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LUTHERAN REUNION.

FAIR WEATHER BRINGS GOOD ATTENDANCE.

Noted Lutherans Speak on Topics of General Interest.—Sketches of Addresses.

The Lutheran reunion and picnic held in Taylor's grove Saturday was well attended. The majority of those who made up the numbers were from a distance, coming from all parts of the county.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. E. H. Gearhart, of Aaronsburg.

The first speaker, Rev. Holloway, D. D., pastor of the Lutheran church, Bellefonte, spoke on "History and Obligation," and in the course of his remarks said: We have come up out of the beautiful valleys, and from beyond the mountains, from town and village and hamlet to look each other in the face and get a good handshake from our brothers and sisters. We are here today as a great Lutheran family.

The history of our church is radiant with glorious deeds, holy conquests and full of inspiration for still greater achievements. Washington was first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of our countrymen. Martin Luther, it may be said, was first in the struggle for pure doctrine; first for peace founded on the divine word; and first in the hearts of millions of humble and faithful children.

The proper date of a distinctive life of a particular church is furnished by her creed. Tested by the general creeds, the Evangelical Lutheran church has the same claim as the Romish church to be considered in unity with the early church,—but as a particular church, with a distinctive bond and token of doctrinal union, the Lutheran church is more than thirty years older than the Romish church. The Lutheran church has the oldest distinctive creed now in use in any large division of Christendom. That creed is the "Confession of Augsburg," and it never needs revision.

The earliest Lutherans in America came from Holland to Manhattan Island in 1623, with the first Dutch colony. The Lutheran faith was also established on the banks of the Delaware by a Swedish colony, who erected the first Lutheran church in America in 1638, within the walls of Fort Christiana, now Wilmington, Delaware.

The Lutherans may honestly claim the glory of being the first protestants to settle in the unpruned forests of America, impelled by the missionary idea as the chief inspiring cause. The Tenaccon church, consecrated in 1648, Delaware county, was the first Evangelical Lutheran church erected in Pennsylvania.

We may well be proud of our honorable history, but here danger lies. We cannot turn the wheels with the waters gone by. Our church is peculiarly adapted to present needs by reason of its historic loyalty to truth. The pillar of cloud is lifting from the tabernacle; it moves forward! Shall we fall in with the cavalcade of Israel and go forward? Shall we make our influence felt in the conquest of America and the world for Christ? God grant it.

Dr. J. H. Harpster—Reminiscences of Centre Hall. I think perhaps some one of your own town could fill this number of the program better—for instance your town's historian, Mr. J. D. Murray. I am however, the oldest living resident of Centre Hall; no one can rise and contradict that. In 1846 my father moved into the only house then erected; it was an old school house, and was afterwards moved one and one-half miles west of town. A melancholy feeling comes over me when I come back to this place, because I must be entertained by strangers. The population of your town is scattered all over the United States. I never speak disparagingly of my old home town; I don't like to hear that. I have lived all over the world, but I am always loyal to Centre Hall. I could live here and die here, and rise here in the resurrection. If I had wealth, I would retire here and spend the balance of my days among you. I have spent many years in China and Japan; stood upon the apex of one of the seven wonders of the world—the pyramids of Egypt, I have visited Paris, California, encircled the globe and half way round again; Italy, Germany, France, England have furnished me pleasures, but I can think of no sight in all the world that will compare with the view from the top of Nittany mountain overlooking Centre Hall.

When in Ohio I joined a Dutch society, made up of Pennsylvanians who were proud of their native state, and at its meeting each member had a good word to say of his former home in the Keystone State. One would say, I am from Blair county, etc., (Continued on page 6)

ENCAMPMENT AND EXHIBITION.

Prospects Bright for a Good Attendance.—The Grangers Well Alive.

The Patrons and Granges of Centre county are very actively at work making preparations for their twenty-eighth annual encampment, Sept. 18th to 20th, at Grange Park, Centre Hall. Committee meetings and conferences are being held with all the Granges in the county. On Tuesday the 6th inst., the chairman, Mr. Rhone, and Mr. Campbell, the secretary of the County Grange held a conference at Hublersburg at 9:30 a. m. with the granges of that place, Zion and Jacksville.

The same day at 2 p. m. a conference was also held at Milesburg with the grange at that place, Howard, Romola, Unionville, Fillmore and Pleasant Gap.

On Friday, the 9th, a conference was held at Rebersburg at 9:30 a. m. with the grange of that place and Madisonburg. On the same day at 2:30 p. m. a conference was also held at Millheim with the grange of that place, Fiedler and Spring Mills.

At these meetings it was agreed that in addition to private tents that may be taken by families, each grange will engage a separate tent for headquarters for their respective granges for the day visitors from their locality, where they can make their home.

A flag will be placed over each tent with a banner giving the name and location of the grange.

On the 20th inst. a conference will be held at Washington Grange hall, State College, where all the granges in the western end of the county will be represented. The County Grange will meet there in quarterly session at the same time.

It is the purpose of the committee that every member shall contribute some article of his own production towards the exhibition. It has also been determined to hold daily institutes in the auditorium by some of the best instructors in Pennsylvania. An Opera Company has been engaged for the evening entertainments.

It is the determination of the committee to exclude all gambling devices and cheap shows.

Many other arrangements are in process and will be announced from time to time so that this will be the best and most entertaining encampment ever held at Grange Park.

70,000 STRIKERS.

The latest figures on the steel strike are summarized as follows: Men who struck in obedience to Shaffer's last order, 15,250; previously idle, 50,000, thrown idle by the closing of blast furnaces, 2000; "scattering," 2750; grand total of men out, 70,000.

GENERAL LOCALS.

Conundrum: What can go up a chimney down, but not down a chimney up?

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Elder, of Pine Grove Mills, are mourning the death of their bright little son Albert. The funeral took place Saturday morning.

Amos Lee, of Colyer, one of the Reporter readers, was among the many who called at this office last week. Always glad to have patrons and all others call.

David Burrell, of Spring Mills, was one of the many members of Capt. John Harpster's company who made it a point to come to Centre Hall Saturday to see him and hear him speak.

J. H. Runkle, of this place, and Rev. W. A. McClellan, of Youngstown, Pa., were callers Tuesday. Rev. McClellan is a son of Joseph McClellan, deceased, of Tuszeyville, and is serving a Reformed charge in Westmoreland county.

Charles R. James, a prominent attorney of Allentown, while camping two miles out from Lewisburg in the mountains, was struck by lightning while sitting at the supper table Saturday evening. He has not yet fully recovered.

A company has been organized at Muncy for the manufacture of flour milling machinery. The capital is \$50,000. A committee has been appointed to select a site for the plant which will be erected at once, and will furnish employment to 300 hands.

W. L. Runkle, son of D. C. Runkle, of Pittsburgh, went to Oklahoma last week to remain about two weeks, to join his father, who was fortunate in having a lucky drawing number in the land lottery. The Runkles will improve their land at once, and sow sixty acres of wheat this fall. They also expect to build a house.

Mrs. Josephine Cruse, of Bellefonte, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Mary, to S. Kline Wooring. The bride is a very pretty and attractive young lady and is the only daughter of the late Andrew J. Cruse. The groom is a rising young attorney at the Centre county bar and both are very popular among a large circle of friends. The wedding will take place this fall.

THE CROP SITUATION.

Corn and Oat Crops Must go Below the Average.—Wheat at the Top.

The government crop report for August shows a much lower percentage for corn than was expected by those who have been following the market. It was thought that the yield would amount to 60 or 65 per cent. The official compilers think from August indications that the crop will not be better than 54 per cent., 33.5 points lower, therefore, than at the corresponding date last year. The lowest average is in Kansas, where the condition of the crop is represented by the figure 19. In Missouri it is 29, in Nebraska 33, in Illinois 51 and in Indiana and Iowa 57. These percentages indicate a crop for the whole country of about 1,300,000,000 bushels, as against more than 2,100,000,000 bushels last year.

The average condition of oats showed considerable loss in most States during the month of July, so that no doubt now remains that this crop is also considerably behind the total for last year. Only in wheat is there promise of abundance, and no misfortune can now interfere to prevent from gathering an extraordinary crop of this cereal. Estimates earlier placed it as high as 750,000,000 bushels, although judging by reports from the spring wheat fields the yield will not run beyond 675,000,000 bushels.

Some wheat will doubtless be used as feed because of the shortage of corn. The demand from abroad is expected to be large, so that this in connection with a very absorbent domestic market, despite an unusually abundant yield, should increase the price of the grain. Corn will be so high and scarce that it is doubtful if any can be exported. The lack of feed will lead to a reduction in the droves of hogs. The general situation is such, therefore, as to promise higher prices for many kinds of provisions, and the disaster entailed by the drought, according to official government reports, is so great that it will certainly result in a serious decrease in the volume of the country's trade.

Light Wheat Yield.

The wheat yield is light per acre and poor in quality. The best report made for an entire crop was twenty-one bushels, threshers' measure. The same amount of straw, filled as well as last year, could easily have made twenty-eight or thirty bushels per acre.

Hang Sheep Thieves.

In the course of Dr. Harpster's remarks in the Lutheran church Sunday morning, he said in "England there used to be a law which permitted the hanging of sheep thieves, and it was enforced, and that ministers who prevailed upon half informed members of other churches to leave it and enter his fold should also be hung." This course would make a grand opening for the young ministers in training at the various seminaries, and a great deal of half-hearted sorrow throughout the country.

Prof. Wolf Got a Section.

Prof. E. J. Wolf, of Eureka, Kansas, formerly principal of the Centre Hall public schools, and son of Mrs. Carrie Osman, now in this place, was among the Kansas investors in the Oklahoma Government land lottery, and is now the possessor of a 160-acre plot of tillable soil. Prof. Wolf no doubt will do the farming himself, since his inclinations (?) run in that direction.

For two years Prof. Wolf was principal of the common schools of Eureka, but now he has been advanced to the first grade of the High School, in which none of the common branches are taught.

REDUCED RATES TO SEA-SHORE.

Low-Rate Excursion to Atlantic City, etc., via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The last Pennsylvania Railroad low-rate ten-day excursion for the present season from North Bend, Troy, Bellefonte, Williamsport, Moacaqua, Sunbury, Shenandoah, Dauphin, and principal intermediate stations (including stations on branch roads), to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Anglesea, Wildwood, or Holly Beach, will be run on Thursday, August 22, 1901.

Excursion tickets, good to return by regular trains within ten days, will be sold at very low rates. Tickets to Atlantic City will be sold via the Delaware River Bridge Route, the only all-rail line, or via Market Street Wharf, Philadelphia.

Stop over can be had at Philadelphia, either going or returning, within limit of ticket.

For information in regard to specific rates and time of trains consult hand bills, or apply to agents, or E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

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Write Grant Hoover for prices on insurance.

TRYED TO DROWN A GIRL.

Men Hold Her Head Under Water Until Driven Off.

Two strange men approached Viola Ginter, a seventeen-year-old waitress, Saturday night at Lakemont Park near Altoona, and, after giving her drugged wine, dragged her to the lake, threw her in and held her head under the water. Two boys and a park policeman heard her cries and ran to her assistance. Her assailants fled. The girl was dragged from the water in a dazed condition and taken to the Altoona Hospital.

Purchased 2,200 Acres of Timber Land.

Sugar Valley Journal: William Boyer, of Lock Haven, made a large timber deal in Sugar Valley a few days ago. The purchase includes the Kemmerer's, Barner's and Garety's mountain tracts situated three miles northwest of Loganton, on what is commonly called "Perry Hill," and consists of 2,200 acres, more or less. Most of the timber thereon is pitch pine, which will be cut into heavy props and shipped to the coal mines.

The hemlock will be converted into railroad ties and bill lumber. Aaron D. Kleckner has contracted with Mr. Boyer to operate the job. The work of cutting props and delivering them to the railroad at Salona and Mill Hall is being commenced this week. The tract extends over two mountains, making it necessary to build two camps, one in the Lamar narrows and one at Kemmerer's spring, where the old saw mill stood. Mr. Kleckner will move his saw mill from Loganton to that place early this fall. There is work on the job for two dozen men and a dozen teams for three years.

Two Weddings.

The comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bearick, near Bellefonte, was the scene Wednesday evening of a very delightful wedding which united in marriage their daughter, Miss Agnes B. Bearick and Mr. Dorsey Hunter, principal of the High School of Huntingdon.

With the ring which his mother wore when she was married, Claude F. Herr, sealed the marriage vow with Miss Lenore Kape Thursday evening at Salona. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kape at eight o'clock by Rev. M. J. Runyan, who was assisted by Rev. Samuel Creighton. At eight o'clock, as the notes pealed forth under the manipulation of the deaf flingers of Miss Mabel Buffington, of Jersey Shore, the bridal party entered the parlor. The attendants to the bride were Miss Lulu Buffington, of Jersey Shore, as maid of honor; Misses May and Grace King, of Williamsport; Miss Jean Hyatt and Miss Bessie Kape, of Salona, as maids, and Miss Emma Thompson, of Salona, as flower girl. Russell Kape, brother of the bride, was the best man.

From the Mifflinburg Times.

O. F. Mader and family, of Centre Hall, who were visiting relatives and friends in town and vicinity, returned to their home Saturday.

Captain Harry Wilkinson and wife went to his old home, Potters Mills, last Saturday, where they expect to spend a vacation of two weeks. Hope they will have a good time.

Centre Hall Hotel Guests.

D. McNeilis, Altoona; Joe Stine, Lewisburg; Morris Geiry, Mifflin; Geo. Spald, Bedford; F. F. Arnold, Freckburg; James Grezz, Mifflin; G. M. King, York; W. G. Miller, Morrison, Bellefonte; E. P. Crow, Philadelphia; B. D. Tate, Bellefonte; D. S. McNitt, A. R. McNitt, Sigerville; W. M. Botter, Bellefonte; W. H. Peffer, Mt. Holly; Jas. H. Young, Philadelphia; Am. Lebo, Williamsport; James Miller, Elizabethville; C. J. Stetler, Homestead; H. W. Glass, Sunbury; D. W. Woodring and wife, Bellefonte; W. W. Smith, State College; T. E. Johnson, Spring Mills; P. W. Stover, Coburn; W. G. Runkle, Mrs. Miller, Harry McCloskey, Miss Lulu Boone, Howard.

Go to Camp Saturday.

Company B, Fifth Regiment, N.G.P. will go to camp at Somerset, Pa., Saturday and remain until the following Saturday.

Correction.

The report in circulation that the Piano binder which I bought this season did not give satisfaction, is entirely false. I never worked with a machine equal to the Piano; it never missed a bundle, and did its work excellently, and is light in draft.

G. W. BRADFORD,
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Prompt Payment.

July 5, at noon, my house, together with most of my furniture, burned. It was insured in the Lykens Valley Co., by T. B. Jamison, agent, Spring Mills, Pa., and on the 9th, four days after the fire, Mr. Jamison in company with James Miller, of Elizabethville, and Amos Lebo, of Williamsport, adjusters, paid me in cash, \$1250.00, the full amount of my insurance.

SAMUEL RIPKA,

PROSPECTS OF GOOD CROP.

The Spring Mills Correspondent Inspects Ivy Barges' Orchards.

A day or two since the writer made a visit to what is known as Fairview peach farm, owned by Ivy Barges and located a short distance from the picture-like village of Centre Hill. The grounds are beautifully situated and contain from 1000 to 1200 trees; about 700 are now bearing. The peaches are all of very choice stock, delicious in flavor and unusually large.

The farm is in a splendid condition, hardly a twig can be discovered lying on the ground. Mr. Barges informed me that every spare moment he had since early spring, with one or two assistants, were spent on the farm. Particular care and attention was given to the trees as well as the surroundings, and its present healthy and prosperous condition is the result. He is also very fortunate in having a fair crop of apples—in this immediate vicinity they are almost a total failure. Unless some unforeseen mishap occurs within a few days, Mr. Barges will have a very large crop of both peaches and apples.

A Big Land Deal.

The Wichita, Kansas Daily Eagle, of July 24 says: "Two deals in real estate were closed up yesterday aggregating over thirty thousand dollars. Robert A. Sankey bought six quarter sections of land located about four miles from Bayneville, in the southwestern part of the county, and about eight hundred lots in this city. The farms are all improved wheat farms, and consists of 480 acres in one piece, 32 in another, 120 in one and a quarter section in another. All are located within two miles of each other, and have fine improvements. There was about five hundred acres of wheat on the land this year, and a larger acreage will be put in this fall. All the land is wheat land, and very little has been put to corn. It is in one of the most prosperous sections of the county and is of considerable value.

There are about six hundred of the town lots on the west side. About four hundred of them are in body. The balance of the lots are scattered all over town. The deed for the property is one of the largest deeds for private property that has been recorded in the register of deeds office, and covers five closely typewritten pages."