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NO. I.

THE GRANGE ON SHIP SUBSIDY.

The State Grange insists that the Agricultural Interests Should be Helped.

The legislative committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange composed of Hons. W. F. Hill, William T. Cressy, Hampton W. Rice and Leonard Rho in their report to that body state:

Your committee, as instructed, petitioned congress against passage of the ship subsidy bill, believing that if our manufacturers can compete with the world in building steel bridges, locomotives, etc., it should be able to build vessels for our commerce, and further that if we are to go into the bounty business, the agricultural interests should be helped, instead of being required to help pay for the protection of a business that is now paying its managers and proprietors a greater profit than the farmers receive.

BALLOT REFORM.

Your committee would urge a change in the official ballot so that the various candidates for the same offices to be voted for, shall be arranged in the same group, thus giving the voter an easier opportunity in making his choice, instead of the present complicated system, through which the independent voter often loses his ballot. And we further believe that the primary elections should be placed under the same laws governing the general elections.

Home Wedding.

The home of M. J. Decker, east of Centre Hall, was the scene of a pretty little New Year's day wedding, which united for life Francis W. Decker and Miss Lizzie Shirk man and wife.

The ceremony was performed just before the noon hour by Rev. Chilcote, of the Methodist Episcopal church, after which followed a feast the like of which can only be produced at such homes as Mr. Decker's. Many pretty and valuable gifts were presented to the bride, who is a daughter of Joseph Shirk, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Decker will take charge of the Decker farm in the Spring, which is one of the most productive farms in Penna. Valley.

Among others who were present on this occasion were Green Decker and wife, Beech; Hiram Lee and wife, Miss McCloskey, Potters Mills; W. O. Reaick and wife, Centre Hall; Peter H. Shires and wife, Millheim; Clark Bible and wife, Potters Mills; George W. Gingerich, and wife and Miss Gingerich, Centre Hall.

Meyer-Condo.

Prof. Harry N. Meyer and Miss Carrie Condo were married at the home of the brides father J. C. Condo on New Years day. H. F. McManaway from Rochester N. Y. was the groom's best man and Miss E. Blanche Meyer, a sister of the bride to be, was her maid. Rev. F. W. Brown officiated. A dinner and reception followed the ceremony, after which the couple departed on the afternoon train, on a short honey moon tour.

Trial List.

The following cases have been set down for trial at the January term of court commencing Monday, January 28th.

FIRST WEEK.

Mary Confer use vs. Kline S. Haines Admr.
Hoyt & Co. agents vs. J. H. Reser & Son.
Jamer Sharp vs. Harry Flaek.
John A. Hunter vs. George Taylor, Lizzie and Annie Bibie vs. Boro. of Centre Hall.
C. P. Long vs. Mrs. Mary A. Krape.
L. C. Reaick vs. Wm. Alkey.
J. S. McCargar vs. Robt. B. Montgomery.
I. Thornton Conroy's Admr. vs. Benj. Rich's Admr.
Penns Valley Banking Co. vs. J. C. Stover's Admr.

SECOND WEEK.

Moshannon Banking Co. vs. John Ramsdale's Exrs. et al.
Rose Sternberg Lyon vs. Gustave Lyon.
Kate A. Miller's use vs. Jane Gowland.
Adam Hoy's Exrs. vs. German American Insurance Co.
John Stoner vs. W. E. Smith, et al.
Flora O. Bairfoot vs. Christian Sharer, et al.
Hannah Long's Exrs. vs. John W. Young, two cases.
William I. Harvey vs. Thomas I. Lucas.
Robt. Kinkad vs. Rose L. Pierce.
Nittany Valley R. R. Co. vs. Empire Iron & Steel Co.
A. D. Potts vs. A. M. McCoy & Son, six cases.
D. F. Tressler vs. Sarah Tressler.
Henry Wolfhorst vs. Nathan Haugh, et al.
David Robb vs. J. I. Wagner, et al.
John Reese, et al vs. Peter Kelley.
Hench & Dromgold vs. Nathan Hough.
R. J. Walker vs. Isaac Reese, et al.
Cortland Wagon Co. vs. L. C. Bullock, Jr.
J. I. Cunes vs. David R. Wagner.

DEATHS THROUGHOUT CENTRE.

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

MRS. IVY BARTGES.

Mrs. Ivy Bartges died suddenly at her home two and one-half miles east of Centre Hall, Thursday, December 27. About two weeks previous she gave birth to a healthy son, and her attending physician, Dr. George L. Lee, and the nurse, were well pleased with the manner in which she was gaining strength. Her condition up to the night previous to her death was most excellent. At that time she complained of being cold while sitting at the stove, but after she went to bed she stated that she felt herself again, and remonstrated with her husband for wanting to go for the doctor when she was feeling so well. That night she slept very well, and the next morning about ten o'clock she got up. Her nurse was assisting her to dress, when she remarked that she could easily dress herself, whereupon the nurse went to the kitchen on an errand; on her return she saw Mrs. Bartges sink to the floor, from which she never arose; death had fallen upon her.

The husband is now stricken; he had left his home for the first time since the babe was born, and his feelings can better be imagined than described, when he received the message telling of his wife's sudden death. Besides the husband and babe, a son three years of age survives.

Her age was thirty-six years; the funeral took place Sunday morning, interment at Heckman's cemetery, near Penn Hall. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. M. Reaick.

AMOS PARKER.

Amos Parker died at his home two miles west of Centre Hall, January 3, after an illness of several weeks, caused by a general breaking down of the nervous system. The funeral took place Saturday, 5th inst., interment being made at this place, Rev. J. M. Reaick officiating; members of the Post were also present.

Mr. Parker was born in Lebanon county, Pa., and for many years lived at the place of his death. He was first married to Christiana Gaylor, with whom he had six children, namely, David Porter, Johnstown; Wm. Washington, Potters Mills; Hannah, wife of Alexander McQuinn; Louise Jane, Johnstown; Franklin Miles, Milroy; John Samuel, West Va.

Twenty-eight years ago the deceased was married the second time to Ma-jinda Wallace, and by this union were born Ellen, wife of Harry Walker, of Nantyglo, Cambria county; Mrs. John Woods, Centre Hall; Cora, wife of Wesley Thomas, Warriorsmark.

The deceased was a veteran of the late war, being a member of Company B, 53rd Regiment, P. V., and served his country faithfully.

JOHN SHOWERS.

John Showers died at his home two miles west of Centre Hall, Wednesday afternoon, after an illness of but one week. Mr. Showers was subject to heart trouble, but his death was probably directly due to a severe attack of pneumonia. He was engaged in the woods prior to his illness, and did not give up his work until compelled to do so by a severe cold which ran into pneumonia and finally terminated as stated above.

The funeral took place Saturday forenoon at Pleasant Gap, Rev. White of the Methodist church officiating. His age was about fifty years.

The deceased leaves a wife, who prior to her marriage to Mr. Showers, was Miss Lillie Brooks, daughter of Richard Brooks, deceased, near Pleasant Gap, and one son Orrie, and one daughter Mertie.

MRS. ALEXANDER MCCOY.

Mrs. Alexander McCoy died at her home at Potters Mills Monday, December 31, at 8 a. m., 1900, after an illness of more than six months' duration, although she only took her bed one day previous to her death. The funeral took place the following Friday, the remains being interred in the Presbyterian cemetery at Centre Hall. The officiating ministers were Dr. W. H. Schuyler, pastor of the deceased, and Rev. S. Wilson, of the Williamsport Boys' Methodist Industrial School.

THE CENTRE REPORTER enters upon the Twentieth Century and a new volume, hale and hearty. It is always with some sense of regret that good-bye is said to the old year. Passing out of the century in which we lived is a new experience, and to many it suggested serious thoughts. We have just passed one of the great milestones of history. The nineteenth century, which has been the symbol of highest achievement, has detached itself from the chain of the ages and fallen into the abyss of the past.

But the material progress of the nineteenth century is easily measured, and in all that pertains to the amelioration of life and the diffusion of human intelligence and comfort we can make no mistake in marking it off as a wonderful century indeed. In those respects no previous period of history approached it, and the century that has seen the development of the United States of America, with all that has meant, is sure of a conspicuous chapter in the history of the world.

THE CENTRE REPORTER appreciates the almost undivided support of the citizens of Centre Hall and surrounding community, and it will make one promise: it will not play the part of an ingrate.

THE CENTRE REPORTER is the people's, if they wish to use it to advance, not only the interests of the general public, but the interests of the private citizen as well.

A paragraph from the first issue of THE CENTRE REPORTER under its present management reads thus:

"The proper sphere of a newspaper, however humble, is to aid in building up the institutions already founded within its bailiwick and encourage all movements proposed, public and private, that tend toward the betterment of the community. The chief aim of this journal is, therefore, to build up, not to tear down and destroy; to defend, not assault; to harmonize, not sow discord."

This idea has constantly and will constantly be kept in mind; first, because it is right, second, because it is policy.

THE CENTRE REPORTER is indebted to the citizens of Centre Hall for an act only performed by the most liberal minded philanthropists: With nothing to gain except the publication of THE CENTRE REPORTER in harmony with the business interests of Centre Hall, the editor of this paper found his bank account swelled by a round Thousand Dollars when he drew his check, in full, for payment of THE CENTRE REPORTER plant. The editor of THE CENTRE REPORTER has had no intimation who contributed one dollar of this fund; neither is he asked to refund a cent of it nor be under moral or political obligations to any one.

This transpired during the Nineteenth Century.

THE CENTRE REPORTER will endeavor at all times to be fair and honorable, in both its news and editorial columns. It will not hesitate to criticize, although it would rather praise; when occasion demands it will condemn, although it would prefer to always laud.

A happy, prosperous year is what THE CENTRE REPORTER wishes you.

Farmers' Institute, Friday and Saturday.

Everything is in readiness for the Farmers' Instituteto open Friday afternoon in the Grange Arcadia. There will be five sessions, Friday afternoon, Friday evening, and three sessions on Saturday. Every farmer should avail himself of the opportunity to hear these farm topics discussed by the ablest corps of speakers the state can produce. The discussions will not partake of a political nature. The aim of these institutes is to teach better and more scientific methods of agriculture. Be sure to be on hand for every session.

A Bereaved Family.

The family of John Brown, of near Penns Cave, has been stricken with the deepest bereavement. A little daughter aged eight years took diphtheria and died, and at present the father and one son are suffering from the same disease, leaving the mother, who is worn out and distressed, to care for both.

Boalsburg.

John Stemm and family visited their parents in Altoona during the holidays.

J. H. Meyer visited his daughter, Mrs. Gettig, at Altoona.

Herman Long, Will Woods, and Matthew Goheen, returned to the Westinghouse works at Pittsburg.

Dr. Sam. Woods returned to Warren hospital.

Jacob Metzler, of Wilkesbarre, visited his sister, Mrs. Gingerich during the holidays.

Quite a number of people from here are contemplating attending Farmers' Institute at Centre Hall.

Bruce Harrison was away on business one day last week.

Rev. A. A. Black held his midwinter services at Pine Hall, closing with communion services Sunday.

L. O. Mothersbaugh and wife, spent the holidays with friends at Renova.

Mrs. Hess and daughter, Mrs. Segner and children, spent last week with the former's son, John Hess, at DuBois.

Dr. H. F. Bitner, Prof. of natural science, at Millersville, called on his friends during his vacation.

The Misses Ruple, of Mercersburg, sisters of Mrs. A. A. Black, are visiting here, and expect to remain until spring.

Church Opening.

The United Evangelical Congregation at Spring Mills, will have an opening of their church next Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 12 and 13. Dr. A. E. Gobbie, President of Central Pa. College, of New Berlin, and Rev. N. J. Duba, also Rev. W. W. Rhoads, of Centre Hall, will be there; Rev. J. A. Hollenbaugh, of Altoona, is expected to be present on the occasion. Preaching Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening.

Millheim.

C. H. Morris and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Morris' parents in Loganton.

J. P. Condo and wife and C. W. Freely and wife visited in Centre Hall Sunday.

Harry Buck left Monday for New Berlin, where he will enter Central Pa. College.

Mrs. Henry Brown has been visiting friends and relatives in Altoona for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Seller, of Mackeyville, spent Sunday at the home of H. M. Swartz, south of town.

Mrs. Wesley Hartman returned on Tuesday from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Irvin Luse in Baltimore.

George Fisher, of Selingsgrove, is here on a visit to his brother, who was hurt last week.

E. W. Mauch has opened a confecti-onery and restaurant on Penn street, and from all accounts is meeting with success.

Mrs. F. O. Hosterman returned Saturday from a weeks' visit in Lancaster and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Spigelmyer spent last Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Bassler, in Freeburg.

DINES HUNTING CLUB.

Rev. W. W. Rhoads Entertains the "Regulars" in Grand Style.

Rev. Rhoads and family, of Centre Hall, on the evening of Dec. 27, gave a banquet to the hunting club, of which the Rev. is a member, "The Regulars." Those present were, A. P. Krape and wife, W. O. Reaick and wife, Frank Smith and wife, Miss Estie Ocker, Centre Hall; W. H. Lucas and wife, Wm. M. Grove and wife, S. J. McClintock, Centre Hall; J. M. Carson and wife, D. B. Sweetwood and wife, James S. Reish and wife, Potters Mills; Mr. Goyer, Clearfield.

After they had all assembled and listened to piano and stringed music, such as only the renowned fiddle builder and his daughter, Miss Ida can render, Miss Ida Rhoads made the following address of welcome:

Ladies and gentlemen. It gives me pleasure to greet and welcome you on this festive occasion, to this our home. I have often wished that I could see, and become acquainted with the members of this successful and honored hunting club, so it has been arranged to bring you and your good wives together tonight to celebrate the victories of the past.

You certainly, so far as success is concerned in capturing the feet footed animal, stand at the head. You are not only admired, but in some instances envied. In looking at this honored body of gun knights from a human standpoint there seems to centre in it a large amount of interest, because of the varied characteristics brought together and made prominent by the contrast.

The first thing that strikes us is the fine looking (Grove) in which to hunt. It is evident, too, that you hunt with a good Will (Kinson) for the (Reish) with which the club abounds. I see you carry your own (Wood) with you, and (Sweet) at that, with which to erect banks and keep the camp warm. That you are religiously inclined is evident that you have the (Francis) (Lusk) (Lusk), it is said you do a great deal of hard scratching on account of the ticks, not woodticks but (McClintock). The menses in the camp are not so frequent as the (Muser) would indicate. It is said that mishaps and accidents are (Rear) (rick) things. The question is often asked whose land do these knights of the rifle and gun traverse.

The answer is (Gilliland). I see you have also made provision to do some mourning, if it should ever occur that you were not successful, in the large bunch of (Krape) you carry with you. I would like to see that crowd that could get a (one) without a (Smith) in case of a breakdown. I see too that the old Indian path over which you have gone often has had to give way to better (Rhoads) over which you can (Car) (son) your venison to the camp, and to the homes of your beloved ones and then I am glad to know when the hunt is over and the implements of the camp, the big stove, and the little coffee pot are to be stored away they find a place that is more (Garry) than any other. Again I say Welcome.

This was responded to by Wm. M. Grove. Mrs. Rhoads then took charge of the "Regulars" and led a charge on the dining room, to a table groaning under the weight of good things to eat. In the centre of the table she had an image of a twelve pronged buck so artistically made and arranged that only a close and careful scrutiny could detect it from the genuine buck of the woods. When the Regulars beheld the buck bedlam broke loose in the wild endeavor of the Regulars to seek a hiding place. After quite a search Mrs. Rhoads went in search of the Regulars.

Lucas was found in the wood house, engaged in making a pop gun, to slay the buck. Squire Grove was found on the attic, leading through an old Hood's Almanac, hunting for some law to apprehend the buck and have him taken into custody. Reish and Krape were found in the cellar behind some boxes, praying for safe delivery. Sweetwood and Carson were found on the hay mow; Sweetwood and Carson were found on Grange Park endeavoring to convey the cannon thither to despatch his buckskin. The old Rev. had fainted and it took considerable grape cordial to revive him. After they had all been gathered in and assured of safety they sat around the table.

Mrs. Rhoads and her daughter Ida had made a cake thirty inches long, twenty inches wide and eighteen inches high, dotted on the top with tea berries so arranged as to indicate the letters REGULARS, H. G. After all had done ample justice to the dinner, toasts were responded to by Sweetwood, Reaick, Smith, Grove and the Rev. Miss Estie Ocker rendered on the piano Mrs. Rhoads's favorite piece, "Johnny Catch a Bull Frog," and just before decamping for home all joined in singing "God be with you 'till we meet again."

Woman in Jail.

Ella Shady, of Porter township, Clinton county, has been placed in jail to await trial at court on the charge of pulling a revolver on E. E. McClintock, of near Lamar. The woman had taken a dislike to her neighbor and was making life unpleasant for all when she was arrested, and sent to jail.

Installation of Officers.

On Saturday, Jan. 5, at a regular meeting of Samuel Shannon Post, No. 282, G. A. R., held in Grand Army hall, the following officers for the year 1901 were installed:

Post Commander, James N. Leitzell; Senior Vice, James Kennelley; Junior Vice, Daniel Kennelley; Adjutant, W. A. Krise; Quartermaster, Joseph Alters; Chaplain, David Burrell; Officer of Guard, David Carree.

Officer of the Day, W. H. Stiver; Surgeon, G. P. Thomas and Sergeant, Major J. I. Condo, not being able to be present will be installed at a later meeting. George W. Dunkle of Spring Mills, but a member of the G. A. R. Post at Lock Haven, being present was invited by Post Commander Sweeney to install the newly elected officers, which he did to the satisfaction of every one present. Comrade Dunkle has a clear and distinct voice which enabled him to be heard in every part of the room.

The comrades having brought lunch baskets with them, and several of them their better halves, they all repaired to the residence of Comrade Joseph Alters where a bounteous repast was spread before them. Misses Annie and Lizzie Bible, and Mrs. Jared Mowery assisted Mrs. Alters in waiting upon the guests.

The Reporter one dollar per year.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Centre Reporter one dollar. Mervin Arney sports a spanking team of sorrel colts.

Mrs. Plotts, of Muncy, was the guest of Mrs. W. W. Boob.

P. A. Auman killed a fattening hog which dressed 643 lbs.

See the auctioneer card of W. A. Sandoe, in another column.

Ira C. Korman, of Oak Hall, found business in town a few days ago.

Quay will be elected United States Senator despite the efforts of the anti-Quays.

The Dairy School connected with Pennsylvania State College opened with forty students.

Catharine Williams, of Julian, will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Irvin, in this place.

Henry Potter spent several days in Philadelphia last week, returning Wednesday. He also took a run down through New Jersey.

David Harshbarter, a young skilled mechanic, is swimming along with the Reporter's subscribers, with a paid up subscription to July 1, 1901.

Mrs. Abram Miller and daughter Elsie, of Pleasant Gap, spent several days with Messrs. J. T. Potter and B. H. Arney, near Centre Hall.

John Sanders, head sawyer at one of the Orwig & Kryder saw mills near Snyderstown, has been spending some time with his family in this place.

Rev. C. T. Aikens, of Pine Grove Mills, accompanied by his wife, was in Philadelphia several days last week and stopped at the Bingham House.

The Odd Fellows will give a banquet in Grange Arcadia Tuesday evening, 15th inst. Progress Grange will serve the supper, and will do it in good style.

Annie Gerich and Edward and Annie Carper, all of Linden Hall, were the guests of Harry Potter Sunday. Harry returned to Lebanon college Tuesday.

On Sunday evening, January 20th Mrs. De Woody of Centre Hall will lecture in the Sprucecreek M. E. church. The subject of her lecture is "Social Purity."

Should know that whitestuff waists and collars, perfectly laundered, make up for other short comings in dress. Give them to Wm. McC. Wolf, to send to the Bellefonte Steam Laundry.

Hon. W. C. Heinle, State Senator from this district, who shares the confidence of his constituents, after performing his duties at Harrisburg, ran down to Philadelphia for a few days.

James H. McCullough, Receiver of state and county taxes for Altoona, is a fugitive, and is short-over \$20,000 in his accounts. McCullough has been Receiver since 1894, being appointed by the County Commissioners.

A. I. Sweetwood expects to return to New York shortly, where he is engaged with Mr. Killian in preparing walnut logs for shipment to Europe. Mr. Sweetwood hesitates leaving home because of the appearance of a little son in his home.

Three men attempted to rob the Reedsville National Bank at an early hour on Dec. 30. They forced an entrance, but were frightened away by the burglar alarm. In making their escape they used a handcar to a point near Lewistown.

Hon. Wm. A. Allison, of Spring Mills, after voting for the anti-Quay candidate for speaker of the house of representatives, spent several days at Philadelphia, stopping at the Bingham house. Archie Allison, wife and baby, of Bellefonte, also stopped at the same place.

A number of young people from Centre Hall spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Goodhart, along the Spring Mills pike, east of town. Their daughters, Misses Letitia and Margaret and sons, Samuel and Frank, proved to be entertaining and agreeable.

Among the new subscribers added to the Reporter list last week was Joel Dubbs, of Sharon, Pa. Mr. Dubbs is a brother of Jerry Dubbs, deceased, and left this section during the sixties. He was a carpenter by trade, and one of his last pieces of work while here was to aid in the erection of the black barn west of town on the Lingle farm now owned by J. Q. A. Kennedy.

Messrs. George S. Weaver, Spring Mills; Elmer Houtz, Linds Hall; Henry Emerick and Wm. Scholl, Centre Hall; John F. Hagan, Farmers Mills; John T. Spangler, Tusseyville; Ira C. Korman, Oak Hall; Henry Roush, Penn Hall; J. L. Rankle, Tusseyville, were a few of the patrons of the Reporter who called at this office during the editor's brief absence last week.