

The Centre Democrat.

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SWORN CIRCULATION OVER 5,500

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION: PERSONS WHO SEND OR BRING THE MONEY TO THE OFFICE AND PAY IN ADVANCE, \$1 PER YEAR.

EDITORIAL. As an indication where the Penrose gangsters stand as to the anti Dewalt-Hall wreckers of the Allentown convention, note that all the Penrose organs are taking sides with the Dewalt rank, even down to the Gazette, lowest in the ranks.

The express companies are being looked after now. These gentry have been skinning the public for years by excessive charges. The forthcoming probing of the express monopoly by the Interstate Commerce Commission will probably be followed by some reductions of express rates, beyond those announced as soon as the companies knew that they were to be investigated, but the one and only sure way to get fair express service is to establish a parcels post such as is enjoyed by the people of other civilized nations.

ORNAMENTAL POSTMASTERS. A new solution of the problem of increasing the efficiency of the Post Office Department that will make that institution self-supporting and perhaps make possible a reduction of letter postage without advancing rates on magazines, has been put forward by a New York statistician, who has been making an extended study of the subject. The remedy he proposes is nothing less than the retirement of all postmasters who hold office by Presidential appointment and the filling of their positions by promotions from the ranks of postal workers who possess expert knowledge of postoffice affairs.

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LAFFOLLETTE ASSAILS TAFT. President Taft was fiercely assailed in the senate, Friday by Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, who was speaking in favor of his cotton and woolen amendments to the reciprocity bill. Rarely has a president been so attacked on the floor of the senate.

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1900 and 49.2 per cent. higher than in 1897. Some of the increase of commodity prices has gone to the producer—the farmer, the gardener, the cattle and poultry raiser. The wage-earners have received a moiety of the advances on manufactured articles. But the bulk of them has enriched the protected manufacturers and the beneficiaries of privilege and monopoly.

AN INADEQUATE CAPITOL. Citizens of Pennsylvania have their attention drawn to the announcement from Harrisburg that the capitol does not accommodate all the departments. As a structure it is entirely too small, inadequate for the purposes intended and, therefore, must be designated as a failure in everything but its architectural symmetry.

CANNOT WITHHOLD BALLOT. That a duly qualified citizen must be given a ballot even though his name has already been voted upon by a fraudulent voter, was decided by the Superior Court in an opinion handed down at Philadelphia, Friday, sustaining the conviction of two inspectors of elections.

THE INCOME-TAX VICTORY. With the recent addition of New York, 31 states have now ratified the income tax amendment to the federal constitution. Its success is certain. But four more states are needed. Democratic Delaware, Florida, Louisiana and Virginia, progressive Republican Minnesota, far western Wyoming and Utah have still to act. After New York, who shall say is no hope of the vote of New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

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Crop Reports. Curtin township, does not come up to a full crop, as J. B. Lucas informs us. The heat and dry spell had its bad effect on crops down that way. Harris township is also lagging some as to crops this season. Our esteemed friend James Poorman, of Boalsburg, a life-long resident of Harris township, informs us that with crops in that territory, it varies, some being fair and others short.

Fly in Ear Causes Death. A burrowing house fly is held responsible for the death of five-year-old Thomas H. Moran in Union Hill, N. J. The child was taken ill some days ago with an abscess in the ear. An operation revealed the presence of a fly in the inner ear. The insect had burrowed into the tissues, causing an abscess which affected the brain and caused the child's death.

No More "Thankyou-ma'ams." A recent act of legislature requires all surface drains or gutters across the roads to be removed and culverts substituted. The culverts may be of either concrete, wood or stone, and the work is to be done with the least possible delay.

PRESIDENT TAFT SEVERELY SCORED

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the Ballinger-Cunningham-Morgan-Guggenheim-Controller buy series of disgraceful scandals. Pledged to the preservation of the people's lives and health, Mr. Taft is directly responsible for the continuous breaking down of the pure food law, his course culminating in the outrageous effort to oust Doctor Wiley from the public service on a trifling technicality.

And to offset these Mr. Taft pretends to keep his 1908 tariff promises by a mock reciprocity that he has confessed provides no reduction of duties that will help the people. Every person of adult sense, who is not deliberately self-blinded, knows that the delirium made by Senator La Follette last Thursday is fraught with a mighty meaning. The Tory organs and the journalistic drabs of special privilege read its significance with vision clouded by fear and anger.

Some profess to see in it the mere announcement of La Follette's candidacy for the presidency and a selfish political play. Others assert it is the work of an embittered conspirator of the grand old party. Others see in it an effort in the interest of higher protection. Still others denounce the Wisconsin senator as an apostle of free trade.

But the great majority are trained to follow some beltweaver, and, finding themselves without their usual guidance, because no one at Washington has yet been able to suggest a reasonable line of defense for the president, they content themselves with personal abuse and denunciation of the man who has had the courage to rectify truthfully the recorded history of the Taft administration.

MILESBURG. John Whitman has improved his property by the addition of a new porch. The bleachers recently built at the Athletic ground was a marked improvement and should be appreciated by all. Understand the price is only 10 cents which would cost 25 cents elsewhere.

THE FOLLOWING GRAND, JOLLY, GOOD PEOPLE are holding their carnival at the home of Mrs. Fredericks, "the pike," and that young hopeful, Benjamin, is as happy as if he owned a \$2000 automobile. They are: Mrs. Frank Lee, of Irwona; Mrs. Vera Myres, of Bellwood; Mr. Herb Shope and daughter, and Miss Mary Way, of Monongahala City.

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UNIONVILLE. On next Sunday morning at 10:30, the Rev. R. H. Sawtelle, of Altoona, will occupy the pulpit in the M. E. church. Come and hear this famous pulpit orator.

George Moran, who has held the position of chief clerk in T. E. Griest's store for more than 3 years, went on a visit to his uncle, Jacob Peters, at Muscatine, Iowa, about two weeks ago and in a letter from him to his father he says: "Good bye, Pennsylvania." He is delighted with the place—says he will not come back—more pretty than in Iowa that in Pennsylvania. "Big fat George Griest is enjoying the hospitality of his friends in this town. Also the bull frogs are disappearing.

SAFETY. If you want that young hopeful to grow up to be honest and truthful, buy him a little hatchet and call him George.

AFTER MANY WEEKS' visit to her mother, Mrs. Alice Bosworth, at Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. D. Buck returned home on Friday, bringing the former, with her cute little daughter, with her. Her son, Wm. H. Buck arrived a day later. The entire family of Mr. Buck's is now at home for the first time since the wedding of Mrs. Bosworth which occurred nearly three years ago.

Mrs. Margaret Garth, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in town. Chet Morrison was home over Sunday.

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There have been during the last few weeks in Waynesboro and in the hamlets and on the farms nearby, seventy-four cases of smallpox. Dr. B. Franklin Royer, chief medical inspector of the State Department of Health, who is a smallpox expert, having been for years at the head of a smallpox hospital in Philadelphia, thinks the epidemic at Waynesboro is about stamped out, though there are a few cases there yet, some of them very serious.

As if to emphasize the folly and wrong-headedness of the anti-vaccinationists, the most vociferous opponent of vaccination in that section, a wealthy farmer with a large family, has had the disease during the present outbreak in worse form than almost any one else, and all his family have been down with the smallpox. Happily it is now believed that they are all out of danger.

It is only a few years since the Waynesboro school board defied the State law excluding from the schools all children who have not been vaccinated. Now Waynesboro has been paying the penalty. It is a high price, though fortunately there have been no deaths from the disease up to the present time.

The lesson of Waynesboro should not be lost on those who set up their own judgment in opposition to the experience of a hundred years and the almost unanimous opinion of mankind, including the medical profession, based upon the fact that vaccination, where thoroughly practiced, has freed the world of what was before Jenner's discovery, the most terrible, the most dreaded, the most fatal disease known in enlightened countries.

ORCHARD INSPECTION.

In resuming the inspection of orchards in Centre county, which was started in Walker township this week, the local inspector of the Division of Zoology, Mr. T. C. Foster, wishes to announce that he will be pleased to render any service in the way of information regarding the orchard pests, or on the general topic of orchard care. Some extraordinary results are being obtained in the Demonstration orchards of the county this year, which will be noticed later in the season. The owners of orchards in Centre county are cordially invited to ask all questions of the inspector, while on rounds, that are vital to the interests involved.

Picnics at Hecla Park.

Friday, July 21st.—Concert. Saturday, July 22nd.—Pennsylvania Railroad Shops, Tyrone. Wednesday, July 26th.—Milesburg Sunday School. Thursday, July 27th.—Reformed Reunion. Friday, July 28th.—Concert. Saturday, July 29th.—Mill Hill Sunday School. Wednesday, August 2nd.—Bellefonte Presbyterian Sunday School. Thursday, August 3rd.—Salona Sunday School. Friday, August 4th.—Concert. Saturday, August 5th.—Zion Sunday School. Thursday, August 10th.—12th Ward Club, Williamsport. Friday, August 11th.—Concert. Saturday, August 12th.—Clintondale Sunday School. Wednesday, August 16th.—Mackeyville Sunday School. Thursday, August 17th.—Bellefonte A. M. E. Sunday School. Friday, August 18th.—Concert.

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