



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.

Last Christmas of 19th Century.

IF THE Christmas season of the last year of the century can be criticised or found fault with in any way, it is because it has been over-prosperous and has possibly stimulated extravagance and waste and created a basis for habits of prodigality. But this defect can be easily borne because it implies greater sunshine, more of comfort, more of happiness and social pleasures on the bright side of life, and less of gloom, sorrow and suffering on the darker side. For after all is said in denunciation of the root of all evil, it is the stimulus of industry, thrift, social progress and betterment. Money is plenty when times are good, as they now are, and business and industry have their liberal rewards. As concerns the masses of the people it has not been gained in a wrongful way. We do not consider the exceptions where it has been so gained. It is the abounding prosperity of the 76,000,000 of the American people that is the object lesson of the Christmas time. It means comfort, happiness, better living and higher thinking. True, we have the poor always with us, and the class of unfortunates always existed and always will exist. More is done for them at this Christmas time than ever before. Life is made easier, while for the great masses, numbering so many millions, there is work and plenty, good wages and the savings banks. As a people we are on the flood tide of prosperity.

Never before have the American people had so beautiful a Christmas or a higher incentive to enter on the new year with nobler aspirations. We have millions more of people than in the primitive days, but we are speeding on the paths of progress millions more of people. Proportionally therefore the country is better off in every way. The dark shadows of crime are thick enough and possibly because of the temptations and opportunities of prosperity. But in the scale with the better things of life, realized or assured, they are trifling. The world is growing better and the people happier is the outcome of the nineteenth century and the promise of the twentieth.

Week of Prayer begins January 6.

Sunday, January 6th, 7 P. M. Lutheran Church.
Sermon by Rev. G. W. Kershner.

Monday, January 7th, 7:30 P. M. M. E. Church
"Prayer for a better realization of spiritual truth and a better estimate of spiritual realities; a clearer vision of the redeeming Christ and of the actual need and the divinely intended glory of the world which he redeemed." Discussion of the topic opened by Rev. W. W. Rhoads.

Tuesday, January 8th, 7:30 P. M. United Ev. Church.
"Prayer for a church which, through faith in Christ, and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, shall be wondrously Christian, doing God's will and winning the world to Christ." Opened by Rev. J. M. Rearick.

Wednesday, January 9th, 7:30 P. M. Reformed Church.
"Prayer for such Christian character and life as shall be pleasant in the home, honored in business relations, welcomed in the neighborhood, helpful in the church—personal religion being thus manifested in its rightful attractiveness." Opened by Rev. W. H. Schuyler.

Thursday, January 10th, 7:30 P. M. Presbyterian Church.
"Prayer for right relations in society and the nation, with the Golden Rule obeyed as between man and man, and all social and political action guided by justice and good will—the Christian ideal." Opened by Rev. Chabot.

Friday, January 11th, 7:30 P. M. Lutheran Church.
"Prayer for all international relationships and all international action, that they may be based on the Christian principles which apply to the individual—the reign of the Prince of Peace." Opened by Rev. G. W. Kershner.

Saturday, January 12th, 7:30 P. M. Reformed Church.
"Prayer for all missionaries and all missionary organizations, that being wholly inspired by Christian devotion and wholly guided by Christian wisdom, they may speedily and triumphantly fulfill the Savior's last command." Opened by W. W. Rhoads.

Each subject will be thrown open for general discussion, pastors and laymen participating.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend all these services. A collection will be lifted each evening to defray expenses. The exercises will be interspersed with music under the leadership of the choir of the church in which the meeting is held.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The past week was a hard one on the pocket book.

The Howard Hustler, by F. S. Danham, last week put on airs and spend itself to twelve pages.

Mrs. Jacob Wagner is in delicate health, having been away from the house but once since last May.

Wm. Mitterling has been shipping cattle and sheep regularly for the past few weeks, while some of the other drovers were taking a vacation.

The Reporter is the only weekly published in Centre county this week, but next week it will be the only paper in Centre county that will not be published, which evens all up.

The hardware firm of Potter & Hoy, Bellefonte, presented each of their employees with a large turkey for a Christmas dinner. That act not only speaks well of the firm, but of the employees.

Frank Shult, who is doing general blacksmithing at the Old Fort, is having a blacksmith shop erected on his lot on Hoffer street, near the foundry, and in the spring he will be located there and be ready to do business.

A great many turkeys died in Centre Hall and all through Penns Valley from getting it in the neck with an axe Monday, and on Christmas noon many hundreds of families sat around the family board laden with turkey and the choicest of other food.

There was a brisk Christmas trade at the postoffice Monday morning. Postmaster Boal was at the office unusually early and was kept busy stamping packages until the last minute before mail time. The number of packages sent by mail at Christmas time all over the United States is almost beyond computation.

John Snavely, of Spring Mills, repaired the spouting on the bank building.

Pennsylvania has 5,255 postoffices, more than any other state in the Union.

James Sandoe was slightly injured last week while railroading at Pittsburgh.

Austin Crape is home from Sugar Valley where he is engaged on a saw mill.

An inch of snow fell between four o'clock Christmas afternoon and Wednesday morning.

The Sunday schools of the town treated their scholars Sunday morning to candies, fruits and nuts.

Messrs. Samuel and Milton Snyder, who have been working in Clearfield at the carpenter trade for the past few months, are home with their families.

Misses Bessie and Breeze Benner are visiting the Mauns and Taylors, at Mill Haven, from where they will go to Lock Haven, where they will be absent about two weeks.

Wm. Zones, wife and family, of near Tusseyville, ate their Christmas dinner with their landlord Dr. George W. Lee. This act on the part of Dr. Lee in dining his tenant shows an appreciation of the latter's deep interest in his welfare.

Among the young men who will begin farming in the spring is Arthur M. Grove, who will occupy the Wm Rearick farm, east of Centre Hall, which he and his sister purchased last spring. Ms. Grove is full of push and snap and just the kind of timber that is wanted on the farm.

Jacob Wagner, of Tusseyville, an old reader of the Reporter was a caller Saturday, and took advantage of the offer of the New York World and Centre Reporter for \$1.65 for 1901. Mr. Wagner has been a reader of the World for some years, at a dollar a year, and finds it a very valuable paper.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

OPPORTUNITY TO REDEEM THE PROFESSION.

The General Impression Left by the Institute Very Favorable.

The expression was general among those who attended the teachers' institute last week, that it was the best held for some years. The instructors gave out many good, new ideas that should be carried home by teachers and put into practice.

There is an opinion among the rank and file of the commoners, that the teachers of the county are only enthused for the present by institute work; that after the sessions are over, the same old ruts are followed; the same notions predominate and govern when school opens after the holidays. The fault in this lies, not with the instructors, but with the failure of the teachers to put into practice the new practical ideas suggested by the instructing corps. Too often, the real substance, the kernel, of the instructor's address is lost, the wit treasured. That is not the intention of the lecturer—the wit and humor are intended to aid in making an impression of a fact, separated from that it is of no value.

These remarks are the substance of opinions formed by spectators after conversing with a number of teachers on topics before the institute.

\$5.00 Prize.

In order to test the truth of the above, i. e., that teachers do not "fall down the fence" given by institute instructors, the Centre Reporter offers a cash prize of Five Dollars for the most complete sketch of Dr. Pattengill's Thursday afternoon talk on "The War of 1812." The composition and general make up of the article will not be considered. The conditions imposed are these: The article must reach this office on or before Friday, January 18, 1901, and bear a fictitious name. The real name of the writer, as well as the corresponding district name must be the same time be mailed to Superintendent C. L. Gramley, Bellefonte, Pa., and the envelope marked on the outside "Centre Reporter Prize Contest." The envelopes in the hands of Superintendent Gramley will not be opened until after the first session of the Centre Reporter. The name of the prize winner has been announced in the Centre Reporter. This arrangement will be fair to all. The names of the judges will be announced after the prize has been awarded. The Superintendent, however, will be asked to execute their appointment. The contest is open to all teachers regularly employed in the county.

The officers elected for 1901, are: President, C. L. Gramley; vice presidents, Prof. L. H. Mauser, of Philipsburg, and Bessie C. Walker, of Ferguson township; Recording Secretary, James B. Strohm, of Centre Hill; assistant recording secretary, Miss Mame Bell, of Pleasant Gap.

The officers elected by the County Directors' Association for the ensuing year are: President, S. W. Smith, of Centre Hall; vice presidents, C. W. Atherton, Philipsburg, F. L. Black, Pine Grove Mills; secretary and treasurer, H. C. Quigley, Bellefonte.

Executive committee of the Directors' Association: Jos. L. Neff, Mt. Eagle; R. M. Kaup, Bellefonte; H. C. Rice, Philipsburg; U. S. Shaffer, Madisonburg, and Jacob Dankie, Hublersburg.

Delegates to State Association, D. F. Fortney, Bellefonte; Dr. W. U. Irwin, Julian; W. H. Neff, Howard, J. H. Wyle, Aaronsburg, and Superintendent Gramley.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$108.69 in hand.

A note from Superintendent C. L. Gramley, under date of December 24, says:

FRIEND SMITH—I am glad to notice the interest you manifest in Institute work. Your prize contest has my approval, and I do hope the teachers will give you such a hearty response to your request that we may all be assured that the inspiration received during Institute is not ephemeral, but that the indifferent teacher as well as the good teacher will henceforth do better work in the school room. I will very cheerfully give the five dollars which you placed in my care, to the teacher who gives you the best sketch of Dr. Pattengill's talk on "The War of 1812."

Respectfully Yours,
C. L. GRAMLEY.

Boys Fell Through the Ice.

Peter Starnand, twelve years old, of Pattersen, along with a boy companion, was drowned while skating on the river Monday. The two boys were given skates for Christmas presents, and in their anxiety to try them they ventured on the ice, which had been weakened by a heavy rain. The boys were about fifty feet from the shore when they broke through and several persons tried to reach them. Both sank in a few moments. Starnand's body was recovered with a grappling hook a short time after he sank. Men were grappling for the other boy's body late Monday night. No one knows who the other unfortunate is.

Married.

At the Reformed parsonage, Boalsburg, December 23rd, by Rev. A. A. Black, John A. Wolf, of State College, and Miss Emma E. Wilbur, Bellefonte.

DEATHS THROUGHOUT CENTRE.

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

LOWELL A. SMITH.

Lowell A. Smith died at the home of his mother, at Pine Grove Mills, Friday morning of last week, at the age of thirty years. The deceased was a son of Squire Henry Smith, deceased, of Pine Grove Mills, and for many years a resident of Potter township.

The direct cause of his death was due to a tumorous growth which had formed in his side. The first that was noticed of this was immediately after the burial of the Keller boys at Pine Grove Mills, which took place last May. The subject of this sketch assisted in digging the graves for these unfortunate young men, and immediately thereafter he began to suffer from some internal trouble, which developed and resulted in his death. Last summer he was taken to Philadelphia by his brothers, with the hope that surgical skill would offer relief, but nothing could be done for him.

The funeral took place Monday morning from the residence of his brother, Emanuel Smith, Potters Mills, interment being made in the Tusseyville cemetery. Rev. C. T. Aikens and J. M. Rearick officiated.

He was the youngest of the family and unmarried. Besides his mother, the following brothers and sisters survive: Emanuel and Michael, Potters Mills; John and William, Spring Mills; M. Luther, Johnstown; Miss Ella, at home; Emma, wife of Geiss Wagner, Manhattan, Ill.; Kate, wife of Dr. H. S. Alexander, Potters Mills.

CATHARINE SMITH BICKLE.

Mrs. Catharine Smith Bickle, widow of the late Henry Bickle, of Jacksonville, passed away last Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. Wilbur Bickle, of Bellefonte. Death was due to dropsy and asthma combined. She had been ailing for some time but had only been confined to her bed about two weeks.

IRA KREBS.

Ira Krebs, son of Levi Krebs, of Pine Grove Mills, died at Salt Lake City Monday morning, of kidney trouble, aged thirty-seven years. The body will arrive at Pine Grove Mills Saturday morning where interment will be made. He was a nephew of Judge Krebs.

Near Boalsburg, Dec. 20, William Blazer, aged 4 years, 4 months, and 10 days; interment at Boalsburg on the afternoon of the 22nd.

INSTALLATION AND BANQUET.

The Old Fort Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, installs its Officers.

Old Fort Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Centre Hall, installed its officers Friday night of last week. The installing officer was Col. W. F. Reeder, of Bellefonte, and those induced into office were as follows:

Worshipful Master—G. W. Ocker.
Senior Warden—W. F. Bradford.
Junior Warden—H. C. Bailey.
Treasurer—Dr. G. W. Hosterman.
Secretary—W. B. Mingle, Esq.

After the installing ceremonies, which took place in the Masonic Hall in the Bank Building, were over the members in attendance proceeded to Grange Arcadia, the banquet hall. More than one hundred covers were laid. W. B. Mingle Esq., was toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by Rev. G. W. Kershner, Rev. Schuyler, Col. W. F. Reeder, C. M. Bower, Esq., and H. C. Quigley.

The caterers for the occasion were members of Progress Grange, whose ability to serve in the best of style is no longer disputed.

Those reported present were: Centre Hall—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Arney, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mingle, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hays, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rhoads, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bower, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ocker, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bahl, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hosterman, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schuyler, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lugo, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boob, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Reavick, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Goodhart, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Auman, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kreamer, Mrs. J. C. Dale, Mrs. Rose DeWitt, Mrs. S. S. Kreamer, Mrs. Anna Bower, Mrs. Mary Odenkirk, Misses Emily Alexander, Grace Alexander, Mable Basal, Anna Shoop, Mammie Keller, Lela Hayes, Bessie Bahl, Anna Bartholomew, Mary Foreman, Eliza Foreman, Grace Smith, Jennie Odenkirk, Gertrude Spangler, Helen Hosterman, and Messrs. John D. Meyer, W. Gross Mingle, William McClellan, Wm. D. Shoop, Samuel Shoop, John G. Dauberman, P. Dolly, Wm. Booser, A. T. Ilgen, W. H. Bartholomew, Hoffer Dale, Wm. A. Odenkirk, Abner Alexander, W. W. Spangier, Rev. G. W. Kershner, Dr. W. E. Park.

Spring Mills—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mauser, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. H. B. Braucht, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Long, Mr. J. W. Hazel.

Millheim—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Condo, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gophart.

Aaronsburg—Dr. C. S. Mauser.

Bellefonte—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bower, Col. W. F. Reeder, H. C. Quigley, Esq., Mr. W. T. Spear.

Linden Hall—Messrs. J. Hale Ross and C. F. Wickland.

Boalsburg—Mr. Harry C. Bailey.

Farmers Mills—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bisher.

Farmers' Institute, January 11 and 12.

The Farmers' Institute under the direct management of the agricultural department of the state will be held in Grange Arcadia at Centre Hall, Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12. An invitation is extended to all farmers and others—to attend the sessions of this institute. The program, which is printed in full, is of such a character as will furnish instruction to all classes. The doors swing wide open to all comers; no collections will be lifted. It is especially urged upon the agricultural classes to devote the two days of this institute to their mental and social improvement. These opportunities should not be left go by without taking advantage of them.

A brief sketch of the regularly paid institute instructors is appended. From their past lives enough can be gathered to insure the reader that their talks will be of the greatest interest to farmers and others.

R. L. BEARDSLEE, of Warrenham, Pa., was born in 1835, received a liberal academic education, and among the studies pursued was a course in "Practical Agriculture." He began farming for himself at twenty years of age, as a dealer in cattle, and followed feeding and dealing in cattle until about 1864. He then included sheep in his stock business, and continued in this until the western trade reduced the profits, when he began dairying and put in forty cows. He has received as high as \$1,000 for a single load of butter. He raises from 1,600 to 1,800 bushels of grain each year, and sells about 1,000 pounds of washed wool and 150 lambs annually, besides from 1,000 to 1,200 bushels of potatoes.

J. S. BURNS was born on the farm he now owns, near Clinton, Pa., February, 1847. His father died when he was seven years old, and from that time until he was twenty-one he worked upon the farm as hired help, receiving his boarding and clothing, and attending the public school in the winter. He was married when twenty-two, and then bought out the other heirs and out of the farm made the money that eventually paid for it. He has kept strict account of every item of expense and income since he was twenty-one years old, and to this habit of careful accounting he attributes his success. He is a regular contributor to the agricultural press, and has been a very successful breeder of Devon cattle and Poland-China hogs.

SAMUEL B. HEIGES was born in Dillsburg, York county. He attended public school until he was sixteen; attended Cumberland Valley Institute and afterwards became a tutor; in 1861 he established a school at York; in 1863 he was elected county superintendent of schools and served six years; afterwards taught mathematics and physical science in the York county Academy; elected prothonotary in 1878; elected principal of the Cumberland Valley Normal school; had charge of the Soldiers' Orphan School at Camp Hill, Cumberland, Pa., for four years. He next devoted his time to lecturing at farmers' institutes and teachers' conventions for several years. January 1, 1894, he was commissioned pomologist of the Department of Agriculture, which position he held until August 1, 1897. For upwards of twenty-five years he has been a careful observer and experimenter in fruit culture and poultry raising. Prof. Heiges has been elected an honorary member of many scientific and literary societies, and has served as manager and president of the York County Agricultural Society, and also as secretary and president of the State Horticultural Society.

A. L. MARTIN, State Deputy Secretary and Director of Institutes, has given his promise that, if other business will not interfere, he will be present during the sessions of the institute. Secretary Martin is an able man, and his presence at the institute will add materially to its interests.

Friday Afternoon, 1.30 o'clock.

Music.
Prayer, Rev. W. W. Rhoads.
Address of Welcome, James A. Keller.
Response, J. S. Burns.
Leaks on the Farm, Henry Duck.
What to do with a Poor Farm, R. L. Beardslee.
Success on the Farm, D. D. Royer.
Diversified Farming, Prof. S. B. Heiges.
Soiling, B. F. Homan.

Friday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.

Music.
Prayer, Rev. J. M. Rearick.
Query Box.
Recitation, Miss Grace Boob.
The Social Side of Farm Life, Marcellus A. Sankey.
The Farmer and his Wife, J. S. Burns.
How Nature Study can be Taught in the Public Schools, Prof. S. B. Heiges.

How to Keep the Bright Young Men on the Farm, A. N. Corman.

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer, Rev. Schuyler.
Query Box.
The Benefits of Organization, Mrs. Frank Brown.
Fodder Corn, Silos and Silage, R. L. Beardslee.
Line Fences, Wm. M. Grove.
Treatment for Unproductive Orchards, Prof. S. B. Heiges.
Lime and its Uses, Dr. Wm. Frear.

Saturday Afternoon, 1.30 o'clock.

Music.
Prayer, Rev. G. W. Kershner.
Query Box.
Our Public Schools, Rev. D. M. Wolf, D. D.
Recitation, Miss Anna Bartholomew.
Commercial Fertilizers, Dr. Wm. Frear.
Dairy Cattle, J. A. Sankey.
Poultry for Profit, Prof. S. B. Heiges.
The Care of our Timber Lands, Prof. C. R. Neff.

Saturday Evening, 7.15 o'clock.

Music.
Prayer, Rev. G. W. Kershner.
Query Box.
Music.
Leaflets, David K. Keller.
Music.
Recitation, Miss Florence Rhoads.
Music.
Potato Culture, R. L. Beardslee.
Music.

An Education for Farmers' Children, Prof. S. B. Heiges.

When a speaker takes his seat he is open to question and his subject to general discussion.

Everybody is cordially invited to take part.

Keep the Query Box filled with proper questions and keep the improper and irrelevant ones in your pocket.

The Query Box will be opened at the beginning of each session; be prompt, that you may have the benefit of it.

Arrange to get the young men and young women of the farm out to this institute. It will help them start right.

Your wife will remember what is worth remembering better than you will. Bring her with you to every session.

JOHN A. WOODMAN,
County Manager.

Amos Parker, west of Centre Hall, is seriously ill. Mr. Parker is a veteran of the civil war and has reached the age of seventy-four years. His ailment is a general breaking down of the nervous system, his lower limbs being partially paralyzed. When he attempts to locomote, a circle only can be inscribed, which grows less until he falls to the floor.

Miss A. Edward Meyer, of near Centre Hill, and W. L. Sellers, her father, spent part of Monday in Centre Hall. Mr. Sellers is the father of Edward Sellers, of the Centre Hall foundry and machine shops, and is a well preserved gentleman. He is erect, buoyant in spirit and in personal appearance resembles a member of the aristocratic class of three-quarters of a century ago.