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EDITORIAL.

Tinkering with the primaries, and whittling to change the ballot act to suit gangster purposes, and tomfoolery with gun and hunter licenses, seem to be foremost in the minds of the gangster legislators at Harrisburg.

By the death of representative Meyer, Centre county will be unrepresented in the state legislature at Harrisburg during the balance of the present session.

President Taft and Governor Tener have raised the salaries of their clerks and secretaries. On the other hand the democrats of the lower house of congress have discharged the unnecessary employes of the house and reduced salaries, making a saving, the first week, of over a hundred and eighty two thousand dollars per year.

MARRIAGES.

Barret-Dawson. Last Wednesday, shortly after the noon hour, James A. Barret and Miss Mary Dawson, both of this place, were united in wedlock at the parsonage of the United Brethren church by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Winey.

McGinley-Gunsallus. On Thursday evening of last week John McGinley, of the well known cigar manufacturer of this place, and Miss Bertha Gunsallus, of Bellefonte, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. Dr. Yocum.

Gisham-Dietz. A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Lave, in Lock Haven, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, when their nephew, George P. Gisham, and Miss Lulu Viola Dietz, of State College, were united by Rev. W. E. Shiner, pastor of the M. E. church.

Kurtz-Glover. David L. Glover, Esq., former district attorney of Union county, and Miss S. Elizabeth Kurtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Kurtz, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Millifield, Wednesday, April 12th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Kill Nineteen Snakes. Persons who travel the public road leading from Addison to Lintsbury in Fayette county, have witnessed an unusual sight in 117 snakes laid along a board fence beside the road.

From Unadilla, Nebraska. Mrs. Edith Lair writes: I would be lost away out here all alone without the paper, do not want to part with it. We've had so much sickness here all winter; eight cases of small-pox close to town. We have fine weather here, but awful windy. Wheat looks fine; most all have their oats sown, and some up already. I have radishes and lettuce nearly ready to use, and an acre of potatoes planted.

Every One for Himself. If you feel you cannot look out for yourself no one else will look out for you. If you can't help yourself, Sellin Pills will help you. It's a box, 4 boxes \$5, will full guarantee for all forms of nerve weakness in men or women. Address or call at C. M. Parrish, Bellefonte, Pa., where they sell all the principal remedies and do not substitute.

DEMOCRATS ARE KEEPING PLEDGES

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS ON NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

ECONOMY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Will Affect What the Poor Man Buys - LaFollette's Prediction Came True - New Session Making Progress - To Reduce Cost of Living.

The difference. The democratic congress before being in session a week, waded out a lot of gangster suckers on the payrolls for years, without any use at all for them, which at one sweep saves \$182,500 annually. The republican legislature at Harrisburg, with an enormous lot of suckers on the payrolls for years - for none of whom there was any use - has increased the pay rolls by adding more and by increasing salaries, raising some which were all ready too high. So long as the people keep Democrats in power, they will continue to reduce salaries, smoke out the farmer must buy, as well as revision downward on the things he produces! This is the keynote of the democratic reciprocity and tariff program. It differs radically from the reciprocity program contemplated by the Republicans, which was Great downward revision on the products of the farmers than on the products of the trusts.

The articles in these schedules on which the greatest reductions will be made are blankets, underwear and men's, women's and children's clothing. The Democratic idea contemplates the placing of the lowest tax on the cheaper grades of wearing apparel used by the poor. Under the Payne-Aldrich law articles used principally by the poor are taxed as well as the higher priced articles used by the rich.

In addition to reciprocity and tariff revision downward will come bills providing for the direct election of United States senators, publicity of campaign contributions before instead of after election and separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico. La Follette, the Prophet. While Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, was making his famous railroad speech five years ago, Senators Aldrich and Hale, to show their contempt for the views being expressed, retired to the cloak room. As they passed out of the chamber La Follette said: "Mr. President, I pause in my remarks to say this. I cannot be wholly indifferent to the fact that Senators by their absence at this time indicate that want of interest in what I may have to say upon this subject. The public is interested. Unless this important question is rightly settled seats now temporarily vacant may be permanently vacated by those who have the right to occupy them at this time."

White House Economy. "Economy in public expense, is evidently not a Taft policy. While the democrats have been endeavoring to abolish every useless office in the House of Representatives, President Taft has just made increases in the salaries of White House employes as follows: Rudolph Foster, assistant secretary, salary increased from \$3,900 to \$4,000; C. C. Wagner, confidential stenographer to the President, increase from \$2,000 to \$2,500; H. P. Webster and F. M. Hendricks, expert stenographers, increases from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

A Suit of Clothes. A speaker told the National Wool Growers' association: "The suit I have on cost me \$60, and it contains just \$8 worth of material. All we want in this tariff business is a square deal." The difference between the price the producer gets for the raw material and the price the consumer pays for the finished product is, then, \$52 on a \$60 suit. It has been pretty easy money for the combination of wool manufacturers.

Sculptor Barnard to Go in Business. Barnard, the sculptor of the famous groups now being erected at the Capitol, and who will probably be in Harrisburg during the latter part of the week, will start a terra cotta business. The sculptor will be accompanied by his wife. The Barnards left Paris last week and on Saturday sailed for New York in the steamship George Washington. They will reside in the future in Cincinnati.

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DEATH SEEKS A SHINING MARK

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In the principles of the law and in all matters of counsel and practice rendered to his clients the services of a fully equipped and efficient lawyer. Of a kindly and genial disposition, he was fair and straight-forward in his dealings with his fellow members of the Bar and amply fulfilled his duties both to the Court and to his clients.

"The citizens of Centre county, without regard to party, recognize that in Mr. Meyer's death the County and the State have lost a representative whose public career had redounded not only to his own credit but to the credit of his entire constituency, and that if he had lived his influence would have been felt in the most efficient and useful. His death creates a loss that will long be felt throughout the County and State."

"The Bar joins with the public in mourning this great loss; and in expressing heartfelt sympathy with his afflicted family." (Signed)-Clement Dale, N. B. Spangler, Harry Keller, W. D. Zerby, John Blanchard, Committee.

"The Whole House Grieves." "We are a family of 267 members thrown together for a few short weeks to draft legislation for our Great Commonwealth, among those 267 are a few who lead, as in all bodies. On his side of the House he was its leader, both in spirit and in action—a broad gauged, liberal, advanced thinking man. Your side of the house will miss him in advocating the principles of the great Jefferson, and our side of the House will miss him for his honor and purpose, his stand for the right, and his fearlessness in debate. Gentlemen, of the Centre County Bar, yesterday, I walked down to his seat in the House, it is No. 79, now a black draped desk and chair and upon his desk stands a copy of his papers, his pen and his pencil, ready at any time to be taken up in his stand for your interests; now across his black draped chair is a broad white ribbon, engrossed thereon, in large gold letters the word, "VACANT."

Brings Gov. Tener and Entire House of Representatives. At 1 p. m. the special train from Harrisburg arrived in Bellefonte, containing Governor John K. Tener and several men representing the various departments. There also were several State Senators, and practically all the members of the House of Representatives, with a number of the employes, also the wives of some of the members—possibly three hundred in all who came expressly to attend the last sad rites of the deceased. A large and eloquent tribute of the worth and high appreciation of the deceased for, we are informed, this is the first instance of the entire House in a body accompanying the State supreme official for a day to attend the funeral of a deceased member; and this fact alone impressed our people with the realization that the attainments of our late fellow townsman possibly have been fully appreciated by practically all his friends and neighbors, those in the community where he lived and spent the greater portion of his useful life.

CONSIGNED TO THE GRAVE. Tuesday at 2 p. m. relatives and friends assembled at the home on Curtin street where the body of the deceased was held and the body was then conveyed to the Presbyterian church. Out of respect to his memory all the public places of the town were closed, and business was generally suspended from 11 o'clock. The church was filled and hundreds were unable to gain access. The front of the church was literally covered with wreaths, designs, emblems and the various floral contributions.

The centre of the room was occupied by the members of the House of Representatives, the right by a large delegation from the various Masonic organizations, to the left were members of the various Bar Associations and county officials, members of the faculty of State College and representative citizens. As the body was brought in, there was simply a subdued strain from the organ; the choir in which he had sung for years was silent, a chord was broken. Over the casket were the banners of the various fraternal organizations, and in the midst of an impressive silence, Dr. Allison Platta, the former pastor, arose and read from the scriptures and Dr. A. M. Schmidt of the Reformed church, offered prayer. Short eulogies were then made by Dr. Platta and Dr. Schmidt. Ex-Gov. Beaver then paid a touching tribute to the memory of the deceased. After prayer, a delegation of Knights Templars in full uniform stood as a guard of honor, and the casket was taken to the vault in the rear view of the remains.

The various organizations formed in line and proceeded to the Union cemetery where the body was consigned to the grave according to the ritual of the Masonic fraternity. The following were the honorary pall bearers: Governor John K. Tener, of Harrisburg; Hon. John F. Cox, speaker of the House of Representatives; Hon. James F. Woodward, chairman of the appropriation committee; Hon. E. L. Wasson, member of Butler; Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, president of Penna. State College; H. Walton Mitchell, of Pittsburg, of the Board of Trustees of State College; Ex-Governor James A. Beaver, President; Justice Ellis L. Grivis, J. L. Selbert (his physician), F. W. Crider, and L. T. Mungon, all of Bellefonte. The following served as carriers: Hon. C. B. Johnson, member of Crawford county; J. C. Hickford, of Lock Haven; Bob P. Hunter, Frank W. Weaver, W. B. Rankin, W. G. Runkle, Esq., Jno. C. Rowe, and Dr. J. E. Ward, all of Bellefonte.

HON. J. CALVIN MEYER. Brief Sketch of a Most Useful Life. Jacob G. Meyer, his father, settled near Aaronsburg, in early manhood, and cleared the farm now known as Pleasant View, but in October, 1865, moved to the town to engage in general mercantile business. At the time of his removal our subject was about four years old, and from his sixth to his twelfth year he attended the public schools of Aaronsburg. He then entered the employ of B. F. Phillips, and a general store of that place, and remained two years, but his inclination for study was too strong to be suppressed, and he determined to prepare for college under the tuition of D. M. Wolfe, of Peopel Hall, and in 1878 he entered the sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall college at Lancaster, Pa. In June, 1881, he was graduated with the degree of A. B., being chosen valedictorian of his class. He desired to enter the legal profession, but like many others in like circumstances he turned temporarily to teaching. In August of the same year he was elected assistant principal of the schools of Bellefonte, his duties beginning in September, and so successful was he in this work that when the Bellefonte High School was organized in the fall of 1893, he was chosen principal. The first class was graduated under his charge in June, 1884, and his career as an educator promised to be a most brilliant one; but he had been spending his spare time in preparation for his profession, reading for the previous year under the direction of Alexander and Bower, and wishing to give his entire time to this work he resigned at the close of the school year. He soon completed his course of reading, and was admitted to the bar, December 24, 1884. He began to practice in partnership with Judge Adam Hoy, and secured an enviable reputation early in his career. Being an ardent Democrat, he became prominent in political circles also; in August, 1886, he was nominated by his party for the office of district attorney, being elected in November following by 665 majority. In 1889 he was again chosen to the office by a majority which was just twice that of 1886. During the last term he had a peculiar experience, there being five homicide trials; for fifty years previous there had not been a case of that nature. Of the five offenders, two received the extreme penalty of the law, and the others were convicted in lesser degrees. In 1894 Mr. Meyer was given the unanimous support of the Democratic party in this county, when he State Senate; but as Centre county had furnished the last representative the nomination fell to Clearfield county. In municipal affairs Mr. Meyer has also been active, and in 1893 he was elected burgess of Bellefonte, overcoming an adverse majority of 120.

Several times Mr. Meyer was chosen as the chairman of the Democratic party of Centre county. In this capacity he early displayed marked ability as an organizer and a shrewd political leader, and in each instance under his direction the party achieved decided victories. He always was active in political life, and in every campaign he was in demand in all parts of the county, and over the state, as a platform speaker. His pleasing personality and scholarly attainments with a rare gift for convincing thought in the choicest diction, made him an accomplished speaker, who always commanded a respectful hearing. Forceful and logical in the presentation of a theme he invariably made a deep impression upon his hearers. He was one of our best and most eloquent platform orators, as well as strong in his pleadings before a court or jury.

In 1908 he was urged by leading citizens of this county to be a candidate for Representative in the General Assembly, and was nominated and elected by a handsome majority. In the first session he attained prominence, and in many ways rendered a valuable service to his constituency, and his institutions. In recognition of his fidelity to duty he was nominated by his party without opposition, and the republicans paid him the highest possible tribute by making his name a part of the platform. He was accorded a re-election, with only a Prohibition candidate in the field, and he practically was the unanimous choice of our people. Upon assuming his duties in the second term, at the organization of the House, he was recognized as the leader of his party by being chosen as their candidate for speaker. This honor brought with it the distinction of being the leader of the Democratic party in the present session. In the first session he was assigned the most important committee, which he retained, such as judiciary general, appropriations, etc., and in each department he was prominent and efficient, one whose advice was eagerly sought and respected, and in every instance he put forth all his energy and talents to serve the best interests of his people at home, and the commonwealth as well. Our people readily recognized the worth of such a man at Harrisburg, and we believe they would have continued, irrespective of party, or precedent, to demand his services in that capacity, even regardless of his personal inclinations or professional sacrifices.

Mr. Meyer was identified with the social life of the town. For a long term of years he was an active member of the local I. O. of O. F., also the Commandery, and filled many prominent offices in the order. He was one of the first trustees of the Odd Fellows orphanage at Sunbury, and gave much time and attention to the up-building of that worthy institution. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Royal Arch Chapter, Constans Commandery, and the Shriners. He belonged to the Nittany Country Club, and recently was elected to membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and would have been initiated into full membership a month ago had not his legislative duties interfered. Mr. Meyer was recently elected a member of the Board of Managers of the Bellefonte hospital and took great interest in the institution. He was also secretary of the Business Men's Association of Centre and Clinton counties.

Mr. Meyer was identified with numerous business enterprises and especially as a successful promoter of The Blackford Fire Brick Co., at Curwensville, Pa., in which he has large holdings that give promise of splendid returns. He also was interested in real estate improvements at State College; and had valuable holdings in coal operations near Cato, this county. He always was public spirited; anything that was suggested for the moral uplift, the encouragement of industrial enterprises, the general betterment of the community, any public or civic demonstration, found him active in the front rank, energetic and generous. In these and many other ways he was a most useful citizen in this community.

In 1887 Mr. Meyer married Miss Lizzie S. McCalmont, who was born near Jacksonville, Centre county, February 14, 1865. One daughter, Edna E. Meyer, was married to Prof. Walter H. MacIntire, of State College. In addition to these, he is survived by a brother, Prof. Wm. T. Meyer, of Philadelphia; and a sister, Mrs. Luther Stover, of Aaronsburg; also his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. G. Meyer, of Aaronsburg. In his youth he became a member of the Reformed church, but in later years joined the Presbyterian church, in Bellefonte, and with Mrs. Meyer they took an active part in the services as leading members of the choir.

PEAKER COX'S TRIBUTE. The following is an extract from the remarks of Speaker Cox, on Monday in announcing the death of Mr. Meyer in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg: "It is to me a very sad and painful duty to be compelled to officially announce to you that since the adjournment of this House on Thursday last, death has removed from our midst one of the noblest and most generous spirits among the membership of this body. In the person of the Hon. John Calvin Meyer a representative from the county of Centre."

"His death only emphasizes the oft repeated statement that 'death leaves a shining mark. It is not our intention to pronounce an eulogy at this time, but the opportunity will be given at a near day before the closing of the session, for his friends to record their sentiments regarding his many noble qualities and virtues, further than to say that this body has lost one of its most courteous and energetic members; that the county of Centre has lost a faithful representative; the city of Bellefonte, a progressive citizen; the church, a faithful adherent; the home, a loving and devoted husband and father; his party and his State, a citizen and statesman in whom there was no guile."

"Our brother beheld the sunset of his last earthly day without, perhaps, the slightest hint of his so-near dissolution. He was taken amid the awakening watches of his night time. He was not permitted to behold the dawning of the new day. Let us hope that there broke upon his vision the light of a better and more glorious morning."

In an interview he is quoted as follows: "The Centre county member was one of the best legislators of the General Assembly, and the state has suffered a loss in his death. His sudden death came as a great shock to me. I valued his friendship and frequently sought his advice, which was at all times sound."

From Chairman Woodward. The following appeared as a news item from Harrisburg in the Pittsburg "Gazette Times": "Chairman James F. Woodward of the House Appropriations Committee lost a valued assistant in the death of Mr. Meyer. In his two sessions he has been a member of the committee and took a great interest in the work, drawing a great many of the bills under which large state appropriations were made."

"Mr. Meyer was in the committee Wednesday night," said Chairman Woodward. "The members were leaving that night to visit some institution, but he decided that he would not go, but would look after some other important work of the committee. I have relied much on his judgment and advice. His first thought was always that which would best serve the interest of the commonwealth. In the closing days of our work, his death will be a heavy loss to us."

Mr. and Mrs. Will McCalmont, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCalmont, of Altoona; Newell McCalmont, of Baden, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Meyer, and his daughter, Mrs. W. F. Cranston, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stover, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. Adams, of Montgomery, Pa.; David J. Meyer, Centre Hall; John D. Meyer, Altoona; Wm. Meyer, Altoona, were among the relatives at the funeral on Tuesday.

Ethics of the Back Yard. The backyard is the measure of the man who lives in front of it. As the backyard is, so is the man. It is an unerring index to the character of the owner or renter. He may maintain the bluff of lace curtains at the front windows, but if the backyard is cluttered with rubbish and allowed to remain untrimmed and unkempt it shows that he is simply a "four-flusher" with no prospect of filling his hand. If you are thinking of employing a man and suspect that there is some shoddy mixed with his character, go and take a good rubber-neck at his backyard. It will tell the story better than a bushel of gilt-edged references. The bluffer never thinks of his backyard.

LEGAL NOTICES. NOTICE-The annual election for officers and directors of the Centre Hall Water Co. will be held at Rust's hotel, Monday, May 1st, 1911, at 8:30 a. m. By order of the Board.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st-at the residence of Samuel Meyers, dec'd, near Milesburg station there will be sold furniture and exceptionally large assortment of tools, implements, etc. Sale at 10 o'clock sharp. S. K. Emerick, auct.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Leta Kohlbecker, late of Boggs township deceased. Letters of administration in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make payment and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated without delay to FRANK C. KOHLBECKER, Gettig, Bowler & Zerby, Administrators, Atty., x 20 Milesburg, Pa.

LEGAL NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the following accounts will be presented to the Court for confirmation on Wednesday May 17th 1911. And unless excepted in files hereto, on or before the 22d day of May Term of Court the same will be confirmed, to-wit: The Third and Partial Account of John J. Orndorff, Gdu. of Alfred E. Orndorff, of Haines Tap, Centre Co., Pa. The Third Account of Dr. W. W. Andrews, Gdu. of John Shriver, of Philadelphia,boro., Centre Co., Pa. The First and Final account of George Noll, Gdu. of John A. Harter, of Milesburg, boro., Centre Co., Pa. The Fourth Account of W. J. Wisner, Gdu. of Westanna Hanler, of Worth Twp. Centre Co., Pa. April 12 1911. A. B. KIMPORT, Prothonotary

200 Acres \$3200. Stock, Tools and Furniture Included. Will yield \$40 to \$500 worth apples, \$100 worth berries, maple syrup worth \$200 or more besides income from hogs, hens, dairy, stock, sheep, etc.; room to plant a big commercial orchard, 20 acres of alfalfa, 15 acres of clover, 100000 feet of spruce and hemlock, including meadow fields, 200 cords hard wood timber, which will sell for \$5 per cord, 1000 cords wood for fuel, 100000 feet of spruce and hemlock, which will bring \$1000 at market; timber will pay for this farm. 11 room house, large barn, and other out buildings, near 2 railroad stations and 5 villages, high location and beautiful scenery, taken immediately owner will include yoke of oxen 2 steers, 2 cows, horse, poultry, tools and part of furniture all for the low price, only \$2500, part cash easy terms. For details of this and another of 60 acres for \$1000, see page 98, Strout's Farm and Home, No. 23, Johnstown, Pa. Station 1400, E. A. Strout, Land Title Bldg., Philadelphia, Penna.

FOR SALE:- Several Valuable Patents and Patterns for Manufacturing Same. The patent of the Celebrated Centre Hall IXL Water Hydrant, together with all the patterns, tools, appliances and also eight patent roll off-flasks, including bottom boards for moulding, good as new. Have two sets of patterns, one set each piece by itself; the other carded with all the ten pieces on, except the water boxes. With this card 50 sets can be moulded in ten hours. The water boxes are also carded four-in-a-card, and frequently the fourteen flasks are moulded in three hours by one moulder. A full set of Roller Patterns, with patent removable boxes, including also eight patent hinged flasks. A full line of Patterns of the Single Centre Hall Corn Planter which needs no recommendation. Some of these are made and sold yearly, also many extras for old ones. The right to manufacture or whole right of the United States of the New Improved Seed Corn Grader, in itself in time, if properly introduced, will net a man a fortune, as many fortunes are made out of small things. There are 234,000 farmers in Penna. and 7,000,000 in the United States, all of whom should use one. Also a full line of Moulding Tools, such as snap flasks, rammers of brass, selves, spades, shanks, ladies, etc., etc. We offer here a golden opportunity for the right party, at a great sacrifice. Reason for the sale, is that I must retire from business, on account of age (73 yrs). Correspondence respectfully solicited. D. F. LUSE, Centre Hall, Pa.

A Closing Out Sale of All FURNITURE Composed of Bed Room Suits, Iron Beds, Mattresses, Spring Couches, Odd Dressers, Chamberlains, Book Cases, Sideboards, Tables, Dining Chairs, Rockers, Carpets, pictures, Mirrors and all goods now in stock, is in progress at Rearick's Furniture Store, Centre Hall, Pa. Everything is offered at cost. We want to turn the stock into money as quickly as possible. You will find some bargains here. Perhaps an odd piece you were just wanting to buy is among the many things we have to offer. Try and visit our store in the next 10 days or call by phone or write. CASH IS REQUIRED. Rearick's Furniture Store, Centre Hall, Pa.