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## CENTRE HALL

John and Bill Depart from Politics for a Season.

Bill: Hello.  
John: Ta, ta! What are you pucker-ing your mouth about?  
Bill: Centre Hall!  
John: Centre Hall! What about it?  
Bill: Centre Hall is all right; it is all right in all respects; the claim is made without boasting. Centre Hall is a first class town.  
John: Good class of people, eh?  
Bill: There is not a town in Uncle Sam's kingdom that has a larger per cent. of residents who own and occupy their own homes, or have prettier homes.

John: The town has a reputation away from home. I mean a creditable reputation—a reputation for cleanliness, comfortable homes, and everything in good order, speaking in a general or definite way.

Bill: The town has a good school building, good school teachers; good churches, and good preachers, too.

John: That's true. A man with a family, that is if he is a man of any intelligence whatever, will avoid moving into a community where there is no sentiment for education.

Bill: You think education becomes epidemic in a community.

John: Indeed, it does. The sentiment for education in every community ought to be cultivated. It will grow under proper care, and where it is left to itself it will become dwarfed. Is your school tax heavy, Bill?

Bill: Not more than might be expected. But the borough is free of debt, and the tax rate can be lowered next year.

John: A borough the size of Centre Hall to be without a school debt is, indeed, remarkable. What will the tax be next year?

Bill: The last bond was paid a few weeks ago. The tax rate next year ought not to be over six and one-half mills.

John: Remarkably low.

Bill: The people of Centre Hall are industrious and sober.

John: That's good. The moral tone of a community has much to do with fashioning the future generations. How about your local improvements?

Bill: Do you mean water, walks, streets, light, etc.?

John: Exactly.

Bill: Water! Centre Hall is fixed all right in that respect. The plant is not altogether complete, but there is plenty of water for all purposes and for power. You will need to travel great way until you find a town that is as well laid in walks as this borough. You only appreciate walks when you go to some town that does not have them. It is the same with the street lights.

John: Of course, these luxuries add to the cost of living.

Bill: Yes, but who would be willing to dispense with the side walks or street lights, or swap the water plant on wells and cisterns? No one is fattening, or even profiting, from these improvements. They cost the people the actual cost of maintaining them; nothing more.

John: Your town would be a good point for small industries, wouldn't it?

Bill: It certainly would. People own their own homes here, as was said before, and such people can always be relied upon to do right by their employers. The country surrounding town is abundantly able to support a large population, which lessens the cost of living and permits the laborer to make profit at a lower rate of wages than is required in centers of population.

John: Your argument is good. Small manufacturing establishments could find no better location than Centre Hall.

## LOCALS.

Mrs. J. A. Aikens, of Bellefonte, was the guest of Mrs. Mary Odenkirk over Sunday.

The First Lutheran Church of Johnstown dedicated its new \$65,000 house of worship.

J. Nevin Moyer, wife and little daughter Emma, of Rebersburg, were in town Saturday, the guests of Mrs. D. J. Meyer.

Mrs. Rhone, wife of Hon. L. Rhone, of this place, and daughter, Miss May, were in Philadelphia several days last week to do shopping.

Those who have corn to sell during the coming year will, without a doubt, receive good prices. Corn in the western markets is quoted high.

Assistant postmaster C. W. Slack returned from his hunting expedition in the Seven Mountains Saturday evening, having killed the second deer the Bradford party has to its credit.

President of Pennsylvania State College Dr. George W. Atherton, within a short time, will make another trip to the old world, and will cruise through the Mediterranean.

Catholic clergymen in New York advocate the building of the most magnificent house of worship in the world in the hope that the Pope will remove the Holy See from Rome to New York.

The application for the organization of the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank, of Tyrone, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency at Washington, D. C. Capital, \$50,000. Those interested in the organization are Frank M. Waring, E. J. Pruner, W. D. Metcalf, Jr., William Fuoss, F. W. Arcey, G. W. Strong, F. R. Waring, James G. Fisher and J. C. McConahy.

## AN ACCIDENTAL SHOT.

Joseph Strunk Accidentally Shoots His Daughter at Home in Porter Township.

"Papa you shot me!" Such were the words that startled Joseph Strunk Saturday morning at his home in Porter township, Clinton county. The words came from his daughter, Ethel, who is nine years old.

Mr. Strunk had gone to his writing desk to get a revolver, which two years ago had failed to work properly, and which had not been used since. As he turned round in leaving the writing desk he struck the revolver against something. The weapon was discharged. The ball struck his daughter Ethel, who was standing a short distance away washing dishes, in the chest near the right shoulder.

Dr. Painter was summoned. After making an examination, he made an incision in her back and took the bullet out. The ball had passed clear through the child's body. Fortunately, it did not strike a vital spot.

The wound itself is not serious, but as the ball has been in the revolver at least two years, it may be more or less corroded, which causes apprehension that blood poisoning may develop.

## Scored the Stomach.

Dr. Horace F. Livingood in an address before the Berks county teachers institute scored the teachers of that county for their slovenly appearance in the school room. Dr. Livingood said: "I am in favor of discharging the school teacher who is neglectful of his personal appearance during professional hours. Some teachers look as though they had not taken a bath for a week. Some affect paper collars that are much the worse for wear. Others cling to linen that frequent trips to the wash tub have carried past the point of respectability."

A resolution was adopted urging the Assemblymen of the district to enact a law requiring a standard of qualification for school directors and recommending that teachers be employed upon merit only, "without reference to political, sectarian or other considerations."

## Needs Surgical Aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Crawford have come to the conclusion that it is necessary to take their little son, Alfred, to a hospital on account of an affection of the throat. The lad has suffered more or less for several years from an enlargement of glands, which of late has interfered with proper breathing and partaking of food. If an operation is performed it will be of a peculiar and delicate nature. A Baltimore institution will be visited.

## \$1,000,000 Theatre.

Keith's new theatre, on Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, the finest of the kind in the city, cost fully a round million dollars. It puts out of the race all competitors for grandeur and size. The attractions there will be advertised regularly in the Reporter, and the readers who spend a night in Philadelphia will always find first-class entertainment at either the Bijou or Keith's Chestnut Street theatre.

## LOCALS.

C. W. Swartz gives the Reporter readers a new advertisement to look over this week. You will find something there of interest to you.

Andrew Reber, of Ramey, Clearfield county, was shot and instantly killed Tuesday evening while playing with a boy who carried a loaded shotgun.

George O. Benner is doing considerable produce shipping, also apples, potatoes, etc. He is ready to exchange goods, or pay cash, for all kinds of farm products.

The protracted meeting at Tusseyville under the direction of Rev. J. F. Shultz is still in progress. Great interest is manifested, and a number of conversions have been made.

S. S. Gockley, of Danver, Lancaster county, a jolly, German cattle dealer, Tuesday morning shipped a car load of cows from this station. D. J. Meyer assisted in making the purchases.

Forest fires, supposed to be the work of 'coon-hunters, are raging on both branches of the Blue Mountains, in Milford county, destroying many acres of young chestnut cultivated for stove making.

John D. Meyer, of Bellefonte; A. Merrill Allison, of Centre Hall; J. Frank Meyer, of the University of Pennsylvania, and J. S. Meyer, Esq., of Penn Hall, went to Alexandria Wednesday to attend the funeral of Miss Walker, which takes place today (Thursday).

The Misses Jane and Mary Potter, west of Centre Hall, were in Philadelphia for two weeks or more, returning the beginning of this week. Miss Jane underwent an operation at the Willis Eye and Ear Hospital, of which institution Dr. Radcliffe is head surgeon, for an affection of the eye.

## Disposition of Soft Corn.

Much of the corn that is being husked is of a poor quality, especially that husked from late planting. The ears, in some cases, are not well filled with grains, and in many cases the cob is entirely bare. Of course, the corn is also soft. The best disposition to be made of such corn is to chop it into pieces and feed it to cattle old enough to properly masticate it. Hogs improve little on immature corn, owing to the fact that the nutriment that ordinarily ought to be in the grains remains in the cob which cob is refused by the hog but eaten by cattle. This argument is proven by chemical analysis and tests conducted with the closest observations. There is only one other disposition of the immature corn stalk and its product that is more economical, and that is the feeding of the whole stalks to cattle, having first been properly cut and placed in a silo.

## LOCALS.

Prices of pork will rule high with corn worth fifty cents.

Charley Arney had the good fortune to kill a large wild turkey Monday.

The Reporter has the manhood to give credit when it reprints from local exchanges.

Coal production is daily 70,000 tons short of the normal figures for this time of year.

Philip Saul, a type of the industrious German, was a caller the other morning to advance his label on the Reporter.

Save your wife the hard work of washing and ironing your shirts, cuffs and collars by sending them to the laundry.

Rev. J. M. Rearick attended the Northern Conference of the Lutheran church at Salona, which closed Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Boal, after spending several months in France, Saturday returned to their country home in Boalsburg.

Advertisements in the Reporter reach a large majority of Pennsylvania consumers, that is what makes it a valuable advertising medium.

Mrs. James Gregg is spending a few weeks with her sister Mrs. Porter Odenkirk before going to Phillipsburg, where she will join her husband.

Mrs. Rebecca Sparr, who has a number of good investments in and about Centre Hall, has been the guest of Mrs. Maggie Harper for the past few days.

Joseph C. Brehman, of Lewistown, was Tuesday appointed by Governor Stone Associate Judge of Milford county, vice W. P. Mendenhall, deceased.

The unusually fine late pasture is of great value to dairymen. Butter is well up in price, too, which ought to cause the cow to receive special attention.

Robert H. Bension, son of Captain H. S. Bension, of Abdera, and Miss Mabel Bessie Yearick, daughter of C. E. Yearick, of Walker, will be married next Thursday.

C. P. Long, one of the energetic Spring Mills merchants, this week advertises a new line of goods. Mr. Long wishes to clean up stock to make room for the holiday trade.

Prof. George P. Bible, of Philadelphia, formerly principal of the Stroudsburg Normal School, is one of the lecturers before the Huntingdon county teachers' institute in session this week.

Do not fail to attend an evening of pleasure and profit in the Presbyterian church, Centre Hall, Saturday evening, November 22. Fine music and a gifted elocutionist. Admission ten cents.

Wm. S. Furst, son of ex-Judge A. O. Furst, of Bellefonte, and Miss Mary Watson Shantz, of Williamsport, were married in the Presbyterian church, Williamsport, Wednesday evening of last week. The affair was quite fashionable.

Grain dealers are offering fifty cents for new corn, and up to the present time have been able to buy but a very limited quantity. Foreman & Smith will be obliged, so they think, to get a car load of ear corn from the west.

Dr. C. S. Musser, of Aaronsburg, stopped in Centre Hall for a short time Tuesday on his way home from Bellefonte, and made several professional and social calls. Dr. Musser is one of the most skilled surgeons in Central Pennsylvania.

Andrew B. Curns, son of William J. Curns, the boy who was accidentally shot at the school house at Caldwell, Clinton county, October 15, died in the hospital Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. It will be remembered that Andrew in picking up his gun at the school house steps struck the trigger against something, which discharged the gun. The side of his head was shot away. With this terrible wound in his head the boy lived nearly a month. He was fifteen years old in June.

## POMONA GRANGE MEETS

At Milledburg, Friday, November 21—The Program.

Centre county Pomona Grange, No. 13, will hold its fourth quarterly meeting in hall of Bald Eagle Grange, Friday, Nov. 21st, 10 a. m. All fourth degree members are invited. All fire insurance directors are requested to be present.

Fifth degree will be conferred in the afternoon.

Address of welcome—Bald Eagle Grange.

Response—Progress Grange.

Discussion: "Should the Pomona Grange hold a series of special private grange meetings during the winter to assist the local granges?" To be opened by Col. James F. Weaver, of Bald Eagle Grange.

Recitation, by Mrs. John Dale, Logan Grange.

1:30 p. m.—Conferring of degree.

Report of Grange Fire Insurance Co.

Report of Grange Encampment and Exhibition.

Recitation—Miss Florence Marshall, Benner Grange.

Report of Committees.

Discussions: "Should the National and State Agricultural Department be controlled by farmers?" "Would it pay the farmer better to raise grass and sell hay instead of growing and selling wheat?" To be opened by James Gilliland, Victor Grange.

"Where can the grange secure suitable books giving instruction in management of literary entertainments, recitations, drills, marches, plays, etc.?" Miscellaneous business.

## LOCALS.

Visit the public schools.

Stop at the Haag Hotel when in Bellefonte.

Hoover Dalby moved to Lewistown, where he has secured work.

Rev. W. H. Schuyler on Monday attended an adjourned meeting of Presbytery in Tyrone.

Samuel Durst, at Earlytown, will make sale of farm stock and implements March 17.

The steam heat company in Bellefonte has advanced the price for heating just forty per cent.

The Misses Bayard and Bert Bayard, of Bellefonte, were guests of the Misses Rhone, Sunday.

How about the local institutes? They are of great importance and should be looked forward to with pleasure by all school teachers.

William H. Wagner, conductor of the local freight on the Milroy branch of the P. & E. railroad, was killed at the crossing below Lewistown Junction.

The burns received by Howard Bricker, of Boalsburg, recently are healing. He poured coal oil on live coals in a stove, and an explosion followed.

Mrs. Rhoads, wife of Rev. W. W. Rhoads, of Idaville, Pa., arrived in Centre Hall Wednesday forenoon, and is stopping with Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Shultz.

Messrs. Ole D. Stover, John Stump and F. E. Arney are proud of the appearance of Mrs. Myra Kerr's house since it has been repainted. The home is much improved.

Foreman & Smith the beginning of this week shipped a car load of potatoes from the Centre Hall station. Forty cents was the price paid. Scarcity of cars has hindered shipping to a considerable extent.

Mrs. George Jack and daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Armstrong, of Rushville, Nebraska, returned to their home after spending some weeks at their former home in Boalsburg and other points in Centre county.

Mrs. J. O. Deininger will be accompanied to New Bloomfield by her son, C. F. Deininger who came here Saturday from Pittsburg. Mrs. Deininger will stay with her daughter, Mrs. Stuart, at that place, for some time.

The wintry days come on apace, and the anthracite supply in New York and cities of that region remains inadequate. The situation produced an apprehension that is an added worry to the list. In Canada machinery has finally been devised that successfully dries the peat of the central provinces, and this is asserted to be a substantial substitute. Soft coal and oil, with the costlier electricity, may figure largely in the fuel bills of the winter.

Wood! wood!! Would that every one would have wood to burn. In a wooded country like this it would be thought that wood would be cheaper than would coal, and that people would be very willing to burn wood, but you would be very much surprised to find the complaints going up from the wood-pile by the wood-chopper who would much rather be sitting by a wood fire than cutting wood. Would it be possible to dispense with coal? It would not.

## DEATHS.

### SIMON WARD.

Baileyville lost a prominent citizen in the death of Simon Ward, which occurred Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Ward, several weeks previous to his death, cut his leg above the knee with an axe, and never fully recovered from the shock.

### ELIZABETH WALKER.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart Walker, of Alexandria, Huntingdon county, died Monday morning about one o'clock, from the direct effects of spinal meningitis, she having been afflicted with spinal trouble since childhood.

Miss Walker was a most estimable young lady, being cultured and refined to the highest degree. She was librarian of the Alexandria Memorial Library at Alexandria, and had a host of friends who sorrowfully mourn her untimely death. Miss Walker for several summers visited at the home of J. S. Meyer, Esq., near Penn Hall, and her many friends in this valley will miss her from her annual visit.

### JOHN WEAVER.

John Weaver, an aged and highly respected citizen of Lock Haven, died Sunday night. He is survived by his wife and two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Straw, of Julian, and Mrs. Levi Conser, of Logantown; one brother, Jacob Weaver, of Fresno City, California, and children as follows: Mrs. A. J. Lynn, New Brighton, Ohio; Mrs. A. B. Kelley, Hughesville; Mrs. R. W. Love, of Lock Haven, and William J., of Reynoldsville. Mr. Weaver was born February 15th, 1825, in Centre county.

For twenty-one years he taught school and afterwards became a millwright and followed that occupation until a few years ago when his health began to fail.

### JOHN RIPKA.

The venerable John Ripka passed away at his home in Pine Grove Mills, on Monday afternoon, of last week, says the Watchman, after a lingering illness with heart trouble and diabetes. Having been born in Gregg township, August 16, 1825, he was one of the "landmarks" of that vicinity and was known to everyone as "Pap" Ripka, so familiar a figure was he to all. Of German extraction he was frugal in his habits, honest and industrious. Early in his life he associated himself with the Reformed church and was steadfast unto death.

Surviving him are his widow and two of their three children: Mrs. John Fagan, of Altoona, and Sarah, at home. The son, Willis died about a year ago. His brothers and sisters living are Jacob, of Centre Hall; William and Benjamin, of Spring Mills; George, of South Dakota, and Mrs. Catharine Breon, of Centre Hall.

### Fallon's Majority, 1956.

The Return Judges for the 34th Senatorial District met in Bellefonte Tuesday and polled the vote of the District. The result was:

Alexander E. Patton	14283
William C. Heinle	12416
J. Zeigler	764

Making a majority for Mr. Patton over Mr. Heinle of 1956. The Return Judges were George J. Bleckford, Clearfield county; Ed. A. Smith, Clinton county, and George W. Rees, Centre county.

### Another Trust.

An axe and tool trust will be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey and the combination will begin operations under the name of the International Axe and Tool company, January 1, 1903, with a capital of \$42,000,000. The purpose of the company is to control the axe and tool business of America. There will be twenty-seven companies in the new combination—comprising the leading firms in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Connecticut, Maine, Alabama, Kentucky, and the provinces of Ontario. This, of course, includes the factories of the A. A. & T. Co. at Mill Hall and Lewistown; also the Mann Edge Tool company and the factory of James H. Mann, at Lewistown.

### Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre.

Manager Keith puts forward for the first week of vaudeville in his new Chestnut street theatre, full particulars of which is printed elsewhere, one of the best vaudeville programs ever offered in Philadelphia. It is notable for the number of "headline" attractions that have met with conspicuous success in other cities, and likewise for the unusual number of new-comers, the most conspicuous in this latter respect being the famous Fadetta Woman's Orchestra, the most notable organization of female musicians in the world, on the authority of the musical critics of the entire Boston press and other of the big cities. This orchestra is directed by Caroline H. Nichols, who has frequently been called "the female Sousa," and its programs include selections from popular operas, marches, pieces from the strings, etc.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Clean up about your premises. Attention is called to the legal advertising matter in the Reporter.

It is surprising how many people knew how the election would terminate.

Don't be afraid to give your news items to the Reporter. They will always be published and will be appreciated.

Torence Shearer, well-known to many of the Reporter readers, was elected Sheriff of Clinton county on the Republican ticket.

Unusually fine weather all of last week except a bit of rain Wednesday night. November so far has been exceptionally pleasant.

John Durner and Miss Susan Wilson, of Boalsburg, will be married to-night (Thursday) at the Reformed parsonage in Boalsburg, by Rev. A. A. Black.

The corner stone of the new Methodist Episcopal church at Yesgertown was laid last Sunday afternoon. Rev. G. W. Stevens had charge of the services.

Frank Arney was "hot under the collar" the other morning when he discovered that some scoundrel had stolen about forty heads of cabbage from his garden.

The board of health and the school board of Bellefonte are at variance—the board of health says all school children must be vaccinated, and the school board says "no need of it."

The market reports on the inside pages of the Reporter are prepared with great care. The quotations of the Philadelphia and New York markets are as correct as those found in any of the city dailies.

Rev. S. S. Bergen has resigned as pastor of the West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian church at Bellefonte, after serving the charge for fourteen years, to accept a pastorate at Petersburg, Huntingdon county.

Jurors and others who propose attending November court, will find the Haag Hotel, F. A. Newcomer, proprietor, just the place to stop. Good accommodations and good table boarding will always be found at that house.

J. Victor Royer, of Spring Mills, has been appointed to take charge of the Port Matilda circuit of the M. E. Church, he will serve the unexpired term of Rev. Latschaw, who has been compelled to leave on account of his health.

George Geringer will become tenant on George Durst's farm, east of Centre Hall, which will be vacated by his son Howard, after April 1st, next. Mr. Geringer is a first-class farmer, and has lived a long time on the farm he now occupies, which is owned by Benjamin Kaufman.

J. Frank Rearick, of Spring Mills, piped and wired the new dwelling house of Dr. George Lee, and put in the necessary fixtures to install an acetylene gas plant. The plant will have an electric ignition attachment, which makes Porter & Sober plants as convenient as an electric plant.

West Virginia is becoming a favorite section for cattle buyers from this county to go to buy beef cattle. Up to a few years ago this class of stock was all, or nearly all, bought in the western counties or Ohio. The Virginia cattle are developed almost entirely on natural pasture.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Homan, of Altoona, were in town for a few days this week, on their return from Aaronsburg where they visited Mr. Homan's sister. Mr. Homan has been doing carpenter work at Oak Hall for B. Frank Homan, who had his house repaired to a considerable extent.

Miss Gertrude Spangler, daughter of W. W. Spangler, of this place, Thursday of last week, started for Chicago, where she will remain for the winter. Miss Spangler has two brothers living in Chicago with whom she will stay.

H. A. Garbrick, of the firm of Garbrick Bros., machinists, of Bellefonte, was a pleasant caller Tuesday, having made a trip to Penns Valley on business.

Superintendent of Public Schools Gramley was in town Friday and visited the schools of the borough in company with the writer. Mr. Gramley commented very favorably on the condition in which he found the schools. He inquired very definitely as to the attendance of scholars who come under the compulsory school law, and it will be well for parents who are negligent in encouraging their children to attend school regularly, to give the matter their particular attention. Neglect to comply with this particular portion of the school law could cost the district its State appropriation. It is therefore the concern of every taxpayer whether or not children attend school every day.