REFORMED REUNION.

Third Annual Gathering of the Centre Hall

Charge Last Thursday. On last Thursday the reunion of the ten out of the services to be held and the association with friends. Almost five hundred people assembled on the grounds before noon and were addressed by Rev. A. C. Whitmer, of Lancaster, on the subject of Home Missions. He presented his subject in a clear, intion of his audience throughout. After this address the dinner hour came and with it the good things that had been | eran." prepared. Every body had a big picnic dinner and no one went away have also good reason to be proud of

In the afternoon many more people came to the grounds and the crowd was swelled considerably. The services were opened by prayer by Rev. Ambrose Schmidt, of Bellefonte. Then came the talks from the former pastors of the Centre Hall charge. Rev. S. H. Isenberg, of Millersburg, was the first to speak. He was followed by Rev. Thos. F. Land, of Millersville, and then Rev. W. H. Grob, of Carlisle. The people were all anxious to hear from each one and anxiously listened to what each one had to say. After the services were over as many as could remained and took supper on the grounds. Games were played and every one had a good time. The time to go home same too soon and the people went back to their homes with another happy day to talk about.

This yearly reunion is an institution of three years' standing in the Reformed congregations of this charge. Every year has shown increased interest and enthusiasm, and this day is becoming more and more a general holiday throughout the Reformed church of this region. But this day is not selfishly set apart for Reformeds alone. The day of church bigotry has long XIV in 1889, when half a million peogone by and where there is good in a spiritual and social way for all, every one is most cordially invited.

The reunion of last week showed the liberal feeling that pervades the whole community in this region. Every one was there as a Christian seeking some good, and each one found it both spiritually and socially. This is the spirit that should be fostered and suitivated until these reunions are an occasion for a holiday for all.

Rev. Thos. F. Land, of Millersville, charge, spoke of the Reformed church proved untrue to his office. in a general way.

counted himself happy to be present at scargely an old German family that this reunion of the people of the Cen- does not have one of these old heir: clerking in the general store of Meyer tre Hall charge, for it was among them | looms. The first Bible printed in a & Musser, during the absence of I. V. years of his life. Although he missed was printed in German at Germansome old familiar faces-those of fa- town in 1743. It was not till after the thers John Keller, Peter Hoffer, Si- Revolution and after this German Bimon Harper, Michael Tibbens, David ble had gone through three editions, Crape, and mothers Arney, Boozer, that an English publisher undertook and others, still he know that their to publish an English Bible, and then spirits were present, rejoicing with only after he had secured subscriptions those assembled in the festivities of to guarantee him against loss.

in that this gathering revealed a unit- masters were Pennsylvania Germans. ny and concord had ever characterized Stiegel. Their woolen and flax indus- tary's plerk, is in unusually good spir. R. Austin Krape, Centre Hall; G. A.

in the future.

ness of themselves, and to a realization the lines of the noble part they had played in "Thank God for the token, one lip is the history of the world and our own country. He desired to say that no Untrammeled one spirit, unbending ance of a position as traveling sales: people had a greater right to meet in this land on an occasion such as the present than the Reformed people, for that on such a theme, the time was they were the first to be here. The too short, and the material too ahundwere taught on Manhattan Island in the surface. He hoped that this im- elevator that tickles the farmers won-Plymouth Rook. And as for our own his hearers to feel an interest and a great heap of straw in the barn floor are invited. state, the first colony on the banks of pride in the race from which they when he gets through threshing a the Delaware was established at New bave descended and the church to Castle, by Peter Minuit, a German, a which they belong. deacon of the Reformed church at Wesel. This was in 1638, more than forty years before Wm. Penn came to Phila- Dorothy Dodd.

delphia; and we know that as early as 1654 there was a Reformed congregation at New Castle. Moreover, the policy, for which Wm. Penn is justly honored, of buying his land from the Reformed congregations of the Centre Indians was practiced by this German Hall charge was held in the Old Fort deacon of the Reformed church before woods. It was a gala day for all Re- him, so that he did not have to buy formeds in these various congrega- the land on which Philadelphia tions. The weather looked rather stands, it having been already bought threatening in the morning, but every- by Peter Minuit. The mother of Wm. body said to himself and herself that Penn was a Dutch woman, a member it was not going to rain and started of the Reformed church, and he himfor the grounds. Comparatively early self largely owed his broad catholic in the morning the conveyances began spirit of religious toleration to one of to come into the grove, carrying peo- his religious teachers—Amyrault, a ple prepared to stay all day and hav- minister of the Reformed church. Aling left all care behind were ready to though the members of the Reformed receive all the good that was to be got- Church did not begin to come in large numbers until about 1709, the first colonists at Germantown being Mennonites, yet the very ship that brought Pastorius and his colony in 1683, brought on it Isaac Dilbeck, an energetic member of the Reformed church, and in the next year, 1684 one of the structive manner and held the atten- Van Bebbers in writing home to Europe, says the "beside us, there are (at Germantown) It formed and Luth-

> The people of the Reformed church their church because of its ancestry. Not only were they Germans, but they were of the best German blood, Parkman has stigmatized them as "stupid and ignorant boors." He did not know what he was writing about. Their home was the finest and most fertile part of Europe. Their industry and thrift had made it a very garden of the Lord, as the industry and thrift of their descendants have done with Lancaster county and the Lebanon Valley. Fiske in his "Dutch and Quaker Commonwealth," says this; "In journeying through the Palatinate, all the way from Strasburg to Rotterdam, one is perpetually struck with the general diffusion of intelligence and refinement, strength of character and personal dignity; and there is reason for believing that at any time within the past four or five centuries our impression would have been very much the same." In endurance and devotion to truth they were surpassed by none. They endured the worst horrors of the Palatinate only one inhabitant was ple were given three days of grace vin yards were destroyed, their orchards cut down, and the whole land converted into a wilderness. Eays a recent writer it is a subject of legitimate pride to the descendants of these people to know they could not be gryshed. In all the terrible sufferings of war and the persecutions that followed there is not an example of one

And their descendants in colonial days were noted for their piety, and Franklin and Marshall College, Lan-The speaker began by saying that he for their love of the Bible. There is caster.

We can be proud of our people in He was twice happy to be with them geery walk of life. The arst great iron ed spirit, a union. A spirit of harmo- The first stoves were made by Barron the people of the Centre Hall charge, tries at Germantown were famous all its, because he hopes to hear " papa " and he was glad to see that this spirit over the colonies. The first paper mill whispered into his ear as soon as that in America was built by a German, new baby boy learns to articulate. The speaker was thrice happy in be- Rittenhouse. In seience you dare not ing present because it was a reunion, overlook Rittenhouse, the astronomer, where they had laid aside their labors Muhlenberg, the botanist, Melsheimer, lege last week to go to Syracuse, N. Y., of head and of hand, and had met to the father of American entomology, where the Professor will become a greet each other, to renew old fellow- Leidy and Gross, in surgery and medships, to recount the achievements of icine. It was a German paper that University, the past, and to plan for greater things first announced the declaration of independence. Nine governors of our But he regarded himself as four times state have been German, among them happy, in that it was a remnion of Wolf, who secured the passage of the members of the Reformed church. He act astablishing the free school system, rejoiced in these Reformed reunions. and Ritner, whose manly protest It was to him an evidence that they against the encroachments of the slave were coming to a sort of self-conscious- power brought forth from Whittier

> still free, one knee.'

The speaker closed by confessing in Philadelphia.

Dorothy Dodd.

FROM OKLAHOMA

A Letter from Samuel Krader Speaks Well of New State.

Samuel Krader, on August 13th, writes from Mountainview, Oklahoma: I have been in this place one year and have never enjoyed better health. The climate is delightful; during last winter there were but three weeks of cold weather, when the ground was frozen to a depth of from one to three inches. At one time there was ice on the river five inches thick; snow covered the ground at different times from one to three inches but never lasted over the day as the sun soon melted it. Cattle run in pasture all winter.

In February farmers generally begin to plant their oats and barley; plow for corn and plant it in March and April. In May and June they plant their cotton, and in June harvest comes; wheat was very good, rye light in weight, the yield to the acre being week, from heart disease. Interment light on account of having been pastured too late.

Farmers sow from forty-five to sixty pounds of wheat to the acre and plant from one to two kernels of corn to the onions, etc., of which two crops are this place. He also leaves a widow. raised in a year.

Farmers have commenced plowing for the sowing of rye and wheat for for market from this pasture without road company.

feeding any grain. Farming here is very easy and plowing can be done almost all year. The new settlers came here and took possession of their homesteads last August, and during the winter slept in a long illness. Interment at Salona. caves dug in the ground and in tents. They at once started farming and now have wheat, rye, oats, corn, cotton, thirty years war, during which in the and all other necessaries, and not any of them have less than from forty to ginning of horrors as compared with tivation. Plows run all winter and and two daughters, Lotta and Ermin-mates. the devastation of their land by Louis cut up the sod, preparing it for seeding trude. and whatever they desire to plant when planting time comes. Apple, peach and pear orchards are now willing hands can do. My business is taking the seeds from the cotton.

mixed car load of stock Friday.

Miller Goodhart and family, of Farmers Mills, were in town the other day, of their pastors who was a coward or and reported good crops and a full barn. Prof. J. Q. Adams, of State College, has been elected an instructor at

Harry Bible, of near Centre Hill, is

Judge Love has appointed John D. Decker, of Potter township, a jury comof Curtin township.

J. P. Grove, of Farmers Mills, was ing his subscription for a year.

Ambrose Slateman, the prothonc-

Prof. Chas. Griffin, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left State Colmember of the faculty of Syracuse Mifflinburg railroad station last week benefit.

Have you ordered your phosphate agent. from D. W. Bradford? If you have not consulted him, perhaps you have not compared your prices and goods with the best grades of fertilizers and home, lowest possible cash prices,

Centre county loses a good Demoformerly chemist in the experiment from three to four, station at State College, by his accept-

Geo. H. Emerick is keeping abreast the times in threshing machinery, and

Dorothy Dodd. Dorothy Dodd. DEATHS.

JOY VONADA.

Joy, a little child of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Vonada, of near Penns Cave, died Sunday afternoon. The little one was aged about eight months, cholera infantum was the disease. Interment Wednesday, Rev. G. W. Kershner officiating.

MRS. ABRAHAM SWITZER.

Elizabeth M., wife of Abraham Switzer, died Thursday afternoon of eight years of age and is survived by her husband and several children.

WILLIAM WOODS.

William, the twelve-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, of Boalsburg, died suddenly Wednesday of last was made in union cemetery at Boalsburg, Rev. J. M. Rearick officiating.

J. M. HUBLER.

J. M. Hubler, of near, Pine Hall, hill. The corn is cut and on shocks: died Friday night after a brief illness Kafir corn is coming on and will be of typhoid fever, at the age of fifty would necessitate the levying of an ready to cut about the first of Septem- years. Mr. Hubler was a blacksmith enormous tax, a tax that property ber. Potatoes are all raised and the by occupation, and a man of powerful owners would be unable to pay. In ground planted for the second crop physique. The deceased was the fawith tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, ther of J. W. D. Hubler, formerly of plains most of the bad condition of the

CLYDE COXIE.

Clyde Coxie died at his home in Alpasture for the cattle during the win- toon; Wednesday morning of last to be derived by direct taxation. ter. The sowing is done during the week, after an illness of nearly one months of September and October and year. The remains were interred at and insist that the tax levied under the wheat remains green during the Boalsburg. He is survived by a wife, the present system be applied in the winter. Great herds of cattle are pas- (Nannie Hook) and four small children. tured on the prairies where the grass His age was about thirty-three years. on to "work out" his tax [if he has stands from two to four feet high the While a resident of Altoona he was any] on the road, he should be as inyear 'round, and cattle are prepared employed by the Pennsylvania rail dustrious as though he was performing

MRS. J. M. BRICKER.

Mrs. J. M. Bricker died at her home at Buffalo Run Sunday evening, after

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bartholomew and was aged thirty-six years and ten days. Besides her parents to mourn her less, are her husband, Mr. J. M. Bricker, left in fifty. But this was only the be-

E B. HOOGE.

E. B. Hooge, the well known hardtheir cities went up in flames, their growing, and it is surprising what ware merchant of Jersey Shore junction, died unexpectedly in bed early milling and cotton ginning, that is, Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Haoge retired the night before as usual. Later when Mrs. Hooge went to bed Mr. Hooge complained of a pain in his J. W. Mitterling will ship another head. Neither thought that it was serious and shortly after Mrs. Hooge fell asleep. About 1:30 o'clock she months. awakened, when she found her husband dead.

MRS. MARY KRAPE

The death of Mrs. Krape, widow of missioner to serve out the unexpired Funeral took place this (Thursday) wherever he goes. term of William Bobb, deceased, late morning, Rev. G. W. Kershner officiating.

The deceased's maiden name was in town Thursday to attend the Re- Mary A. Ross, a daughter of Irvin formed reunion, and showed his ap- Ross. Her marriage to Mr. Krape preplation of the Reporter by advanct took place July 4, 1867. To this union the following surviving children were born : Mrs. A. A. King, Spring Mills ; Krape, Johnstown; J. S. and J. B. Krape, Spring Mills.

LOCALS.

Grove Mills.

during the absence of the regular

Mrs. Carrie Emerick Ruhl, wife of

crat in the person of J. M. McDowell, es and passenger cars shall be increased ny for two years.

Schwab's advice : how to succeed, is given in another column. Not every man for a company with headquarters one who follows that advice may become a wealthy Schwab, but he will become a man in its truest sense.

The Sunday school of Emanuel's

POOR ROADS.

Grumbling but not Willing to be Taxed to Make Good Roads.

A great deal of complaint is made against road supervisors for not keeping the roads in better condition. This complaint is general, not only in Centre Hall borough, Potter township and Schuyler. Centre county, but all over the state. The unusual fall of rain during the past eight weeks has wrought great damage to the roads and it will require the total annual tax to put the roads last week at her home at Coleville, of in the same condition that they were tuberculosis. She was about forty- prior to the beginning of the rainy season. Thus the tax of 1902 will be spent without any improvement whatever on the general condition of the roads. The same was the case last year, the year before and so on.

The condition of the public highways in the country districts will necessarily be poor for years to come, under the present system, or any other, would like it if it were not your own. unless the state comes to the aid of country districts in road construction

and maintenance. To put the roads of a township like sive. Potter in such condition as to close the mouths of the chronic road grumbler many instances the person who comroads and other surroundings, would be the first to complain of even taking entrance. the initial step toward building good roads, if the money to be applied was

Every citizen should be interested best possible manner, and when called his own most important work. By carefully applying the cash tax and labor, supervisors will be performing their duty, and leave no reason for just complaint under the present road laws.

LOCALS.

Mrs. Maggie Allison, of Howard, was the guest of friends in Centre Hall last

The Huntingdon Reformatory has four hundred and ninety-seven in-

The Reporter is indebted to Miss Mabel Arney for a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas. Pretty, indeed.

night recently and dropped mail, that the crop is cut. can be had on application.

Leona Barner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barner, north of Loganton, he went to Colyer to visit his brother died Monday morning of cholera in- Amos Lee, and other relatives. He fantum, aged one year and eight was accompanied by his daughter Miss

F. M. Pletcher, of Blanchard, in company with A. A. Pletcher, of Nit-Before taking up his residence in tany, "did" Penns Valley last week. Jersey Shore junction he resided in Both are representatives of school book Bellefonte. His remains were taken to publishers, and candidly, honestly and Watsontown Saturday for interment. thoroughly present their cause to directors.

Cyrus Luse, wife and grandson Paul are making their annual tour among Mrs. Gregg has much improved. that he had spent four of the happiest European language, in this country, Musser, the junior member of the firm. James Krape, occurred after a brief ill- friends in Centre county. Mr. Luse is ness due to paralysis, early Monday a resident of Tyrone, but never fails to morning at her home at Spring Mills, come to Penns Valley every August, where she had lived for twenty years. where he receives a royal welcome

> deferred rebuilding his house, which a with very fair chances for promotion. year or more ago was destroyed by fire, on account of the high price and scarcity of lumber. That may be thought a peculiar condition about Potters Mills, but it is a fact.

Miss Sarah, Monday went to Mifflin Charlie, as he was familiarly called, Prior to taking up their residence at county, where they will remain a short bears a strong resemblance to his Spring Mills the couple lived at Pine time before returning to their Phila- father. delphia home. While in Centre Hall Dr. Radcliffe examined the eyes of tion engines gives notice to road supermany patients who insisted on him de-W. A. Odenkirk had charge of the voting part of his vacation for their dition and thus avoid accidents, delays

torf, of Yeagertown, is spending a provision should be made so that short time with relatives in and about their progress is not retarded by un-Andrew Ruhl, of Buffalo Cross Roads, Colyer, and was also a caller at this ofis visiting in Centre Hall, her former fice. Mr. Bottorf handles an electric crane with a lifting capacity of fifteen | College is causing considerable discus-The Pennsylvania railroad compatons, at the Burnham Steel works, and sion. There appears to be a great vany has decided that all steps on coach- has been in the services of that compa- riation of opinion just where Schwab's

B. E. Spangler and wife, of Chicago, week's stay with Mr. Spangler's father suitable spot, from every point of view. will go to Howard, the fo.mer home gift. of Mrs. Spangler, whose maiden name An important case was argued before doctrines of the Heidelberg Catechism ant to do more than merely scratch this season has added a new straw church, at Tusseyville, will hold a Wister. Mr. Spangler is engaged says the Daily News, involving a judgpicnic Saturday, August 30, on Zion with a large factory which daily ment of \$3,000 growing out of a part-1614, before the pilgrims landed on perfect showing would serve to move derfully. There is no such thing as a Hill. All Sunday schools and others turns out a large number of eigar boxes nership between D. H. Hastings and Harvey Burd and wife, says the Mif- in surfaced logs from Cuba and Mexico. years ago. Thomas B. Harned and grop, as was the case with the old style flinburg Times, of Rebersburg, who Mr. Spangler speaks highly of Chica- Clement Dale represented the John W. stopped off for a brief visit with jewel- go as a money making city, but says Cooke interest while Ellis L. Orvis er Leitzell and family on their return the municipal improvements are not and Wilbur F. Reeder represented D. from Philadelphia, went home Wed- keeping up with the city's miraculous H. Hastings' interest. The judge re-

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Miss Velma Simkins, of Lansdown, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. H.

Mrs. Calvin M. Bower departed last week for an extended visit to friends in St. Joseph, Mo.

Miss Emma Hoffer, of Philadelphia, was among friends in Centre Hall and Bellefonte last week.

The Centre county Veteran's Association will hold their annual reunion at Hecla Park, Sept. 6. The threshing season has opened.

Wheat is yielding very well to the straw and fairly well to the acre. Take a peep at the front of your Hoffer street lot and see how you

A village campmeeting will be held in the United Evangelical church, Linden Hall, September 24-28, inclu-

Saturday, 30th inst., a festival will he held on the lawn of the Lutheran church. Proceeds will be used to build a walk in front of the church.

One night last week burglars made an attempt to break into Holmes & Co's. store, at State College, but were discovered before they gained an

Hon. George B. Orlady, of Huntingdon, one of the superior court judges, was in town Saturday to pay his re spects to his uncles, J. Shannon and

Capt. George M. Boal. There are rumors of an electric railway from Milroy to Reedsville to be constructed by capitalists of the former place. This would be a great con-

venience for the Milroy people. A brick that fell two stories struck Will Kennedy, a carpenter of State College, on the head with such force as to break the brick into several pieces, and severely cut the man's

head. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dalby and daughter Lillie, Miss Margaret Dalby, of Reedsville; James Dalby, wife and children, Esther, Ruth and James, of Latrobe, spent Sunday at the home of D. C. Keller, east of Centre Hall.

There will be great quantities of secau crop may to make in this section In many instances the second crop of hay will be greater in bulk than the George Meiss, of Colyer, reports that first, and the quality superior, especisome one visited his peach orchard at ally if good hay weather prevails when

Alfred Lee, of Vilkesbarre, Monday came to Centre Hall, from which place Bessie. Mr. Lee had a severe paralytic stroke last spring which disabled him greatly.

Mrs. James Gregg, of Milesburg, for the past two weeks has been ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shadle, at Porterwood, West Virginia, Her husband was telegraphed for last week, and went to the bedside of his wife as soon as possible. From last reports

Miss A. Blanche Tressler, daughter of Isaac Tressler, of Pine Grove Mills, a graduate of the Central College of Busines and Shorthand, Kansas City, Mo., since leaving that institution has J. B. Harper, of Potters Mills, was a secured a very desirable position with caller Monday, and states that he has Barrett Grain Co., of Kansas City, Mo.,

The Lock Haven Democrat says, Dr. Charles Leitzell, of Cedarville, Ill., is circulating among former friends here. Dr. Leitzell is the son of Dr. J. B. Leitzell, who for many years prac-Dr. Radeliffe, wife and daughter, ticed medicine at Salona, this county.

The shrill whistle of the steam tracand law suits. These heavy traction John W. Bottorf, son of C. A. Bot- engines have become a necessity, and

The location of the chapel at State gift should be located. There is a right and wrong location, and great came to Centre Hall Monday for a care should be taken to select the most W. W. Spangler, after which they upon which to erect this magnificent

was Mary Wister, a daughter of Geo. Judge Beil Wednesday, of last week made largely of wood that is imported | the late John W. Cooke some twenty