

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

CENTRE HALL, PA., THURS. JAN. 25

Is it 19 or 20?

Everybody and everybody's neighbor is discussing the century problem. They don't know whether it is the Nineteenth or Twentieth and neither side can convince the other.

Funny, isn't it, how opinions will differ. Why, we know men and women who buy shoes at the "cheap" stores and think they are getting a whole lot for their money because the prices are low.

We've never been able to sell shoes equally at low prices because the men who make our shoes are shoemakers, and must be paid right wages, and because they will use nothing but substantial leather, which naturally cost more money than the trashy sorts. But we give more shoe value for the money than any "cheap" store you know of.

Mingle's Shoe Store. Bellefonte, Pa.

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Finds us at our same business—saving customers many dollars on

Mackintoshes, Overcoats and Men's Suits.

Men's Suits, \$2.00 to \$20.00
Men's Mackintoshes, \$1.48 to 10.00
Men's Overcoats, \$1.98 to 15.00
Children's Cape Overcoats, \$1.48 to 5.00

If you are looking for a place to be neatly and comfortably fitted in Underwear, Hose, Boots and Shoes, especially in Snag Proof Rubbers, you cannot do better than by calling at the Potters Mills Bargain Store.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!

F. A. CARSON POTTERS MILLS.

Foster's Weather Forecast.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 25 to 29 and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 30, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 31, great central valleys February 1 to 3, eastern states 4.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 30, great central valleys February 1, eastern states 3.

Cold wave will cross the west of Rockies country about February 2, great central valleys 4, eastern states 6.

Temperature of the week ending February 5 will average above normal in the great central valleys and the eastern states and below in the Pacific slope. Rainfall will be below normal in the great central valleys and about on the Pacific slope.

About the date of this bulletin a high temperature wave will be crossing the great central valleys and immediately behind it will come the most severe cold wave of the month, probably the greatest storm of the winter, but the temperature will remain low only a few days.

Elected Officers.

Center Castle, No. 169, K. of G. E., located at Spring Mills, has elected and installed the following officers: Noble Chief, Wm. Alexander; Vice Chief, J. A. Grenoble, Esq.; Master of Records, P. W. Lertzell; Sir Herald, J. H. Zerby, Clerk of Exchequer, R. U. Bitner; Keeper of Exchequer, J. I. Condo; High Priest, Henry Emerick; Venerable Hermit, D. Barrell, Representative to Grand Castle, P. W. Lertzell, and sitting Past Chief, W. H. Smith.

A Favorite in Stevenson County.

The Centre Reporter of Center Hall, Pa., has just celebrated its seventy-third birthday. The Reporter is a favorite with many Stephenson county people who formerly lived in the Keystone state. It is under the editorial management of Mr. Fred Kurts, who has conducted it successfully for many years past. The Bulletin wishes its venerable but still sprightly contemporary many happy returns of the day.—Freeport (Ill.) Bulletin.

SUICIDE NEAR CENTRE HILL.

Wm. A. Kerr, a Respected Citizen Hangs Himself.—No Cause for the Action.

Our community was startled last Thursday about noon by the news that William A. Kerr, one of the most esteemed and highly respected citizens of Potter township, had committed suicide by hanging himself at his home about one mile east of Centre Hill.

This startling news was at first discredited and could scarcely be believed, but was soon verified. Mr. Kerr was living on his farm, and with his family, had intended removing to Centre Hill this spring where he bought the old store property of Mrs. Kerr's father, the late Michael Strohm. It was Mr. Kerr's intention to quit farming and engage in the mercantile business and take life more easy than a life of farming would permit. For some weeks Mr. Kerr had been arranging for the sale of his farm stock and implements in connection with leaving the farm, and was busily occupied in other personal affairs. On the morning of his untimely end he arose as usual and attended to his chores about the barn. It was the intention to drive to Centre Hill to attend to some business matters during the day, and Mrs. Kerr was to accompany him. During the morning Mr. Kerr was busy about the barn, and about nine o'clock he came in from the barn to inform his wife that they would have an early dinner and then leave for Centre Hill. He then went back to the barn, and tried to drive in a colt which was loose. About eleven o'clock when Mrs. Kerr had dinner ready her husband did not come in. After waiting a short time she went to the barn to find him. She searched every where and finally opened the door of the wagon shed and corn house, and here saw her husband hanging by the neck from a rope suspended from a girder above. Life was extinct and Mrs. Kerr ran to the home of a neighbor, Henry E. Royer, for assistance, which soon came, and Mr. Kerr's body was cut down. The body was cold and lifeless, death having occurred probably two hours before discovery.

From the circumstances in connection with his tragic death, Mr. Kerr is supposed to have gone into the wagon shed shortly after nine o'clock. He took part of a hay rope, tied one end to the front wheel of a wagon, and wrapped the rope two or three times around the girder about ten feet above the floor. The other end he placed around his neck, and standing on the wagon tongue, swung off. When found, his body was swinging about fifteen inches from the floor. Death resulted from strangulation.

No inquest was held, as it was not deemed necessary.

The funeral was held on Monday morning, and was largely attended. Interment was made in the cemetery at Sprucetown, Rev. Chilcote, of the M. E. church, officiated in the services.

Mr. Kerr was aged 54 years, 10 months and 1 day. He leaves a wife and three children, Roland, holding a position as book keeper in a Chicago house, Kathryn, a student at Dickinson College, Carlisle, both of whom were summoned home by the sad affair; and William at home.

No cause whatever can be assigned for Mr. Kerr attempting this rash act. He was one of our most prosperous and well-to-do farmers, and financially he had no troubles. His domestic relations were of the happiest and he was greatly attached to his family. Many of his friends assign the cause to a nervous prostration, as he occasionally complained of being overworked and run down, and was not enjoying the best of health.

For a number of years Mr. Kerr has been treasurer of the Grange insurance company. He was one of the most influential Democrats in Potter township, and frequently his name was brought before the public by his friends for Assembly but he always refused to serve. In local township affairs he filled various offices serving them faithfully. He was a man who did not fear to expose his convictions and when of the thought that he was in the right, he was unwavering in his course.

Died in Shingletown.

Hiram Jones died at his home at Shingletown last Wednesday evening, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis he received the day before. He was aged over seventy years, and was twice married. He leaves to survive him a wife and eight children. His remains were interred in the Bonaidsburg cemetery on Saturday morning.

An Appeal to Old Soldiers.

A circular has been issued from the headquarters department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, to all veterans of the late rebellion who are not members of the G. A. R., or who have been members and have severed their connection, urging them to come into the order and stating many reasons for doing so.

On the Sick List.

Lee, son of W. H. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, is improving from an illness of several weeks.

Merchant Emerick, of Wolf's Store, is improving from his recent illness.

Mrs. Daniel Wolf, of near Aaronsburg, is seriously ill of dropsy.

BOARD OF TRADE ORGANIZED.

A Meeting of Citizens to Promote Interests of Centre Hall.

On Thursday evening last a public meeting of citizens of Centre Hall and immediate vicinity was held in the hall above Murray's drug store. There were about twenty-five or thirty in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a Board of Trade to further and promote the interests of Centre Hall. The meeting was organized by electing John G. Dauberman, chairman, and W. A. Krise, secretary. Several addresses were made in which shirt factory, knitting factory and a canning factory were advocated, or any enterprise which would give employment to our own unemployed first, and later be the means of having others locate in the town. No definite plans were arrived at, and a committee of five, composed of Dr. G. W. Hosterman, W. F. Bradford, B. D. Brinson, S. W. Smith, and F. M. Crawford, chairman was appointed to investigate and report to the citizens at a public meeting when any enterprise is in contemplation. The meeting then adjourned.

Sons of Veterans Banquet.

The Penns Valley Camp No. 318, Division of Pennsylvania Sons of Veterans held their annual banquet in the town hall at Spring Mills, on the evening of January 13th. They, with their ladies entertained all the veterans of the Civil and Spano-American wars, their ladies, and parents, also the widows of the deceased veterans. An elaborate and substantial supper was served, consisting of oysters, turkey, chicken, cold meats, cakes, and all the accessories articles which tend to make a complete feast. As special entertainment, the Spring Mills male quartette, with their pianist, furnished appropriate and delightful music, and the well known elocutionist, Mrs. DeWiddie, of Centre Hall, assisted by Miss M. Helen Bartholomew, of the same place, favored the audience with many entertaining, amusing and instructive orations. During the Camp fire that followed the supper the veterans told many "old war stories" and spoke very feelingly of the courtesy and kindness shown them by the Sons of Veterans. About eighty individuals were in attendance, and all say they had an enjoyable time. Captain W. S. Musser was master of ceremonies, and Chaplain J. V. Royer delivered the address of welcome.

Cost More than it Was Worth.

The superior court now sitting at Scranton, heard the famous timber cutting appeal from Luzerne county, of Jasper Culver, appellant, against George Hazlett. The disputants own adjoining farms. In 1893 Hazlett, while cutting timber on his own land, went beyond his line and felled ten trees on Culver's tract. The latter brought suit and the case has been before the courts ever since. The value of the trees alleged to have been illegally taken is \$19.75. The costs in the litigation so far—exclusive of lawyers' fees—amount to \$1100. Judge Halsey, at the last hearing of the case before the lower court, offered to pay the sum in dispute if the parties would settle the costs, but his offer was refused.

A Busy Place.

Wm. Colyer's plant at the station is one of the busiest industrial points in this locality. With his mill and stove factory he has from twelve to fifteen men employed here, and in addition to this Mr. Colyer has a number of mills through the valley. In the Seven mountains he will soon begin operations on an eight hundred acre tract of timber land he recently purchased. He is also about increasing the plant at Centre Hall, and will add a number of new machines to manufacture keg heads, occupying the entire floor space of his factory. This addition will give employment to many more hands.

Horse Sales.

Landlord Runkle has about completed arrangements for two horse sales at the hotel during the next six weeks. H. Pfaltzgraf will be here about February 20th with a car load, and about March 1st, Uplinger & Meyer will bring a car load of western horses. Both parties have had horse sales at Centre Hall during the last year, and all their horses gave satisfaction.

Not Scared.

Editor Reporter:—Kindly allow space in reply to Councilman Bartholomew who was quoted last week that our annual water rent would not be paid. We don't scare, and if there is a law in the state to protect us, the boro council will pay the annual rental for water to the Bible girls.

ANNA BIBLE.

Do Not Require Revenue Stamps. According to a decision of the commissioner of internal revenue, school orders do not require revenue stamps, as the schools come under the same laws as municipalities, whose orders are exempt from stamp duty.

Two Houses Started.

Alf. Krape broke ground last week for his new dwelling opposite Grange Arcadia. Lyman Smith is hustling along his new residence and will soon have the wall up with weather permitting.

LOCAL INSTITUTE.

Dr. Perrine's Lecture Friday Evening Was Very Forecast.

The weather on Friday and Saturday was everything but what would be desired for the local institute that was scheduled to be held here on those days. Yet on Friday evening a very large audience assembled in Grange Arcadia to greet the speaker of the opening session. After the devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Rhoads, the strangers were welcomed by well chosen and appropriate remarks by Walter M. Kerlin and Miss Anna Bartholomew, to which J. L. Homes, of State College, responded in a pleasing and feeling way.

The lecture of the evening was delivered by Dr. Enoch Perrine, of Bucknell University on the subject, "Some Proverbs—Not Solomon's." In a very forcible and instructive manner the doctor showed how "the wisdom of many was collected by the wit of one" into a proverb. Then taking up the various commonly-used household expressions, he explained the origin and meaning, and gave very clear illustrations of their appreciation. The speaker held his audience in a very attentive attitude for an hour and a half often eliciting rounds of applause and nods of assent by his quick wit and clear reasoning.

The pupils of the schools deserve great credit for the pleasing manner in which they entertained the audience with their singing.

The Saturday morning session was opened by devotional exercises in charge of Rev. J. M. Bearick. Questions of educational importance were opened for discussion. The importance of placing good books in the hands of pupils, was opened with papers by W. N. Hartswick and F. A. Foreman; Home study, by J. T. Lee and George Glenn, and How can we best get pupils to express what they know? by D. R. Foreman. The session was enlivened by a recitation, "The North American Indian," by Estie M. Ocker, and by the singing of patriotic and other songs by the institute.

After an hour's intermission the teachers and friends of education again assembled for a further consideration of important topics. Miss Maybelle Keller opened the session with a recitation, "The Night Vision," delivered in a very pleasing manner. Then followed the reading of papers on various subjects. How teachers should employ time out of school was the subject of a paper by B. M. Wagenseller. How to secure the attention of an uninterested child, by Andrew Gregg, and How to teach current topics, by D. K. Keller and D. W. Geiss.

One of the nicest features of the institute was the way in which the parents and friends of education entered into the discussions when opened for general discussion. Among those taking part were Prof. J. D. Meyer, of the Bellefonte schools, Mrs. Geo. W. Bushman, Mrs. DeWiddie, J. J. Arney, J. T. Lee, and W. P. Leathers, of Spring Mills. Many helpful suggestions were given for the teachers to take with them to their school rooms.

As the closing number on the program Miss Anna Bartholomew gave in a most interesting manner a recitation entitled, "The Dukite Snake."

Thus ended a very successful and instructive institute, which will be remembered by the good gained by the teachers.

After the Cave Property.

The newspaper story is again going the rounds that the famous Penns Cave east of Centre Hall, is being negotiated for by a number of eastern capitalists, with the intention of improving the place and making it one of the finest inland resorts in the state. The cave certainly is a natural wonder, and for a resort has many advantages, but there is just a strain of doubt that the property will be sold. It has figured often before the public as about to change ownership, but year after year our good friend Jesse Long is always found at the helm of the boat, safely piloting his many visitors through the subterranean cavern, and we think Jesse will be found at his post for the next couple years to come. The cave has been sold and resold, and trolley roads built, but it was always on paper.

Died in the West.

On Monday Mrs. W. A. Currey received a telegram announcing the death of her brother, John Fauber, that same day, at Wynmore, Gage county, Nebraska. The deceased was aged about 65 years, and was the father of thirteen children, all of whom survive him. He was a son of Daniel Fauber, deceased, and was a native of this place. He left for the west over forty years ago, engaging in farming, and was quite well-to-do. Mrs. Currey is the last surviving member of the Fauber family.

Caucus Meeting.

The Democrats of Centre county will hold their caucuses for the nomination of candidates for borough, ward, township and precinct officers on the 27th day of January, 1900. The committeemen of the several precincts and wards will take notice hereof and fix the hour or time for the holding of these caucuses. Instructions and blanks will be received by the committeemen in due time.

J. K. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

Watch Our Advertisement

As we shall have many bargains to offer you, and it is to your interest that you will note them. We are selling goods at very low prices since the Holidays. We have some goods left over which shall go at a big discount. Many of these articles are are for good, practical service, and the price is sure to make them go.

If in need of anything in the line of Men's Working Shirts, don't forget that our line is complete, and at very low prices.

Men's Overalls from 40c up to 85c. New and fresh goods at bottom prices at this store.

A very fine assortment of Tinware. Your choice for 5 and 10c. A great bargain. Come and invest while it lasts

J. F. SMITH, CENTRE HALL.

Penns Valley Shoe Store.

Leggins and Overgaiters in all sizes for ladies and gentlemen.

Felts for boys, youths, men, and ladies.

Gum Boots for children, youths, boys, men and ladies.

Come and get prices and you will be convinced to buy.

C. A. KRAPE, SPRING MILLS.

Real Estate Transfers.

Henry Gast to Laurelton Lumber Co., three tracts in Miles twp., \$7500.

Henry Gast to Laurelton Lumber Co., seven tracts in Union and Centre counties, \$23,400.

Hannah Campbell to Laurelton L. Co., three tracts in Haines twy., \$2060.

David Keller to George Keller, two tracts in College twp., \$3000.

Jesse Kreamer to John A. Miller, lot of ground in Millheim, \$850.

John A. Miller to Annie R. Kreamer lot in Millheim, \$850.

J. H. Dutweiler to D. H. Rote, five lots in Aaronsburg, \$290.

John C. Miller to Harvey E. Harter, part of Manns axe factory property, 2 1/2 acres, \$1200.

Primary Election Officers.

The primary election law of this state requires all primary election officers to take and subscribe to an oath before entering upon their duties. There are many places in which no attention has been paid to this requirement.

It has been demonstrated repeatedly in every state in the Union and in many foreign countries that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain preventive and cure for croup. It has become the universal remedy for that disease. M. V. Fisher, of Liberty, W. Va., only repeats what has been said around the globe when he writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for several years and always with perfect success. We believe that it is not only the best cough remedy, but that it is a sure cure for croup. It has saved the lives of our children a number of times." This remedy is for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; J. F. Smith, Centre Hall.

For women is the best in the country for the money—\$3.00. They are neat fitters.

Our Walkover Men's Dress and Work Shoe. For \$3.50, all styles and all leathers are the most serviceable ever made. Our sales are doubling on them every season.

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Which includes some of the choicest goods in the market that came too late for the Holiday trade. Although prices have advanced, does not say that you must pay higher prices for your furniture, as we are now selling what goods we bought early in the season, before prices advanced. We offer every year during the months of January and February great inducements to buyers in Furniture. Don't wait for lower prices, but come and see what we can do for you.

W. R. Brachbill, BELLEFONTE, PA.

THE old year has gone, and although prices have advanced, does not say that you must pay more for your goods here than you did before.

Come and see.

H. F. Rossman, SPRING MILLS.

The Rubber Season.

With the advent of the 20th century comes the cold, wet, sloppy and uncertain weather underfoot, and a good, serviceable covering for the foot is a necessity for the next several months. We have all that is necessary, and are disposing of our stock

A Full Line, at Surprisingly Low Prices.

Rubber goods have advanced in the market, and they can hardly be bought for the price we are now selling them at. Come in and let us fit you out in either a Felt Combination, Boots or Overshoes. Prices will be right, and you will be more than pleased.

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