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OUR BOOK AWARD WELL RECEIVED

Favorable Comments From all Sections of the County

THE FIRST COUNT NEXT ISSUE

Words of Praise From Educational Authorities--A Complete Library in Six Volumes--Extremely Valuable for Teachers

In our issue last week the plan upon which the 18 sets of '20th Century Encyclopaedia' are to be awarded to that many different teachers in the county was so fully outlined that it is unnecessary to add anything to what has been said.

WORDS OF PRAISE:

Here permit us to publish a few remarks regarding the "20th Century Encyclopaedia," from some of the many educational authorities in this district.

COMING THIS WEEK.

Careful business houses send out statements of account to patrons at the end of each month. Publishing a newspaper is purely a business venture and, in order to be successful, business principles must be applied.

The subscription accounts are being made out now and will be mailed in a few days. If you receive a statement, kindly give it attention and you will oblige.

THE PUBLISHER.

LOTS 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.

16 Votes:--will be issued per month on new subscription received, or 200 FOR A FULL YEAR.

100 Votes:--will also be issued for every \$1 worth of Job Printing ordered, delivered and paid for between this and March 21st, 1906.

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 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 one year--no commission allowed to agents.

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

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

Local Institute Districts: 1--Gregg, Haines, Miles, Wilhelm and Penn. Institute will meet at Millheim, Saturday, Dec. 26th.

2--Centre Hall, College, Ferguson, Harris, Potter and State College. Institute will meet at Boalsburg, Saturday, Dec. 30th.

3--Belmonte, Bender, Springer and Walker. Institute will meet at Hubersburg, Saturday, January 6th, 1907.

4--Boxes, Curtin, Howard, Howard, Horn, Liberty, Marston and Milesburg. Institute will meet in Howard, Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1907.

5--Half Moon, Huston, Patton, Taylor, Union, Unionville and Worth. Institute will be held at Fort Matilda, Saturday, Jan. 20, '07.

6--Burnside, Rush, Phillipsburg, Snow Shoe and South Phillipsburg. Institute will meet at Snow Shoe, Saturday, Jan. 27th, '07.

JUDGES CHOSEN. In order to have a careful count of all votes, The Centre Democrat has cast about for two competent and reliable judges, and has succeeded in engaging two young men in whom absolute confidence can be reposed.

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 PHILLIPSBURG.....Murray's Drug store STATE COLLEGE.....St. Col. Supply Co. UNIONVILLE.....A. J. Greist's store HOWARD.....Moore's Drug Store

CHAIRMAN HALL WILL RETIRE

Owing to Ill Health He Asks to be Relieved of Work

HOMER CASTLE FOR GOVERNOR

Some Lively Politics Predicted for the Campaign

Because of poor health and a desire to be relieved of responsibility, Senator James K. P. Hall has advised his close political friends that he will retire as chairman of the Democratic State committee at its annual meeting next April.

Mr. Hall is unable to give to the chairmanship the time and attention necessary to build up an effective organization, especially in gubernatorial campaign, and he feels that he should make way for a younger and more active man.

There is no need for him to retire before next April, which will give the party leaders ample time to select a successor who will be satisfactory to a large majority of the members of the committee.

Unless the extra session of the Legislature makes a change in the present Thirty-eighth district, composed of Elk, Clarion, Forest and Cameron counties, Mr. Hall will be a candidate for re-nomination for the Senate next year.

CASTLE FOR GOVERNOR.

Out of the interesting majority situation in Pittsburg has come the disclosure that Colonel James M. Guffey, Democratic State leader, has held out to Homer L. Castle the vision of a nomination for Governor on the Prohibition and Democratic tickets.

When William H. Berry takes charge of the State Treasury in May, unless all plans fail, there will be a great deal of fireworks regarding the previous management of the State Treasury, and that these will fit into charges made during the State campaign in a way that will bring Mr. Castle strongly into the limelight and probably make him the logical Democratic candidate for Governor.

Engagement Announced. Formal announcement was made last week by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt of the engagement of their daughter, Alice Lee Roosevelt, to Nicholas Longworth, representative in congress from the First district of Ohio.

The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre Co., was held in Petriken Hall on Wednesday, 20. Applications for insurance were presented and passed to amount of \$85,000.

Premium notes taken to amount of \$792, and cash premiums received, \$404.23. Madisonburg Lutheran church spire, damaged by fire to amount of \$111.91--ordered to be paid. Loss of Dan Meyers, \$6, and of Mrs. Resides \$2, ordered to be paid.

Christian Science Falls on Nag. Christian Science proved a failure when tried on a horse at Altoona. When Thomas Haggerty's barn was destroyed by fire, 13 months ago, one of his horses was terribly burned about the head and body, and the suffering was given to James Householder, who invited his Christian Science friends to pray for its recovery.

The Humane Agent prosecuted Householder, and he was fined \$10. The burns have not yet healed.

An Appropriate Gift. When making up your list of Christmas presents, keep in mind the fact that your son, daughter or friend will appreciate a gift that will be a constant reminder of the honor. What could be more appropriate than a year's subscription to THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT?

All through the year it will call regularly and be appreciated like a royal visitor. It will cost but a trifle, \$1 in advance, just the thing.

Enjoy Christmas by Helping Others. Those blessed with abundance should bear in mind during the approaching Christmas tide that they too have their responsibilities, and can show their gratitude for life's blessings by helping others to enjoy the festivities of the season.

This Will Make the Girls Smile. A Reading weather vane that will be no more than a bold front, and some men put on false ones.

PREDICTIONS FOR 1906.

Spangler, of York, Pa., who gave prophetic business to devote himself to angelic work and to prophecies, has come to be known in South America by his self-applied title, "The last of the prophets."

Spangler's predictions for 1906, Spangler attracted attention by the accuracy of his prophecies. There are some of his predictions for the year 1906. Assassination of the Sultan of Turkey, bloody race war in the South, averted by the intervention of President Roosevelt, destructive eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, uprising in Spain, great increase in the death rate from disease, accident, murder, suicide, disaster and work of the elements, spread of great religious movement throughout England and the United States, dissolution of Russia, dissolution of Turkey, terrible visitation of God's vengeance upon the Russians for the massacres of the Jews.

Spangler has fixed the date for the destruction of the world at about 1908 or 1909. Spangler claims that his prophecies are messages to the people which he receives in conversation with the spirit of God.

A CATTLE RANCH.

Dr. Barker thinks of starting a cattle ranch at Ligeby, next summer large enough to graze four or five hundred head for farmers during the summer, and fall. He owns many hundred acres of unutilized lowlands and mountain tracts, rich with nutritious wild grasses and foliage.

He will enclose many hundred acres of such lands with a wire fence for this purpose, and have care over the stock that farmers and others may drive to his ranch as "summer boarders" to be removed, sleek and fat, when winter approaches.

We think this a capital idea, and the Dr. being a veterinarian of large practice, and the ranch being so located as to be covered by the eye from his picturesque home, will ensure more than ordinary safety to the stock. Besides fresh water streams flow through the proposed pasture grounds in various directions. Heretofore farmed the spring drove their cattle in and out without the care of a keeper and often found stock missing and some dead when the time came to drive the animals home.

An Engineer's Find. Wednesday morning of last week the engineer on the east bound freight train sped two watches, a necklace, photograph of a lady, and several other trinkets, lying at the tool house east of Centre Hall station.

The articles were undoubtedly part of a plunder secured by robbers, who did not want to run the risk of being caught with stolen goods that might be identified.

A further investigation by Assistant Station Agent Ishler, revealed a bunch of twenty or more receipts, which indicate that depredations had been committed by the disorganizers at Renovo. One of the papers reads as follows: Renovo, Dec. 14, 1882.--Received of L. C. Chatham \$500 to apply on account of Domestic Sewing Machine. J. F. Clark & Co., per C. H. Young.

Explosion May Destroy Sight. An accident befell Geo. S. Gearhart at Clearfield the other day, which may cause the loss of the sight of both eyes and which, therefore, is most serious. An explosion occurred while he was cleaning out the cylinder of his acetylene machine in his yard, after he had a stream of water running through it for an hour. It looked thoroughly cleaned and would have been perfectly safe had not water damp gas collected in the cylinder which ignited and exploded when he lit a match to look inside of it. He was painfully burned about the head and face, and will probably be permanently blind.

In His Fourth Term. Hon. C. A. Mayer, president judge of the twenty-fifth judicial district, last Friday was quietly celebrating his 75th birthday anniversary. Judge Mayer is now serving his fourth term as judge of the Centre county courts or a continuous service of thirty-seven years.

Judge Mayer has the congratulations of the Centre Democrat. He is well known in our town and throughout Centre county, having for a number of years presided over our courts with distinguished ability. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and long life to you, Judge Mayer, is the Democrat's greeting.

Another Pearl Found. John Burd of Lock Haven while eating oysters at Charles Adde's restaurant in the first ward Monday night found a pearl that is valued at \$35.00.

Some men put on a bold front, and some women put on false ones.

REIGN OF TERROR IN RUSSIA

From St. Petersburg Comes Intelligence of Revolt.

CZAR INCITES TROOPS TO SHOOT

Both Sides Will Now Oppose Force With Force--Government Proclaims Unheard Of Punishments for Men Who Even Belong to Association.

Cable communication abroad has been restored by the Government, which, however, does not know how long it can keep the cables open. A reign of terror has begun. The final struggle is on, the dynasty and the imperial government fighting desperately for existence, the people for freedom.

The report that Witte has resigned is again heard widely. If he has, Gen. Count Alexis Ignatieff, a savage reactionary, will succeed him. Hereafter the government will shoot down the revolutionists or throw them into prison; will no more try to placate them with promises.

The workingmen and the Terrorists will meet force with force. The Workingmen's Council "the Invisible Government," is indestructible. As fast as the members of one council are imprisoned another is formed.

GENERAL STRIKE NOW. The Council has already brought into play its most tremendous weapon--a general strike--which begins to-morrow. No one doubts that the Terrorists will fight, as always, with the assassin's pistol and the bomb.

The Terrorist leaders met in the early hours of the morning, it is whispered. The combatants were brought openly face to face in this way:

Nearly all the leaders of the workingmen's organizations who had not been arrested were at a meeting of the Economic Society Saturday night. The police surrounded the building, issued a meeting, which had been orderly, and arrested every man on whom they could lay hands who was in the foremost company of the workingmen's army. Some escaped, but the police are hunting them down.

The Tsar is looking to the future. Privy Councillor Fedoroff, Chief Comptroller of the Imperial Household, is on his way to London bearing an immense amount of gold coin and precious objects of enormous worth belong to the Tsar, which he will deposit in the Bank of England vaults.

Preparing for the worst, as he sees it, the Tsar has sent the crown jewels abroad it is widely reported. They are his property. Everything in Russia is his according to the theory of autocracy. \$10,000,000 in gold was on board a train which was derailed near Gatchina, Saturday.

Jail Breakers. Joseph Shultz and Harry Burns, leaders in a plot to accomplish a wholesale jail break, scaled the wall of the Northumberland county prison at 3 o'clock Monday morning and got away. A citizen saw them leap to the ground and gave the alarm. Joseph O'Brien and Harry Williams were captured while scaling the inner side of the wall. Ten other cells had been opened with a skeleton key, but the prisoners in these had not attempted to follow the leaders. The escape was accomplished by Williams, who was a "trustee" and who had been given the task to lock the prisoners up. Shultz's cell door had been left open. The latter had made a skeleton key out of a knife blade, and at 1 o'clock in the morning unlocked the cells of the other prisoners.

Another Bust. Three of the largest financial institutions in the West, the Chicago National bank, the Home Savings bank and the Equitable Trust Company, all of them controlled by John R. Walsh, of Chicago, and in great measure owned by him, suspended operations on Monday. Their affairs will be liquidated as rapidly as possible and they will go out of business. The liabilities of the three institutions are estimated in the aggregate at \$26,000,000. Against this amount the banks and the trust company have the resources that are, on a conservative estimate, worth \$16,000,000.

Deer Killed. The deer killed in the counties, so far as we can learn, during the short, or fifteen-day season, was as follows: In Clinton, ninety-two, Lycoming, twenty, Union, twenty-five, Centre ninety, and Clearfield probably less than fifty, and Union county about 25.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

HE'S COMING SOON.

I've known some mean men in my time-- For instance, one who tried To skin a flea because he heard Some one would buy the hide. Another gave his son a dime To skip each evening meal. And when the boy had gone to bed The dime would slyly steal.

And once I knew a man who dined Each day down town in state, And then at eve he home and kick On what his family ate. Another stopped the clock at night To save wear on the wheels; And one would walk upon tiptoes To save on his heels.

The world is full of men so mean That they would rather see Each day down town in state, Than see them laugh with glee. Such men but cumber up the earth And fill life full of woe; But think they are engaged in good.

But of mean men defend me from The scold, selfish one Who would deprive the little folk Of all their Christmas fun. The very meanest of them all-- The meanest ever was-- Are those who are so mean they say There is no Santa Clause.

Of course there is a Santa Claus! We've seen him lots of times. The jolly fellow comes each year. And down the chimney climbs. We've seen his reindeers prance and run; We've heard his sleighbells chime. No Santa Claus! Just wait and see-- He'll be here Christmas time!

LITTLE JOHNNY'S GRIEVANCE. When Mr. Perkins comes to see My brother--that's my every day-- He's awful nice and kind to me; I'm sorry when he goes away. He's got to sister Emma too. Of course you know a feller hates To kick. It ain't no way to do, But she gets all the chocolates.

He'll laugh an' joke with me all right, But he don't talk so much to her. They sit alone sometimes at night, An' you can hardly hear 'em stir. He's given me a bat an' ball To play with, but she ought To do it. He's got a pair of skates, But one thing I'm sure of, Is En gets a chocolate.

Maybe he thinks I ought To do it. He's got a girl, but still He might as well be dead. He's got a pair of skates, But one thing I'm sure of, Is En gets a chocolate.

Shortcake is one of the things small boys long for. If at first you don't succeed do it over, but don't overdo it. The fellow who falls in love at first sight deserves another look.

Funny Hotel. Funny hotel I stopped at near here. They weigh you before you go into the dining room and they weighed you when you came out. They charge by weight. Yes; they had scales outside of the dining room and they weighed you. First time I went in they weighed me, and I couldn't eat anything for I felt sick, but they put me on the scales and weighed me. They charged me three dollars.

That was robbery. Yes, but I was bound to get even. Next day I loaded my pockets full of bricks. I says to the proprietor, "Weigh me." He put me on the scales and made a note of it, and I went into the dining room. Oh, how I did eat. I ate from soup to walnuts. After I had eaten I took the bricks out of my pockets and slipped them under the table. Then I walked out to the landlord and said, "Weigh me." What was the result? The landlord owed me seven dollars and a half.

"Reforming" Football. There is a great deal of talk about the reformation of football, especially since concussion of the brain, broken back and other injuries on the football field were particularly numerous during the season just ended. But you can't reform football. The only way of reforming a bad dog is by cutting his tail off close behind the ears, and that's the way with football. When football is abolished, it will be "reformed" and not before. Meanwhile, concussion of the brain will flourish and broken backs will interfere with the regular course of study at our institutions of learning.

North Carolina Quail. The game commission is about to import quail from North Carolina for propagation purposes. Secretary Kalbfus has had this project under consideration for some time and has been in correspondence with T. Gilbert Pearson, Morgantown, N. C., who is chief game warden in that state. Pearson has notified Dr. Kalbfus that Pennsylvania can have all of the quail necessary and all that now remains to be done is to arrange the details of trapping, shipping, etc. These will be fixed up within a short time.

20th CENTURY ENCYCLOPAEDIA Complimentary Ballot No. 2, Dec. 21, 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 20 days from above date, will be good for one vote. CHAS. H. KURTZ, Pub. Premium Ballots. In addition to the "NEWSPAPER BALLOT" printed each week, "PREMIUM BALLOT"