



Old Subscribers to the "Centre Reporter": Do you want the "Centre Reporter" for One Dollar a year? You can have it at that price if it is paid before 1901.

Watch Your Interests, Farmers.

What United States Senator Penrose calls "a d—d fake"

is of serious concern to the developing dairy interests of Centre county.

The Grout bill, taxing colored oleomargarine ten cents a pound, has been passed by the House, but it is predicted that it will not pass the Senate. Opponents of the bill in the House dodged the main point and argued that oleo was a wholesome article of food and that there was no fraud in coloring it. A member from Mississippi based his opposition upon solicitude for the cotton producers of the South, who sell cottonseed oil to the manufacturers of oleo.

Mr. Grout and his supporters showed conclusively that most of the 104,000,000 pounds of oleo made during the last year was sold fraudulently as butter, and that the sole purpose of the makers in coloring the slaughter-house "advanced produce of the farm" is to deceive purchasers and promote a swindle on the public. Their arguments and their array of facts were unanswerable.

The purpose of the Grout bill is not to prevent the sale of oleo as oleo, nor does it prevent any one who considers oleo a wholesome food from buying and eating as much of it as he wants. It merely removes the chief incentive to fraud by cutting down the enormous profit of the swindling dealers. It is designed to protect those who want butter when they call for and pay for butter, and it imposes no hardship upon any body who prefers oleo.

It is alleged by the friends of oleo—oleo and furtive—that the House passed the bill because of pressure exerted by farmers' organizations upon members. That probably is true, and moreover it is as it should be. The farmers are right in exerting all the pressure they can bring to bear to induce Congress to give them protection from dishonest competition. If they refrained from using the power of persuasion that comes from organization and the menace of a solid vote, and relied upon the natural propensity of Congress to legislate wisely and justly, they would probably get nothing but indifference to their interests during the sessions and promises during the campaigns.

If the Grout bill fails to pass the Senate it will be because the Oleo Trust and its predatory allies have more influence than the people in that body. The farmer vote is only a remote and indirect menace to a legislator who is not elected by the people, while the friendship of the trusts may be a very substantial benefit to him.

How will Senator Penrose vote on the Grout bill? It is not to be expected that he will work for its passage by the Senate, since the interests hostile to the measure are very rich and powerful, but how will he vote?

Mr. Penrose is known to be out of sympathy with the farmers of his State in their efforts to protect themselves against swindling competition. Their agitation for the enforcement of the laws against the fraudulent sale of oleomargarine he sneered at as "a d—d fake" last summer. Since then he has not been heard from on the subject, and it is to be presumed that he has not come to an opinion that would be less agreeable to the Oleo Trust.

But what Mr. Penrose says and how Mr. Penrose will vote are two different matters. He will be a candidate for reelection two years hence.

The farmers of this State ought to take united action and convey to Senator Penrose their conviction that in supporting the Grout bill he will be doing only his duty by them and the rest of the State which he represents. A few thousand individual letters from farmers to the Senator pointing this out would, as a preliminary to move formal action, do no harm to the anti-oleo cause.

FROM MISSOURI.

E. S. GARVER EULOGIZES AN OLD FRIEND.

The Prominence of a Former Potter Township Young Man.

EDITOR REPORTER: I notice in your issue of November 29th an account of the death of Mr. John Young, which occurred in your community recently. Reading the notice called my mind back to the memories of long ago when I was a small boy. John Young was the first school teacher to instruct me, and that was some forty odd years ago in the old stone school house that used to stand just across the road from where the Pine Stump school house now stands. He taught a term of what was then called a subscription school. I was then not more than six years of age, but the incident of my going to school the first day is as fresh in my mind today as it was the morning I started. Father accompanied me to show the road and also to introduce me to the teacher. We passed down through the Gregg farm to the public road. I remember distinctly that the fence was so high I could not climb over it. Father soon found a convenient crack in the fence and it afforded me a passage way during the term.

When we arrived at the school house we were met by Mr. Young, who invited us in. As nearly as I can recall it now, father introduced me in about these words: "John, this is my boy Elias, and I want you to learn (old form) him all you can, and if he doesn't behave, lick him like a young hound." This kindly admonition, though given in Pennsylvania Dutch, impressed me with an awe that would do credit to the order of a king to one of his trembling subjects. Mr. Young had a stiff knee-joint and it made his walk somewhat awkward. I remember how his physical ailment filled my boyish heart with sympathy to such an extent that I inquired how he had met with such a misfortune. He told me it was due to white swelling. Ever since that time I have had a fear of that disease. My first day at school is vividly paint-

ed on memory's tablet. There were probably two dozen pupils present, among whom I can recall the Harkins and Dubbs boys, some of the Geringichs and Sprows. Who can tell what has become of all the boys and girls who attended school at Pine Stump under the tutelage of John Young? They are scattered hither and yon, and no doubt many of them have joined the silent majority in that city not made with hands. The recollection of their association is a sacred memory to me and my mind often wanders back to the scenes of my childhood and boyhood days and they bring to me reminiscences that are rich in thought and laden with hope that somehow and somewhere we may see and know each other again. Many incidents occurred during Mr. Young's term of school in the old and dingy stone building, within whose walls I obtained the rudimentary principles of a fairly good education. The house of itself looked like a fortress in the early history of our country. I cannot give the dimensions, but the walls were thick, the ceiling low, with a door in the east end and two windows each on the north and south sides. In those days acoustics and ventilation were unknown. When the small room with its big Centre Furnace stove grew so hot that the heads of the nails in the walls reached the melting stage the teacher threw the door wide open, and when icicles began to form on the "schoolmaster's" nose that dignitary thought it about time to close the door. Under these conditions it was no wonder that the boys and girls had bad colds through the winter term of school.

Here is an incident that occurred during Mr. Young's term. Some of the larger boys amused themselves by throwing stones straight up into space and then running away quickly so that the descending missile should not strike them. One of the boys failed to get out of the way and the stone struck him squarely on the head and felled him to the ground like an ox. We all thought the boy killed and the wall that went up was never equalled by a campmeeting in Potter's woods. Mr.

Young came out and picked the boy up and carried him into the school house. After dashing some water into his face he revived. The teacher diagnosed the case and assured the boy he wasn't hurt. Coming from the teacher, whom we thought the incarnation of all wisdom, we felt assured the boy wasn't hurt and were all willing to swear to it. But that didn't prevent a knot raising on the boy's head about the size of the peaches we used to steal out of uale George Durst's back yard while attending normal school in Centre Hall in 1872 and 1873. A. C. Ripka, J. C. Harper and a lot of other equally nice fellows may laugh at this, but they helped steal the peaches.

I started out to say something about my first teacher, John Young, but have digressed some. I have attained some little prominence in life and I date the starting point to the day when I first entered Pine Stump school house to take instructions from John Young. He was amply equipped to teach in those days. He was kind to the children and endeared himself to me in a way that his name will always be remembered and recalled with lasting pleasure. E. S. GARVER, Grant City, Mo., Dec. 4, 1900.

[Like many other young men, the writer of the above went west, twenty-seven years ago, when Greeley's advice to young men was more vivid in their minds than it is today. He rose in prominence. Having some knowledge of the art preservative gained at the Reporter's type cases, when reaching Grant City he secured employment on the Worth County Times, and afterwards became its owner, and today edits that journal in a very able manner. Mr. Garver is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, and for this he was rewarded by being four times elected to the legislature of Missouri. The fourth time, however, Mr. Garver resigned to accept the postmastership of Grant City during Cleveland's second administration. He also held an appointment under the State administration. His son, Henry, holds a position in the National Library at Washington at present.—Ed.]

\$5,000 FIRE AT POE MILLS.

Ashland Company's Saw Mill, 250,000 Feet of Lumber and Three Houses Burned.

The Ashland Lumber Company's saw mill at Poe Mills was destroyed by fire Sunday morning about four o'clock. 250,000 feet of lumber was next consumed, as were also three dwellings belonging to the same firm. The dwellings were occupied by Messrs. Samuel De Long, R. B. Maiben and John Rankin, all of whom succeeded in removing their household effects to places of safety. The loss is estimated at \$5,000. There was no insurance so far as is known by F. W. Confer, to whom the Reporter is indebted for the details of this paragraph.

A "Light" Subject but an Important One.

J. F. Rearick, of Spring Mills, agent for the Sober & Porter acetylene gas generator, was in town Friday evening of last week with one of their model machines and gave a demonstration to interested parties at Irwin's hardware store. The points claimed for this system are safety, cleanliness, superiority and all at a cost for maintaining below kerosene. The light stands distinctly in a class of its own, being bright as an electric arc light with none of the glare and unsteadiness so noticeable in electricity, which feature alone commends it strongly to the vast army of light users.

Teachers' Institute.

Teachers' institute opens Monday, 9:30 a. m. The corps of instructors are of an unusually high class. The evening entertainments should be attended by all who possibly can do so.

Tuesday evening: Dr. H. R. Patengill, Lancing, Mich., "Nancy Hanks and the Nineteenth Century."
Wednesday evening: Hon. Champ Clark, M. C., Missouri, "Picturesque Public Men."
Thursday evening: Mozart Symphony Club, New York.

Robinson Non-Suited.

Thomas Robinson was non-suited in the case brought by him against John Wanamaker for libel. Ex-State printer Robinson found objections to Mr. Wanamaker's criticism of that officer's action relative to charges made for printing the famous bird book.

Holiday Photos.

Smith makes them in all the latest up to date styles. The Passe-Tartout mounted photos make an elegant Christmas present. At Centre Hall every Friday. W. W. SMITH.

State Grange is in session at Lock Haven and is being largely attended.

2,158 DAIRY COWS

IN CENTRE COUNTY NOT ON FARMS.

Postmaster General Smith Says a Good Word for Rural Mail Delivery.

From the census report of Pennsylvania the following facts are gathered from the various census takers of Centre county. These figures show the number of domestic animals in barns and inclosures, other than those found on farms and ranges. In this class are included all domestic animals kept in towns and villages, all employed in manufacturing, lumbering and mining industries, and kindred enterprises.

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Number of enclosures reporting domestic cattle.....	2,995	108,475
All neat cattle.....	3,040	98,515
Calves under one year.....	888	9,181
Steers one and under 2 years.....	164	1,753
Steers 2 years and under 3 years.....	69	1,558
Steers 3 years and over.....	6	706
Bulls one year and over.....	19	855
Heifers one and under 2 years.....	222	2,342
Dairy cows two years and over.....	2,158	77,394
Other cows, 2 years and over.....	28	1,966
All horses.....	2,918	218,194
Colts under one year.....	28	489
Colts one and under 2 years.....	24	1,228
Colts 2 years and over.....	1,966	215,997
All mules.....	112	22,167
Mule colts under 1 year.....	1	50
Mule colts one and under 2 years.....	1	178
Mules two years and over.....	110	21,942
Asses.....	1	601
All sheep.....	318	6,060
Lambs under one year.....	106	2,847
Ewes one year and over.....	199	3,215
Rams and wethers.....	13	497
Swine.....	5,477	150,229
Goats.....	24	6,517

Comparative number of neat cattle and horses not on farms, in Pennsylvania, and United States:

	Cattle.	Horses.
Pennsylvania, 1900.....	98,575	218,194
1870.....	161,348	151,149
United States, 1900.....	1,486,573	2,838,277
" 1870.....	4,274,973	1,847,370

The report of domestic animals kept on farms is not yet completed.

POSTMASTER'S GENERAL'S REPORT.

Rural Free Delivery Highly Recommended by the Head of the Department.

The annual report of Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith under the date of November 30 was made public Monday.

The financial operations of the department for the last fiscal year are shown briefly in the following statement.

Ordinary postal revenue.....	\$100,899,433.44
Receipts from money order busi-ness.....	1,436,145.85
Total receipts from all sources.....	\$102,335,579.29
Total expenditures for the year.....	107,740,267.99
Excess of expenditures over receipts.....	\$5,404,688.70

From this statement it will be observed that the revenues have now passed the hundred million mark; also, that while the expenditures were over six millions greater than for the previous fiscal year, the deficit for the year 1899-1900 was but \$5,385,688, being \$1,225,088 less than that of the previous year.

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR.

Following is an estimate of the revenues and expenditures of the postal service, which has been transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902.

Estimated revenue for 1901.....	\$110,931,172.00
" 1902.....	116,633,042.00
Estimated expenditure for 1901.....	121,276,319.00

Deficiency for 1902, as estimated..... \$1,654,807.00

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Rural free delivery has now been sufficiently tried to measure its effects. The immediate and direct results are clearly apparent. It stimulates social and business correspondence and so swells the postal receipts. Its introduction is invariably followed by a large increase in the circulation of the press and of periodical literature.

With all the results clearly indicated by the experiment as thus far tried, rural free delivery is plainly here to stay.

By the end of the current fiscal year we shall reach one-sixth of the 21,000,000 to be served. What has already been substantially accomplished is certainly capable of sixfold expansion.

COST OF THE SERVICE.

The net result of the extension of rural free delivery to 1,000,000 square miles, or all the eligible portion of the country, stands thus.

Estimated gross cost.....	\$29,585,600
Deduct estimated savings from discontinuance on fourth-class offices of.....	\$2,750,400
Deduct estimated savings from discontinuance of star routes.....	2,000,000
Deduct increased receipts.....	1,513,976
Net actual cost of rural free delivery.....	\$19,782,224

It thus appears that rural free delivery can be extended practically over the whole country at an annual cost of less than \$14,000,000. As the appropriation for the current fiscal year for this purpose is \$1,750,000, an additional outlay of \$12,000,000, unless unforeseen demands should come, would substantially take the mail every day to every door in the land.

DEATHS THROUGHOUT CENTRE.

Brief Sketches of Departed Friends, Who They Were and Where They Died. JOHN MCNITT.

John McNitt, one mile west of Reedsville, died Sunday and was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery Wednesday. Deceased was the last surviving son of Alexander McNitt, a farmer by occupation. He leaves a wife and three sisters, widows, namely, Margaret, wife of Samuel Mitchell, Dry Valley; Martha, wife of John Mitchell, Dry Valley; Catharine, wife of Robert Cummins, Reedsville. Ten children survive, namely: William, Homer and Arthur, living near Reedsville; Mrs. H. Foster Taylor, Mrs. Rush Gibony, Reedsville; Mrs. Janette Maxfield, Logansport, Ind.; Mrs. Dr. Wilson, Petersburg, Pa.; Misses Agnes, Sarah and Margaret, at home.

MRS. GRACE WEAVER.

Mrs. Grace Weaver, after suffering with cancer of the stomach for several months, died at the residence of her husband in Aaronburg last Thursday night at about twelve o'clock, aged 73 years, 3 months and 21 days. A remarkable fact about this lady is that she raised three generations of children, all of whom are living. Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church, of which the deceased was a life-long member, on Monday morning at ten o'clock, and were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Gearhart, assisted by Rev. Brown, of the Reformed church, after which interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

Deaths in Nearby Counties.

In Yeagertown, Jacob T. Smith, aged sixty years.

In Lock Haven, Frank Hahn, aged sixty-eight years.

Clinton—in Mackeyville, Mrs. Perry Krape, aged forty-six years.

Mifflin—in Altoona, Miss Mary A. Riden, formerly of Lewistown, aged seventy-four years.

At the residence of W. H. Ebaugh, in Philadelphia, Wm. S. Stevens, aged seventy-seven years.

Union—in Lewisburg, Pascal L. Cligan, aged seventy-one years. He was a justice of the peace for ten years.

Joseph Owens, of Lawrence township, an aged and respected citizen of the county. He held many offices in the township.

Clearfield—James A. Campbell at McGee's Mills, Dec. 2nd, aged eighty-seven years, one of the pioneer school teachers of that county. For twenty-five years past he was justice of the peace.

HORSES WANTED.

An Opportunity for Penns Valley Farmers to Sell their Surplus Horse Stock.

M. Fox & Sons, of Baltimore, place an advertisement in this issue of the Reporter asking those who have horses for sale to bring them to the Centre Hall hotel, Wednesday and Thursday, December 19 and 20. This is an opportunity for farmers and others to sell their surplus horse stock at a time when horses are little needed, and a winter's feed can be saved.

Bringing this stock to a central point may seem, and really is, a departure from an old custom that the horse "buyer must come to my stable if he wants to buy," but this custom is not new to other localities, and is likely to be a fixed custom here. Mr. Fox already purchased several car loads of horses in this valley, and it is his intention to come here regularly if horse owners and horse breeders are willing to bring the stock to a central point (Centre Hall) for inspection.

Boalsburg

Wm. Baumgardner has shipped his third car load of staves from his mill a short distance west of town.

Wm. Brouse has commenced digging the foundation for his new house opposite the old hotel at the west end of town.

Supervisor Hettinger began work on the new road a short distance west of town around the old Bial barn, north of the old road.

Mrs. Wm. Fortney arrived from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Coxey, and other relatives and friends.

George Hosterman is having an entertainment in the Shingletown school house Friday evening; proceeds to buy a new dictionary.

Rev. J. M. Warden, who is now holding evangelistic services at Pine Grove Mills, will conduct similar services in the Presbyterian church at this place next week.

The public schools will close Friday and reopen on the 23rd of Dec.

Mr. and Mrs. Goheen, Mrs. Wm. A. Woods and daughter Miss Rose, attended Rev. Warden's services at Pine Grove Mills Saturday evening.

The most effective little liver pill made are De Witt's Little Early Risers. They never gripe. J. D. Murray.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

There is a famine of pennies throughout the land.

Butter, eggs and lard are up in price. Consult the market reports.

Read the advertisement of Ed. F. Foreman relative to slate roofing.

Pensions granted: Abednego Stine, of Loveville, \$8.00; William Alter, Millheim, \$6.00.

The public schools will be closed next week, the teachers being in attendance at Institute.

During the rise of the Juniata river over one hundred muskrats were killed in one day at McVeytown.

Joseph Joy, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slick, of near Spring Mills, is seriously ill with gastric and kidney trouble.

A "Missionary rally" will be held in the Spruce town Methodist church Sunday at 10 a. m., for which an interesting program has been prepared.

A steam chime whistle has been placed in position at the Lock Haven paper mill which it is claimed can be heard for a distance of fifteen miles.

Mrs. Nancy Clark, widow of Dr. Henry Clark, and sister of the late Ex-Gov. A. G. Curtin, was instantly killed by a train at Torresdale Tuesday. Heavy weight hogs reported from Millheim: Wm. Kreamer, 585 and 539 pounds; these hogs were only fourteen months old. George Sechrist 525 lbs. H. E. Duck, 502 lbs.

Tyrone is unable to accept the \$50,000 offer of Carnegie for a public library, on account of the borough not being able to support it annually with \$3,000 for its maintenance.

On Thanksgiving morning, Harvey Fulger, a young hunter aged thirteen, of Zion shot and killed a wild turkey on top of Nittany Mountain, weighing eighteen pounds.

Miss Lizzie Keller, daughter of P. F. Keller, of this place, has been ill for some time. Pleurisy and an affection of the lungs are what have been diagnosed as her ailments.

A large number of people from all parts of Penns Valley, Bellefonte and other sections of the county, will attend the banquet in Grange Arcadia Friday evening, Dec. 21, given by the members of Old Fort Masonic Lodge.

The annual report of Dr. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, shows that over 1,500,000 pupils were in attendance at the schools of the State. The total receipts for school and building purposes were \$24,916,668.69, and the expenditures were \$21,476,994.90.

A wagon load of hay standing in front of Hugg's New Swan hotel in Phillipsburg was set on fire the other night after twelve o'clock and created quite an excitement. The hay was entirely consumed, and the wagon badly damaged.

Edward C. Nearhood Monday moved to Bellefonte. He is a good all 'round fellow, having come here from Rebersburg and for several years clerked for the firm of Messrs. Wolf & Crawford, general merchants. He is at present with the hardware firm of Potter & Hoy.

The Pennsylvania State College is connected with the world of late, a commercial 'phone having been placed in its office. Ten other 'phones were put in different parts of the borough of State College, at the same time, which makes a large number in use at that place.

The Millheim Journal gives a description of a seven ton safe purchased and placed in the Millheim bank. It is a Mosler-Corlies, constructed of solid metal, without joints or rivets. In order to put the safe into the building it was necessary to cut a large part of the building away. This will be replaced with French plate glass, and other improvements made.

Geo. W. Peck sent out cards to ask the newspapers whether they think "Peck's Bad Boy Grown Up" would take with the people. Peck was Republican Governor of Wisconsin during 1891-2-3-4, and if he didn't learn enough devilment there to furnish topics for the rest of his life, he is slower than any one would take the real Peck's Bad Boy to be. Besides, he wouldn't need to draw on his imagination.

Lewistown, Williamsport and Altoona are the places that will receive most consideration in connection with the removal of the Central Pennsylvania College from New Berlin. The chances are probably in favor of Altoona as a special effort will be made there to secure it. The matter of moving the college will be disposed of at the meeting of the conference of the United Evangelical church in March next.