STATE AGAIN

Preparations are Being Made for a Fusion Ticket in Pennsylvania Next Year--He is a Good Fighter and is Highly Respected

"The Auditor General's department at Harrisburg is being investigated, and already I have enough information to warrant the statement that the revelations concerning it will afford enough ammunition for a successful gubernatorial campaign. I believe the scandals of the State Treasury will be surpassed by the revelations we expect from the Auditor General's office. The inquiry we are making dates back several years.

Homer L. Castle, who started the Enterprise Bank scandal, made this statement while discussing what he calls the "slippery attempt of Attorney General Carson to dodge his duty and power to obtain information in connection with the legal inquiry he pretends to be making."

Castle is practically slated by the Prohibitionists, and his friends in the Democratic party, including Colonel J. M. Guffey, for the nomination on a State fusion ticket for Lieutenant Governor. As a candidate he will be used to fire off the hot shot in a fierce independent campaign next year. His boom has been launched by Prohibition friends, and the work is in the hands of a committee appointed at Franklin last week.

Castle asserted that, try as they might, the State bosses will be unable to hide any of the alleged irregularities in the State offices before Treasurer-elect Berry takes hold. He asserts that Berry and his friends have already secured information which will enable the new official to startle the public as soon as he gets possession of the records.

### Altoona Booming.

The Pennsylvania railroad shops at Altoona are again running on a 10 hour schedule and there is to be a lengthening of hours and an increase of force in the mechanical part of the road during December and January.

The increase in the rolling stock during the past six months has resulted in a corresponding increase in the repair department and all the shops are kept busy.

The old engines which were overworked last fall when engines were scarce are now undergoing extensive repairs and the new engines are doing the work.

The Altoona shops have been given the plans for at least 150 new engines which will be built there, besides the 200 or more that are being erected by the Baldwin locomotive works in Philadelphia.

The mechanical force of the road is now said to be as great if not greater than at any time in the history of the road.

### Big Porkers.

Millheim always heads the list for heavy hogs. The Journal gives the following list of this fall's butchering:

D. L. Zerby, two, 773 and 638; M. S. Fiedler, 2, 917; G. L. Springer, 2, 900; Jacob Emerick, 2, 870; Geo. B. Stover, 2, 865; F. O. Hostlerman, 2, 823; J. H. Maize, 2, 917; D. L. Zerby, 2, 1411; Henry Miller, 2, 780; John Confer, 1, 531; Abe King, 2, 767; Samuel Weiser, 3, 1376; Mrs. H. T. Stover, 1, 501; Henry Brown, 1, 525; Jos. Reifsnnyder, 1, 412.

### Who Would Live in Germany.

A farm servant named Heinrich Essenwein, employed on an estate near Mannheim, Germany, met a 14-year-old girl in a barn and gave her a kiss against her will. The farmer, who arrived on the scene at the moment, saw what had taken place, and on behalf of the girl, prosecuted Essenwein. The Court considered that he had been guilty of unnecessary amiability and sent him to prison for six weeks.

### A Freak Deer.

Last week mention was made of a four-pronged doe being shot in the mountains by the Robt Mann party. Many persons ridicule the story but nevertheless it is true. A number of hunters from this place saw the animal and assure us the report is correct. The horns were of a good size, but retained the velvet covering generally found on them in spring.

With a note lying beside him which read, "Whiskey is responsible for this. Good by, father and mother. Forgive me," Walter Rook, of Lewistown, was found apparently fatally wounded by a shot from a revolver in the hotel stable at McClure between four and five o'clock in the afternoon.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

### A PARENT'S PLEA.

My little boy is eight years old. He goes to school each day; He doesn't mind the tasks they set; They seem to him but play. He heads his class at raffle work And also takes the lead At making dinky paper boats-- But I wish that he could read.

They teach him physiology, And oh, it chills our hearts To hear our prattling innocent Mix up his inward parts! He also learns astronomy And names the stars by night-- Of course he's very up to date, But I wish that he could write.

They teach him things botanical; They teach him how to draw; He hables of mythology And gravitation's law, And the discoveries of science With him are quite a fad. They tell me he's a clever boy, But I wish that he could add.

Life.

Even a frost won't nip the blooming idiot.

Only the rich have more friends than they need.

Love makes the world go round but so do cranks.

Even the tight rope walker complains when things are slack.

It's the fellow who can't sing that has things offered him for a song.

A chronic thirst is a man's worst asset. You can't always make a hit with a man by striking him for a loan.

The only way some people can get along well together is to stay apart.

Borrow trouble and you will be paying interest on it the rest of your life.

The failure of the peach crop never seems to interfere with the supply of chorus girls.

A cake of yeast can always raise the dough, which is more than a lot of men can do.

Many a fellow who tells a girl he can't live without her demonstrates in the divorce court that he can't live with her.

Just now the universities seem to be devoting much more time to foot ball than to the intellectual development of their students.

Fashions are naturally regulated by trade conditions. Nearly all garments are worn longer in dull times than in prosperous ones.

Some men are like the moon, never brilliant until they are full; like the moon, too, they are frequently under a cloud, and periodically get to their last quarter.

The ancients believed that kissing a pretty girl was a sure cure for headache. After all there's nothing like the old-fashioned remedies. All you with headaches try this remedy.

If three cats catch three mice in three minutes with all the cats working all the time, how many rats will 100 kittens catch in one hour provided a rat is twice as hard to catch as a mouse and two-thirds of the kittens stop to eat the rats they have already caught.

A well known traveling salesman who "works" Somerset county says that orders have been received by trainmen on the Somerset & Cambria branch of the B. & O. railroad to remove the cow catchers from the front to the rear of the trains, to prevent the cows from biting passengers. Up to a late hour the news could not be confirmed.

An exchange says that "e" is the most unfortunate letter in the English alphabet, because it "is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger, and in hell all the time." Our exchange forgets that the aforesaid letter is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no meat, no life and no heaven.

### Are You It?

A young Sugar valley farmer, is advertising for a wife and wants a girl who will answer to the following specifications: Brown eyes, brown and heavy hair, very light complexion, very kind and mild disposition, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, five feet five inches in height, weight about 135 pounds, a Yankee, very neat form, teeth like pearl--white, even and pretty, a good singer, must go in the best society, must be white, very respectable, smart, a good housekeeper, between eighteen and twenty years of age, kind-hearted, a jolly girl, full of fun and good references.

On another page of this issue we give considerable space to Prof. Surface to make a pretended answer to an article we previously published. The differences between Prof. Groff and Surface on the San Jose scale has provoked more amusement to the public than anything that has happened for a long time. As we have two supposed dignified and learned professors taking flings at each other like two school boys, quite natural for the public to take a good laugh.