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Present Topics of Interest to Every Reader.

ON THE 4th and 5th of June, upon invitation of the State Board of Agriculture, there met at State College a Conference of delegates, thirty-two in all, representing the state agricultural organizations of Pennsylvania, to consider "The Present Condition and Needs of Agricultural Education in all its Branches in this Commonwealth."

At this Conference a full and free discussion and interchange of views took place, the delegates of each organization being called upon. The Conference finally formulated the results of its deliberations in the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that Nature Study should be introduced into the public schools of Penn'a.

Resolved, That this conference request from the next Legislature an appropriation of \$10,000 per year for two years for The Pennsylvania State College to defray the expenses of continuing the preparation and distribution to the teachers of the public schools of the State of bulletins and leaflets on Nature Study with special reference to Agriculture.

Resolved, That this conference urges the Legislature to provide for carrying into effect the Act of June 28, 1895, providing for the establishment of Township High Schools.

Resolved, That we request the State Legislature to make sufficient appropriation for the erection and maintenance at The Pennsylvania State College of a suitable building for the teaching of the different branches of Agriculture, including Dairying and Forestry.

A legislative committee, consisting of the Hon. John A. Woodward, of Howard; the Hon. Hiram Young, of York; M. N. Clark, of Claridge; Howard A. Chase, of Philadelphia; Spencer F. Barber, of Harrisburg, was also appointed to formulate and urge the legislation asked for by the conference. That committee is now preparing a bill which it is expected will be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature, providing for an appropriation of \$147,000 to the Pennsylvania State College for the following purposes:

- For the Nature Study and Correspondence Courses for two years, \$20,000.
- For a building for agriculture, dairying and forestry, \$121,000.
- For the maintenance of the building, \$6,000.

Pennsylvania should come nearer to the front with its school of Agriculture. The insignificant sum of \$27,000 is all that this great state appropriates for this purpose, while Massachusetts expends annually \$337,000.

THE SENATE, before advising and consenting to the ratification of the treaty negotiated by the Secretary of State and the British Ambassador relating to an interoceanic canal, has incorporated in it an amendment to the committee on foreign relations. The effect of this amendment is yet to be determined. Some Senators opposed it on the ground that it signified nothing, while others contended that it destroyed the whole purpose of the treaty. It is always desirable that a treaty shall be explicit and not capable of misunderstanding, and that the Davis amendment can be so diversely interpreted is in itself a serious fault.

When the existing convention between the United States and Great Britain was framed a half a century ago, by which the two nations pledged one another that neither would acquire any territorial or other rights upon the isthmus or undertake the construction or control of a ship canal, to the exclusion of the other, there was more probability of such control being sought by Great Britain than by the United States. Though the Nicaragua canal has always had advocates, there was never until recently a strong disposition to make it a national undertaking. When this idea did take shape, it was recognized that the Clayton-Bulwer agreement was in the way, and the administration undertook to get rid of it.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty agrees to the construction and operation of a canal under the exclusive control of the United States, directly or indirectly, as an international waterway, applying to it the same guarantees of neutrality secured by agreement of the powers to the Suez canal. When this treaty was submitted to the Senate, it was objected that while the United States would be at the cost of building and maintaining the canal, this country would have no advantage of exclusive possession or control in event of war, the canal being a neutral water-way and equally open to the ships of an enemy. To meet this objection Senator Davis proposed the amendment that none of the conditions and stipulation laid down in the treaty to secure the neutrality of the canal "shall apply to measures which the United States may find it necessary to take for securing, by its own forces, the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public order." This is the amendment which the Senate has adopted.

It will be observed that it is very vague. Its most obvious interpretation, however, is that it reserves to the United States the right to blockade the canal in the event of war, a right which very probably would be exercised, if "necessary to the defense of the United States," though it made the treaty itself void. As this country would have an absolute naval control of the Caribbean Sea and the approaches to the canal, such a necessity hardly would arise under any conditions easily to be foreseen, but the Senate has thought it wiser to provide for it.

If the British Government accepts the amendment, all diplomatic obstacles to the canal enterprise will be removed. If it be rejected, it will be necessary either to begin fresh negotiations or to take measures for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, as proposed by Senator Money, in order to release this government from all engagements that hamper independent action. As the President will of course respect existing treaty obligations, no actual legislation looking to the construction of the canal can be perfected until these diplomatic preliminaries have been finally disposed of. It is unquestionably the prevailing sentiment of the country that if the canal is to be constructed by the United States the control of it shall be trammelled by no conditions save those imposed by the common law of civilized nations.

Lord Poncefote has told Secretary Hay that Great Britain will not accept the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as amended by the Senate.

A strong element in the senate favors the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty in specific terms. Abrogation might not prevent Great Britain from insisting that we live up to the terms of the compact. That nation might appeal to arms to enforce such a contention.

IT IS computed that the list of pensioners has passed the million mark, as on the 1st of July the official reports showed 993,529 names on the list, starting with eleven widows and daughters of revolutionary soldiers. New laws going into effect, with the additions from the Cuban and Philippine wars, have added several thousands. And the end is not yet; for there are 437,104 pension claims pending, but most of these are for increases, there being only 155,990 claims for original pensions. Last year 43,324 pensioners were dropped from the list by reason of death in nearly all the cases.

\$5,500,000 FOR SCHOOLS.

The Governor's Foolish Notion of Right to Veto the School Appropriation Abandoned.

The State Administration has evidently abandoned its position on the Governor's right to veto a portion of the school appropriation, and now evidently agrees with the stand taken by every sensible person when the question of a veto was first whispered.

This abandonment was made evident when C. Tyson Kratz, of Montgomery county, announced that the State had paid the costs in the suit brought by the School Board of Lower Providence Township to mandamus the State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction to pay the school appropriation on the basis of \$5,500,000, instead of \$5,000,000, as fixed by the Governor.

This case was argued some time ago, but was not passed upon by the Court. Recently, when Mr. Kratz went to Harrisburg to begin several similar suits, he made public that the Lower Providence school district had been paid in full on the basis of \$5,500,000, and asked that the State be compelled to pay the costs in the suits, which the State did.

It is said that the State does not wish an opinion on the constitutionality of the Governor's right to veto a part of the school appropriation for various reasons that are not apparent at this time. Mr. Kratz asked an opinion from the Court which would govern the State Treasurer and the Superintendent of Public Instruction in paying all the school districts of the State on the \$5,500,000 basis. Judge Weiss said that this could not be done at this time.

Mr. Kratz then presented three more petitions for mandamus from the school boards of Rockledge, East Greenville and Lower Pottsgrove, Montgomery county, to compel payment of the school fund on the \$5,500,000 basis. He told the Court that he disliked to burden it with these suits, but if there was no other way to get the money he would ask for writs for every school district in Montgomery county.

There is not the least doubt but that every school district in the state will finally be paid on the \$5,500,000 basis.

Deaths in Nearby Counties.
Clinton—Samuel Watson, at Lamar aged eighty years. During the civil war he leased the Washington iron works and operated them until 1872.

At Mill Hall, Mrs. Adam Stover, aged seventy-five years.

At Selinsgrove, Perry Ulrich, aged seventy-three years.

Mrs. James Shearer, at Cedar Springs aged forty-nine years.

Wm. Bowers, of Cedar Springs, from the effects of a tumorous growth, aged thirty-nine years.

Union—Mrs. Wesley Nerhood, at Paxtonville, aged fifty-one. At same place, Mrs. Joseph Brunner, aged sixty-four years. She was the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom survive her. At the same place, Mrs. Michael Hackenberg, a aged fifty-three years.

Blair—Francis P. Miles, of Tyrone, aged fifty-three years. He was born in Milesburg, this county, and was for many years a railroad.

P. R. R. Co. Will Issue Clerical Orders for 1901.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that clerical orders will be issued for the year 1901 to ordained clergymen having regular charge of churches located on or near the line of its road.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 22, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen when made on blanks furnished by the Company and certified to by one of its agents.

A Birthday Party.

A birthday surprise party was given at the home of Mr. Noll, northwest of Centre Hall, last Wednesday evening. Mr. Noll was away from home when his friends and neighbors gathered at his house to spend the evening; he was sent for, and on his arrival was greatly surprised. The presents were a variety of useful articles, which shows how well Mr. Noll stands in his community.

Reiber - Barges.

W. Alfred Reiber, of Colyer, and Miss Della Anna Barges, of Centre Hall, were married Wednesday evening in Bellefonte. The groom is a son of Wm. Reiber, and is teaching school at Coburn. The bride is the only daughter of David L. Barges and is a young lady of many accomplishments.

Call on A. C. Krape, Spring Mills, and examine his fine line of shoes.

HILL RE-ELECTED MASTER.

STATE GRANGE MET AT LOCK HAVEN.

Appropriation to State College Requested.—Other Resolutions.

The Pennsylvania State Grange met in annual session last week in Lock Haven. There was an effort made on the part of outsiders to make it appear that there would be trouble in electing a master to succeed Worthy State Master W. F. Hill. Such did not prove the case, State Master Hill was unanimously re-elected.

The secretary's report shows that during the year 1899 new members were admitted to the order and five hundred were reinstated. Seven new granges were organized and six dormant granges were reorganized.

Resolutions were adopted recommending that nature study be introduced into the public schools of this State; that the next Legislature be requested to appropriate \$10,000 per year for the next two years to the Pennsylvania State College to defray the expenses of continuing the preparation and distribution of leaflets on nature study; that the Legislature be urged to provide for carrying into effect the act of June 28, 1895, providing for the establishment of township high schools; that the Legislature be requested to make sufficient appropriation for the erection and maintenance at the Pennsylvania State College of a suitable building for the teaching of the different branches of agriculture, including dairying and forestry.

Congress was petitioned to amend the Constitution so that United States Senators may be elected by the direct vote of the people; to amend the interstate commerce law so as to give the commission judicial powers in deciding discriminating rates; to defeat the ship subsidy bill; to enlarge the service of rural mail delivery, and for the passage of the Grouse oleomargarine law.

The committee also protested against the unconstitutional reduction of the school appropriation made by Governor Stone, as well as against the removal of farmers from the Department of Agriculture, State and national, to make room for those of other pursuits who are not in sympathy and not familiar with farmer's interests. These departments were instituted by farmers for the benefit and protection of farmers, and in all fairness should be administered by farmers.

The officers-elect of the grange were installed by Hon. Mortimer Whitehead, of New Jersey, assisted by Mrs. Hannah Faust, lady assistant steward. The flag designs recommended by Pomona Grange, No. 13, were adopted.

A few days prior to the sessions of the State Grange, Representative W. T. Creasy and Past Master Hon. L. Rhone went to Harrisburg and made an examination of the tax records in the Auditor General's office. In speaking of the result of this investigation, Mr. Creasy said:

"It was somewhat of a surprise and a hindrance to the committee to find that the auditor general's report for the year 1899 is not yet published. We found in the matter of taxation on real estate that there was collected through county and local authorities for the year 1899, the sum of \$55,508,553.32, being an increase over the previous year of \$5,462,714.51. Of this sum, after deducting the licenses, personal property tax and such other taxes as are collected by the counties and paid over to the state and to the various municipal governments, the amount of taxes paid by real estate for local and county purposes was \$43,369,416.25 on the real estate of the commonwealth valued at \$2,728,163,336. This is equal to an average rate of sixteen mills on the dollar."

"We find that the state collected from corporate property for the same year, \$7,835,010.48 on property valued at \$3,000,000,000, or less than three mills. We hear so much said by politicians that the state is paying to the counties large amounts, while the reports show that the counties collect for and pay to the state over \$6,000,000 annually."

Verdict for the Defendants.

The trial of the suit between the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., as plaintiff, and the Beaver Lumber Co., as defendants, went to the jury Monday evening. This trial involved the title to some land in the Karthaus region. The case had been going on for the past two weeks and was tried by Judge Martin Bell, of Blair county. Orvis, Bower & Orvis represented the plaintiffs and ex-Judge A. O. Furst and W. E. Gray the defendants. It took Judge Bell two hours and a half to deliver his charge to the jury. The jury went out Monday evening at 8 o'clock and returned a verdict Tuesday morning in favor of the defendants.

The Centre Reporter one dollar.

DEATHS THROUGHOUT CENTRE.

Brief Sketches of Departed Friends, Who They Were and Where They Died. ABRAHAM ULRICH.

At 2.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Abraham Ulrich died at the home of his son, A. H. Ulrich, at Altoona, of diseases incident to old age. The deceased was a resident of Centre county, but had made his home with his son for some time past. Mr. Ulrich was born in Lancaster county May 3, 1823, but had resided in Centre county the past forty years, being a farmer by occupation. He was married three times, his third wife being Sarah Bechtel, to whom he was married in 1867. The following children survive: Mrs. Sarah Garrison, of Iola, Kan.; Mrs. Matilda Wingerd and Mrs. Jane Rote, of Coburn, Centre county, and A. H. Ulrich, of Altoona. Funeral services were conducted at the home of his son Monday evening, by Rev. Lewis Robb, and the remains were taken to Aaronsburg Tuesday, where interment was made.

Marriage Licenses.

Geo. W. F. Lane, Sandyridge, and Essie Merrel, Phillipsburg.
Wilton B. Grove, Spring Mills and Emma J. Hockman, Mingoille.
Chas. Zimmerman, Tyrone, and Armina Johnson, Milesburg.
John A. Wolf, State College and Emma Wilson, Bellefonte.
John Kioski, Clarence and Nora Veidorfer, Moshannon.
Joseph R. Burley, Altoona and Nora Alverta Solt, Bellefonte.
Charles Strouse and Lizzie E. Corl, State College.
Samuel Harshberger, Baileyville, and Carrie Henry, Penna. Furnace.
W. Alfred Reiber, Colyer and Della Anna Barges, Centre Hall.
John I. Bartley, Bellefonte and Mrs. Annie Grassmire, Houserville.
John T. Buckwalter, Lancaster, and Sarah Alice McWilliams, Fairbrook.
John A. Horn, and Bertha Blacker, Phillipsburg.
Robert Cunningham and Cora Fleck, Phillipsburg.
Eber J. Walizer, and Grace B. Butler, Howard.

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Attempted Kidnapping.

Wednesday morning of last week, a six-year-old son of H. C. Tubal, of near Adamsburg, was kidnapped early by two men, whose motive is a mystery. They coaxed him to go with them, promising him a gift. An hour passed, and Mrs. Tubal missed the child and began a search. Mr. Tubal, being told that two men had his son, armed himself and started in pursuit. After a long chase he saw the men running through the woods. The boy was in the arms of one of them. When Mr. Tubal drew up to fire the man dropped his burden and dodged in among the hills. Both men escaped; the boy was unhurt.

3149 EGGS FOR TURKEYS.

John H. Bair's Great Success in Raising "Christmas Dinners"

John H. Bair, of near Tusseyville, sold to John Kline, of Allentown, 1618 pounds of live turkeys, netting him \$149.62. Mr. Bair has had marked success in turkey raising this season. He started with a brood of 227, and succeeded in bringing to maturity 138. Of this number fifteen turkeys were disposed of before the sale of 109 was made to Mr. Kline, leaving fourteen birds to begin business with next spring.

Week of Prayer.

The pastors of Centre Hall had a meeting this week and resolved to observe the Week of Prayer, January 6 to 12, 1901, by union services in the various churches. Other towns have for years observed this week by such services with much enthusiasm and profit. Doubtless the citizens of this community will enter heartily into these services contemplated by the ministers.

Sold 100 Pigeons.

N. W. Cronmiller, of Aaronsburg, recently sold fifty pairs of pigeons to Charles H. Wolf, who shipped them to market together with a car load of poultry composed of turkeys, ducks, geese and chickens.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Fine December weather. Supplement No. 5 is enclosed with this issue of the Reporter.

The borough schools will be closed until Wednesday morning, December 26th.

The Senate has agreed to vote on the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty and its amendments today, Thursday.

Elmer Ishler, one mile west of Boalsburg, lost two very valuable cows. The disease was termed hay fever by local authorities.

Water was put into the Lutheran parsonage and the new house of Alfred Durst, Samuel Rowe doing the plumbing.

The Democratic Watchman last week came out in holiday attire. The Watchman is strictly up-to-date in every particular.

The corner stone of the new Lutheran church at Lewistown was laid last Sunday. Further work will be abandoned until spring.

Hugh Glenn and son, Harry, fell from a scaffolding at the house of Enos Bartholomew, at Mill Hall, and received severe injuries.

A mule on the McNitt farm west of town, got loose in the stable the other night and before morning had one of its mates kicked to death.

The deal between W. H. Runkle, Jr., and James W. Runkle, of Middleburg, for the Centre Hall hotel property has come to naught.

George Royer, of this place, will make public sale of his farm stock and implements on his farm near Penn's Cave, during the beginning of January.

Prof. L. F. Lybarger, of Philadelphia, one of the institute instructors, will give a lecture in Millheim Friday evening. Subject: "How to be Happy."

Presiding Elder, Rev. S. P. Remer will preach at Linden Hall Saturday evening of this week; also on Sunday morning following, and at Lemont in the evening.

A fire of unknown origin at Bellefonte, Mifflin county, destroyed the foundry and machine shops and implement store of Hartzler & Zook. The loss is \$10,000.

State Game Warden Kolbuss has begun action against William Russ, of Harrisburg, charged with buying 288 quail in violation of the law. If convicted the fines will amount to \$7200.

The Centre Reporter one year, \$1.00, cash. The New York World, (thrice a week edition) \$1.00. The two papers, one year, \$1.65. The World to all paid up subscribers 65 cents a year in advance.

The Pittsburg Sunday Post is positively up-to-date in every respect. The beautiful color types now running in the Sunday editions are unquestionably the handsomest pictures ever offered by any paper.

Frank Lee, of near Bellefonte, was in town Wednesday with two good nores for sale. Mr. Lee is congratulating himself upon having about thirty-five tons of hay in his barn to sell between this and spring.

C. S. Whitman, postmaster at Loganton, Clinton county, was removed from office, and Albert D. Kerstetter named to fill the place. No charges were made against Whitman, but he evidently got into some local political mixup.

Nothing adds more luster to a man's dress than well laundered linen. Pure, spotless linen will counteract many other defects. The finest clothing will not atone for unkempt linen. Wm. McC. Wolf will have it properly laundered for you.

Wm. Tarbert, chief manager of the Howard Creamery business at Coburn, phones that business in the creamery line is improving. Farmers are beginning to feed grain and housing their cattle, all of which has a desirable effect on the milk pail and Wilson checks.

On Monday and Tuesday, 24th and 25th inst., will give to every customer at my store, a treat, and on Christmas day between the hours of ten and eleven a. m. will give to all children under twelve years of age, coming to my store, something for their sweet tooth. Bring the babies.—G. O. BENNER.

Samuel Shannon Post, No. 282, G. A. R., will install their newly elected officers at the regular meeting to be held Saturday, January 5th, after which a basket dinner will be served in their hall in the foundry building, over Irvin's hardware store. An invitation is extended to all veterans who are not members of the Grand Army, and their wives and daughters, to meet with the Post members around the dinner table. Come, and don't forget the basket.