



MEETING OF STATE GRANGE.

The organization scores the Secretary of Agriculture.
The most important feature of the meeting of the State Grange at Johnstown was the report of the legislative committee. The committee consisted of W. F. Hill, Hampton W. Rice, Leonard Rhone, Louis Piolet, Wm. T. Crensy. The report favors the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people, extending the powers of the interstate commerce commission, further extension of rural free mail delivery and such other matters as are herein outlined.

The tendency of the ship subsidy measure if passed will be to lessen the price of our agricultural products, yet we are called upon to help foster this industry while we are already being plundered by unjust tax laws, and robbed by trusts and combinations which conspire arbitrarily to control prices of what the farmer buys and sells.

The western irrigation scheme will cause the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars principally to enrich the private land speculation; will increase competition and depreciation of eastern farms.
In oleo legislation, the committee says, they unfortunately were confronted with the bitter opposition of the secretary of agriculture, who stood with the oleo combination, and notwithstanding the testimony of an oleo dealer before a committee of the legislature that he sold 4,000,000 pounds of colored oleo, the secretary was immovable in his determination to prevent the passage of the bill. So notorious was this opposition that mention was made of it in ridicule by many of the leading agricultural and daily papers. The pouring in of hundreds of petitions from the granges and farmers of the state overwhelmed the opposition and caused the powers that be to acquiesce in the passage of the law which is now upon our statute books. But with unwilling and incompetent public officials the best law can not be enforced. The agricultural department needs a thorough overhauling. The incompetent and incapable as well as those who are not in sympathy with the great agricultural interest of the state should be dismissed from service.

The committee urges the passage of the Grout bill taxing colored oleo ten cents per pound, and asks speaker Henderson of the House to substitute for Mr. Wardsworth, the oleo advocate of New York, a man favorable to the dairy interests.

The committee placed itself unalterably opposed to any road legislation that would not tax all kinds of property for road purposes; also opposed placing the roads under a centralized state commission or any scheme that would fasten upon the farmers, county and township bonds that would be a burden upon the agricultural class, for the next century.

In the contest over the Taggart Grange Tax bill in 1891 the Grange secured an increase from the state of \$1,500,000 for the public schools, making a total annual appropriation of \$5,500,000. In the same year they secured a return from the state to the counties of three-fourths of the personal property tax, which now amounts to \$2,300,000. It also, the same year, secured from the state to the counties and townships the entire retail liquor licenses now amounting to \$3,500,000, thus making an annual saving to the local tax payers of \$11,300,000.

The committee urged the State Grange to take a new departure in forcing a more equitable method of collecting local and state revenues. We would urge the procedure by injunction, through the courts, instructing the county commissioners and boards of revision of taxes of cities to assess the roadbeds of transportation companies as real estate, taking into consideration the value that the rails and rolling stock give to the land occupied, taking the entire value of the property as reported to the state government for taxation and apportion it per mile in each county and township as a basis for local taxation, then deducting the amount taxed locally before the state levy is made.

The Grange would have a precedent in this under the Acts of 1855 and 1859, under which the terminals of transportation companies are taxed in the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. And a more recent precedent in the case of the city of Scranton, levying a license tax of from 2 to 5 percent upon the gross earnings of street railways, telephone and telegraph companies, steam, water and gas companies as well as transmission companies.

If cities have the power to levy taxes on corporate and personal property, for local purposes, then with equal propriety the county and local authorities should insist on similar

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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Work for 1901 finished up Friday afternoon. The sessions were enjoyed by teachers and spectators who went there with proper motives. The instructors were of the highest order, and if the teachers who sat under their instruction during the week were not vastly benefited, it is no fault of the instructors. The evening entertainments were entirely satisfactory to the large audiences that listened to them. Ex-Governor Taylor's lecture was unique from start to finish. He is entirely original, and borrows from no man. The music was superb.

The directors' meeting in the Y. M. C. A. room was largely attended. Papers were read by Hon. W. C. Heinle and Col. D. F. Fortney. Discussion was entered into by other directors. D. F. Fortney, Esq., (Capt. C. T. Fryberger and A. C. Williams were appointed a committee to select officers for the ensuing year and also choose five delegates to the next State convention and to the following report: President, Hon. Wm. K. Alexander; vice presidents, Omer Muthersbaugh and B. F. Vonada; secretary and treasurer, H. C. Quigley; executive committee, J. L. Neff, W. S. Glenn, F. D. Hosterman, Cornelius Stover and Samuel Brugger; delegates to the State Convention, D. F. Fortney, S. W. Smith, W. C. Heinle, Wm. M. Allison and C. L. Gramley.

LOCAL ITEMS.

George Rinesh, of Millheim, died in that place Monday.

Hereafter the U. T. and T. exchange will be open all night.

The borough reservoir has been checked-full of water for the past week.

The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company meets at Rukle's hotel today, Thursday.

Mrs. George Bradford, of Old Fort, was the guest of her brother, W. H. Bohn, in Penn township, over Sunday.

Phillip Mersinger, of Joliet, Ill., writes that the weather is very cold in Illinois, mercury dropping 4 to 12 degrees below zero. There is good sleighing about Joliet.

L. W. Musser, of Walker township, announces his candidacy for superintendent of public schools of Centre county. Mr. Musser is a graduate of an Ohio State Normal and has had considerable experience in school work.

Subscribe for the Reporter before 1901 expires.

Ladies Long Jersey leggings 75c. Yeager & Davis.

Men's embroidered slippers, 49c. Yeager & Davis.

The most complete line of rubber boots and shoes to be found in the city is at Meyer & Massie's.

Good mixture candy—next grade to the cheapest—7c. pound, at Swartz's.

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The committee regretted that the present secretary of agriculture is wholly incompetent and too prejudiced to give even the actual farmer a respectful hearing of his grievance and burdened condition as shown in his own language by a letter of transmittal to the governor in the very able bulletin prepared by ex-Auditor General McCamant on the tax laws of Pennsylvania, in which the secretary characterized as "ignorant demagogues" those who have been foremost in bringing to public notice the facts as they exist.

As an organization the Grange in the future will insist and demand from the political powers that the departments of government created for the benefit of the agricultural interests shall be filled by competent, practical farmers who are in sympathy and harmony with the Grange and other agricultural organizations of the state, to the end that the best interests of the agricultural class of our commonwealth may be served.

The report of Secretary Allan showed that 1,755 persons have been initiated into established granges during the year, 567 persons reinstated, and 504 charter members of new subordinate granges organized into 15 granges, while five dormant granges reorganized—a total of 2,825 new members. The number of subordinate granges is about 500.

Dr. Watson, professor of agriculture at State College, spoke of the equipment of that institution and showed the great lack of necessary buildings and apparatus. J. A. Herr of Clinton county also spoke on the subject.

Past Master Leonard Rhone was invested with the jewel and badge of the grade by the cures in recognition of his services.

TELEPHONE PATRONS KICK.

Telephone renters are displeased because the lines are limited to their use unless extra toll is paid.

"The line is busy." (The U. T. and T. patrons bear the sweeter words "the line is busy" with greater disgust than ever since the new ruling has been put into operation. The new ruling debar all persons not patrons of the U. T. and T. company from using its phones, unless a stipulated sum is paid. That sum is ten cents to talk from Centre Hall to Bellefonte, State College, Millheim, etc.

The telephone renters are indignant, and they have a right to be. The telephone renter does not rent a phone because he simply wants to talk to others who are paying the annual rental, but because he wants to put himself in possible communication with all persons at points connected by the U. T. and T. lines. Those were the conditions that made the Commercial telephone company popular, and it is under those conditions that Penns. Brush, Nittany Valleys, and the whole of Centre county were wired; it was because any body who had business with a U. T. and T. renter had the privilege to call him up and transact business that caused the hundreds of phones to be placed in the various parts of the county.

There are some thirty phones in Centre Hall. Thirty persons can use them to transact business with Bellefonte. There are several hundred phone renters in Bellefonte. Do you suppose those several hundred telephone renters have no business in Centre Hall except with the thirty renters here, or the reverse? No.

The fact is that nine-tenths of the business transacted by telephone renters is transacted with non-renters, and if the order to collect toll from the non-renters is enforced the number of phones will be materially reduced. The business man, in a business place, in a business way, maintains many conveniences for his customers; the telephone is one of these conveniences, and once the telephone ceases to be a convenience for his customers, and his customers are not permitted to even call him up to ask him to deliver goods, give the price of produce, grain or poultry, arrange meetings for consulting with reference to a law suit, engage him to perform a marriage ceremony, call him to the bed side of a sick wife or child, order a loaf of bread, publish a legal advertisement, there will be less need for telephones. The fact of the case is unless the order is rescinded, there will be a lot of wires stretched over portions of Centre county that will be useless unless used for clothes lines.

There is one class of telephone users that should be taxed, and they are the non-renters who talk to non-renters. Neither of these have privileges that belong to them, and should be taxed. The new order to collect a toll was brought about by a general demand by patrons for better service. At least one-third the calls are answered by "the lines are busy," and it was thought by taking this plan of additional taxation, the use of the lines could be lessened. In other words the U. T. and T. company concluded that rather than give its patrons sufficient lines to properly handle the "talk-traffic," it would reduce the "traffic," a bright idea on the part of the company.

W. P. SHOOP VERY ILL.

W. P. Shoop, of Scranton, according to message received by his brother Samuel Shoop, in this place, is very ill with bright's disease. Mr. Shoop for many years was a resident of this place, and was connected with the Centre Hall foundry.

Boalsburg.

Mrs. T. Mothersbaugh spent several days last week among friends in Lemont.

Charles Shirk and Sadie Meyer spent last Thursday with friends in Bellefonte.

Messrs. Elmer Ishler and Wm. Meyer spent Tuesday at the county seat.

Mrs. Wm. Goheen spent last Wednesday with friends in Pine Grove Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meyer, of Roopsburg, Sunday were the guests of Mr. Meyer's invalid mother, who has been confined to the house with rheumatism for the past twenty years.

Arthur Kimport, of Bellefonte, circulated among his friends in this place Friday.

Rev. D. E. Hepler, of Lemont, visited at the home of S. H. Bailey on Monday.

The Christmas entertainment in the Reformed church will be held Wednesday evening, 25th.

Order your stove if you want a good one, from C. P. Long.

Yeager & Davis, shoes—Bellefonte.

DEATHS.

MRS. MARY GOODHART.

Mrs. Mary Goodhart, widow of Samuel Goodhart, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Mark, at Salona, Tuesday night, of consumption. Mrs. Goodhart had been ailing for over a year, having had several hemorrhages and a slight paralytic stroke during the past six months, but was not considered seriously ill until the last week, when she was seized with chills, and died at the time mentioned. Mrs. Goodhart's maiden name was Mary Miller; her husband was a brother of Mrs. John Dauberger, of this place. She, with her children, removed from Hubblesburg to this place about ten years ago, where they resided until two years ago, when she removed to Salona with her daughter. She is survived by two children, Miller Goodhart, of this place, and Mrs. Harvey Mark, of Salona, her husband having died many years ago. She was a faithful, christian lady and a member of the Reformed church. Interment was made at Hubblesburg.

MRS. HANNAH KATHERMAN.

Hannah, wife of Hiram Katherman, of Laurelton, died at the Williamsport hospital on Thursday of last week, aged forty-seven years. She had undergone a critical operation more than a week before her death, and seemed to be gradually improving, when she suddenly took a relapse and the end came. The remains were taken to her home at Laurelton, funeral services being held on Wednesday morning. Rev. Heckman, of Lock Haven, assisted by Rev. Brenneman, of the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the services; interment was made in the cemetery at Lincoln Chapel.

The deceased was a daughter of Josiah Showalter, deceased, of Glen Iron, and is survived by her husband, one son, Clarence, of near Laurelton, and one daughter, Laura, at home, and the following brothers and sisters: Wesley, of Hartleton; Samuel, of Cowan; William and Mrs. David Zeller, of Glen Iron; Mrs. Cyrus Durst, of Boalsburg; and Mrs. James P. Grove, of Farmers Mills. The casket was almost covered with beautiful white roses and carnations.

JOHN M. PARKER.

John M. Parker, a prominent and well known citizen of Roland, Centre county, passed away at his home in that place Friday evening at twelve minutes past ten of pneumonia, after an illness of only a few days.

Deceased was born in Jersey Shore and was fifty years of age last October. He was the son of A. T. Parker, of Jersey Shore. After marriage he located at Roland where he became quite successful as a business man. For a long time he was station agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad company at Roland. He was also in the mercantile business, was Postmaster and Justice of the Peace at the same place. He was prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Surviving him, says the Daily News, are his wife and the following children: Mrs. W. Galer Morrison, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Rebecca Glenn, of Howard; Kate, Trude and Paul, at home. His father and mother and five sisters and one brother also survive, namely: Mrs. H. M. Bidwell, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Oliver Glosser, of Linden; Mrs. Eva Snyder, Kate, Martha and William, of Jersey Shore.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon. Interment at Jersey Shore.

MRS. JOHN HOUSMAN.

One of the most aged ladies of Gregg township died Saturday, after an illness of some weeks superinduced by old age. She had been ill more or less for the past year, having reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. Her maiden name was Willowman. She was the mother of the following children who survive her: Samuel Housman, Esq., Tusseyville; Charles Housman, at home; John W. Housman, Millheim; Mrs. Jane Baney, of Howard.

Deceased was a member of the United Evangelical Association for upwards of sixty years. The funeral which took place Tuesday was conducted by the pastor of that organization.

RICHARD THOMPSON.

Richard Thompson, a young man just beginning an active career, was accidentally killed by falling off a beam into cog-wheels, while working for the Westinghouse electric company, Pittsburgh. The accident occurred last week, and Thursday his remains were sent to his home at Jacksonville, where interment took place the day following, Friday. The young man was a son of B. Frank Thompson, of Beech Creek, and was almost twenty-three years of age.

FATHER AND SON INJURED.

Andrew Jordan broke his leg by a Fall—His son's Leg Crushed in Ship Yard.

The Reporter's Colyer correspondent gives an account of the misfortunes of Andrew Jordan, of near that place, and his son William, of Camden, both of whom are at present nursing seriously injured lower limbs. Wm. Jordan, the son of Andrew Jordan, was employed in a ship yard at Camden, New Jersey, and a short time ago met with an accident which crushed a portion of his lower limb. He was taken to the hospital and recovered sufficiently that he could walk about on crutches. His longing for the old home and family circle induced him to return to Colyer at the earliest opportunity, and Saturday he reached his destination.

Sunday morning Andrew Jordan met with a similar accident. While performing his chores at the barn he accidentally fell and broke the bone in one of his legs near the thigh. The fracture was reduced by Dr. C. E. Emerick, and the patient is getting along as well as can be expected.

Reed—Alexander.

The marriage of Miss Grace Alexander and George K. Reed took place at Sacramento, California, on 11th instant, the time set by the young couple. On reaching Denver, the bride-to-be encountered a wicked snow storm that threatened to interfere with the arrangements previously planned, but her train was the first to reach the Pacific coast.

The ceremony was performed by a Presbyterian minister, and was witnessed by Wm. Buckhout, a classmate of both bride and groom. The day following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Reed proceeded to Keswick, where a newly furnished cottage awaited them.

As previously stated, Mr. Reed is employed by the Mountain Copper Company, and has under his supervision the assaying department in which five others are engaged.

LOCALS.

C. F. Deininger last week went to Pittsburg.

Broken stick candy, 6c. per pound at Swartz's.

Spinners' Reunion in Grange Arcadia Saturday night. Don't miss it.

Mrs. Maggie Raudenbush, Pleasant Gap, is the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs.

Messles are interfering with the schools in Aaronsburg and Rebersburg.

John Spieker, of this place, killed a hog that dresses 422 pounds. Pretty good for a "town" hog.

Mrs. Charles Ramsey, of Pleasant Gap, is seriously ill with rheumatism. Mrs. Ramsey, nee Kemp, was formerly of Centre Hill.

Meyer & Musser come before the Reporter readers with an advertisement inviting customers to examine their Christmas goods before buying.

James S. Swabb, the youngest son of Mrs. James Swabb, of Aaronsburg, has enlisted in the navy. He is now on the training ship, Franklin, at Norfolk, Va.

Nora Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Thomas, of near this place, is suffering from a second attack of appendicitis, and is receiving attention from Dr. Park.

O. T. Corman, of Spring Mills, one of the new advertisers this week, and the Reporter readers will do well by carefully looking over his adv. and following the suggestions made in it.

Jacob Ripka, who is one of the oldest residents of Centre Hall, came around last week to pay his subscription in advance. Mr. Ripka saw the greater part of Centre Hall spring into existence during his residence here.

Lyman L. Smith, who had been ill with pneumonia for the past week, is greatly improved, and will soon be able to call on you in the interest of one of the best nurseries in the U. S. Keep back your orders until he gets well.

The following, a mystery to some and plain to others, appeared in the Millinburg Times: Mr. Clyde Boyer was up to Linden Hall Wednesday night. It is somewhat early for Christmas gifts, but operators can't get a day just when they want it, so Maude will not have to wait until Christmas to tell the time of day.

Prof. C. E. Zeigler, of Penn Hall, sold a fine Century Grand piano to Perry Brown, west of Centre Hall, for the use of his daughter, Bessie. The "music box" was a complete surprise to Bessie, who was at school when the instrument was brought to her home. Good old Santa was a little early in bestowing his gift, but that frequently occurs.

A nice line of tents gloves at C. P. Long's.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Christmas next Wednesday. No one can afford to spell "ingrate" with a capital.

Cold weather for December, Mercury well knows the way to zero. That telephone order is being met by hot opposition and may be hotter by the first of January.

Miss Blanche Heckman is up from Sunbury stopping with her brother-in-law, Landlord J. S. Reish, of Potters Mills.

Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot, Misses Florence Love and Anna Lutz will spend the Christmas season in Philadelphia.

Ed. Nearhood quit the firm of Potter & Hoy and is in the shoe store of Yeager & Davis. If you want to see Nearhood, that's where you will find him.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Luse were in Bellefonte Thursday. Although Mr. Luse was a school teacher his going to the county seat was on other business than attending institute.

Samuel Guisewhite, of Bellefonte, has been granted a pension of \$8.00 per month; Simon Bathurst, of Roland, \$6.00 a month and George W. Baisor, of Waddle's \$8.00 per month.

The family of Dr. J. E. Ward, of Bellefonte, is afflicted the second time with scarlet fever. The younger son just recovered from the disease, and now the elder brother, Arthur, is ill.

Dr. Samuel Woods, whose home is in Boalsburg, has changed his location from the Warren Hospital to Sharon, Pa., where he will begin to practice his profession on his own hook.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Strohm, of Centre Hill, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage Thursday evening, December 25th. A number of invitations have been sent out for the occasion.

Mrs. Cyrus Durst, of Boalsburg, and Mrs. James P. Grove, east of Centre Hall, attended the funeral of Mrs. Catherman, at Laurelton, last week. The deceased was the mother of the ladies mentioned.

D. Earl Fleming, of this place, who is teaching a public school at Wingate, will spend Christmas week with his brother Malcolm Fleming, in Baltimore, where the latter is engaged in the tailoring business.

Rev. Isaac Book, of Warble, Juniata county, while feeding his horse was attacked by the animal, thrown down and trampled upon. His left leg was broken near the knee joint, the skin torn off from the knee to the ankle and the other leg badly bruised.

Cards of invitation are out announcing the marriage of Miss Anna Estelle Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, of Millmont, and Rev. Dorsey Newton Miller, of Mill Hill, at the home of the bride's parents, Wednesday, December 25th, at twelve o'clock noon.

Walter M. Kerlin Saturday of last week went to Philadelphia where he hopes to secure permanent employment. Mr. Kerlin is a young man who can be trusted by any one who has a position to fill requiring his qualifications, which by the way, are above those of the ordinary young man.

A Sunbury preacher's wife, who is suing for divorce, paralyzed the gentleman of the cloth when, through her attorneys, she presented a snap-shot picture showing her husband at a camp meeting in company with three young ladies who were "stroking his whiskers." What a hair-rowing tale!

The funeral of W. L. Baker, of Millinburg, an account of whose death was given last week, was attended by a delegation of the Spring Mills Castle, K. G. E., Supervisor Stoughton and the track foremen from Lenout, Linden Hall, Centre Hall, Rising Springs, Coburn, Paddy Mountain.

A man and wife in Derry township, Millin county, circulated a report that a tramp who had small pox had been entertained by them. The Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel, upon investigation, found that the personal property of the party had been levied on, and that the scare was circulated with a view of keeping away buyers.

A conspicuous figure at the county institute was Superintendent Luse, of Williamsport, formerly of Phillipsburg. Superintendent Luse has the most advanced ideas of school work, and favors enforcement of the compulsory school law by first putting the public schools in proper condition which would reduce the task to a minimum.

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