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LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION.

Body Meet in Centre Hall Monday and Tuesday.

The eighth annual convention of the Central District Luther League met in the Lutheran church, Centre Hall Monday evening. This body covers the counties of Union, Clinton and Centre. The convention failed to meet during the two years just passed, which makes this a gathering of particular interest.

The Monday afternoon session was dispensed with the first session held being in the evening. At this session the principal speaker was Rev. C. L. McConnell, of Millinburg. His subject was "The Lutheran Church and Her Young People." The Lutheran in this synod knows that when Rev. McConnell speaks, he has something of interest for his hearers, and his talk Monday evening was no exception to the rule. After speaking of the origin, the name, the method, the faith of the church, the speaker took up the second part of his subject, her young people. The one object of the Lutheran League is instruction—entertainment has no part in it, said Rev. McConnell. He spoke at some length of the style of music used in the average League, Sunday-School and Lutheran church choir. It can easily be guessed that a man as thoroughly, intensely Lutheran as the speaker would advocate the use of sacred hymns in religious services and the omission of the "jingo" style of music. As a consequence the doxology was sung for the first time in the Lutheran church at Centre Hall for a year or more.

The session Tuesday morning was along the lines of the program.

In the absence of Rev. J. I. Stonecypher, the topic "Wherein does the success of the young people's societies consist?" was discussed by Rev. McConnell. His talk was followed by a general discussion.

The second topic discussed was "How can prayer be introduced into young people's societies?" The first speaker was Rev. B. B. Uhl, of Salona, who rightly contended that when the Lutheran is properly catechized he is taught to pray.

Dr. Hasskarl devoted some time to pointing out the ridiculous features of prayers made by those termed "the good, praying brother."

"The proper place and work for women in our young people's societies" was the topic ably discussed by Dr. G. C. H. Hasskarl, of Loganton. He defined the position of the Lutheran church on the subject by saying that a woman is permitted to perform all functions delegated to the male except to fill the office of the ministry and dispense the sacraments.

The meetings Tuesday afternoon and evening were of particular interest, although the principal speakers were substitutes for those on the program.

A lack of space forbids giving outlines of the various addresses, but the omission of the names of the delegates present, the officers for the ensuing year, the delegates elected to the national and state conventions, committees, etc., is due to repeated futile efforts to secure the same from the officers. This explanation is indulged in because it is the custom of the Reporter to give full accounts of such gatherings.

The place selected for next year's convention is Rebersburg. The present chairman, Rev. D. E. Rupley, of Lock Haven, was re-elected.

LOCALS.

Dr. W. H. Schuyler, Thursday of last week attended the funeral of Miss Jennie Barber, at Millinburg.

Adams county has a school teacher named John M. Wolf, aged seventy-one years, who has taught school fifty-six years.

Bessie King, daughter of Landlord King of the Musser House, Millheim, for the past week has been the guest of Edna Robinson.

Joel Kerstetter and sons Cleve and Sumner, of Laurelton, came up to cut the wheat crop on the Station farm, where they lived last year.

L. C. Pierce, the new manager for the Wrought Iron Range Company, has added several new men and teams to his working force at this point.

Haymaking, which was unusually late, is about over, and the greater part of the wheat will have been cut by the time this item is read by the rural subscribers.

Every issue of the Pittsburg Sunday Dispatch contains special articles that appeal to the reading public. The Dispatch, in all its departments, week days and Sundays, furnishes an abundance of the choicest reading matter.

The Huntingdon Monitor, after suspending publication for five months, is being issued again. The editor and manager is J. C. Dimm, whose first edition is of such a character that should invite the united support of the Democratic contingent of Huntingdon county's population.

LOCALS.

A little daughter of Arthur Kimport, of Linden Hall, is ill of typhoid fever.

Ex-Sheriff Spangler, last week, attended the funeral of Mrs. Spangler, wife of his brother, George Spangler, at New Berlin.

Mrs. J. E. Hoy, of Philadelphia, Friday came to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mingle, in this place, where she will spend several weeks.

The United Evangelical Church, of Spring Mills, will hold a festival Saturday evening, July 30, at that place. All are invited to attend. The funds will be used to liquidate the church debt.

Dr. J. Y. Dale and son, Dr. David Dale, of Lemont, were in town Monday night. The latter just completed a course in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, but as yet has not selected a location.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rearick, of Millroy, returned safely from a visit to the World's Fair, Chicago, and other western cities. Beginning of this week they came to Centre Hall, and took home with them their children who were left among friends here during their trip west.

A Michigan editor won a lawsuit against a man who had taken his paper for eleven years and refused to settle because, he said, he had never subscribed. The Michigan man is now firm in the belief that the Lord and the law are on the side of the country editor.

H. D. Rossman, of Spring Mills, in another column, advertises the Sharpless Tubular Separator which has many features that commend it to the public. Mr. Rossman will be pleased to come in contact with any one in need of a separator in order that he may be able to show the merits of the machine.

Millheim.

"Danny" Koch, of Sunbury, spent Sunday in town.

Landlord S. R. King drove to Centre Hall Sunday.

"Wesley" Meyer spent Sunday at his home at Boalsburg.

The slaters have begun putting the roof on the new house of A. A. Frank. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gentzell, of Pleasant Gap, spent Sunday in this place.

Sidney Reish and family, of Spring Mills, were visitors with relatives in town Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Bright, of Topeka, Kansas, was the guest of F. O. Hosterman last Thursday.

Miss Winkleman, of Nittany Valley, was a visitor at the home of J. H. B. Hartman, a few days last week.

Mrs. J. W. Stover, who had been on a week's visit among friends in Williamsport and other eastern towns, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. S. R. King left last week for Atlantic City, where she expects to spend about ten days enjoying the attractions incident to resorts of that kind.

Harry Coll, in company with his wife and one of his little children, drove to Oak Grove Monday on business, having loaded his wagon with cigars manufactured at his factory in this place.

The dog that bit photographer W. W. Smith, about two weeks ago, the wound of which turned out to be quite serious, was, by order of Mr. Smith, purchased for a dollar, by high constable Frank Colyer, and killed.

About ten dollars was realized at the pink social held here on Saturday evening, by the ladies of the Reformed church. The Aaronsburg band furnished the music for the occasion, and rendered some fine selections.

In rubbing its head while standing in the stable, one of the beautiful sorrel horses belonging to S. R. King, came in contact with a protruding nail, tearing a gash in the top of its head about three inches long.

Four young fellows from Bellefonte, whose names we did not learn, came down one day last week to work on the water plant; after one day's work they concluded it took too much elbow grease, and threw up the sponge and left for home.

William Kreamer has purchased some of these beautiful Ohio sandstone which he intends putting down along his vacant lot on Penn Street. F. B. Albright will also put down a side walk of the same material, in front of his residence on Main Street.

A rooster belonging to G. B. Stover, evidently having an eye to business, came right up the side walk one day last week and entered the door that leads up to the Journal office. He went up a flight of stairs into the room but finding no one there he went out the back door. As Mr. Stover is a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, it was supposed by every one that Mr. Rooster was after the job to do the crowing for the Journal after the election of Alton B. Parker.

HISTORY OF BOALSBURG.

BY MARGARET NOTHERSBAUGH.

Boalsburg was laid out by Andrew Stroup, of Millin county, December 10, 1810.

His plan was recorded and the plot designated as Springfield, the name being suggested by the large spring in its immediate locality. It was known by this name until 1820, when a post office was established and the name Boalsburg adopted, in honor of David Boal, great-grandfather of Theodore Davis Boal, at that time a much respected and highly influential citizen of the place. He laid out an addition to the town in 1830.

In 1811 there was one house near the site of George Kaup's house, one situated where the Presbyterian church now stands, one near the site of Harrison & Ishler's store, and a tavern that stood where Mrs. Sparr now lives. The tavern was kept by David Boal, who was afterward succeeded as landlord by Jeremiah Culbertson. The building was afterward converted into a store and for a number of years was kept by John Bell.

Among the other early store keepers were Mr. Petrikin, of Bellefonte, and Mr. John Irvin, Sr. In 1818 Col. James Johnston opened a store and the following year erected the substantial building now owned by Mr. Boal and is now known as the Boalsburg Tavern. Another early store keeper was John Jack.

The first school house was built about the time the town was laid out, and stood upon the site of the house now occupied by Miss Lytle and Miss Johnson.

The first teacher was Thomas Evans, who was of Quaker descent, and who, for some reason, was called "Captain."

The project of establishing an academy was originated by Rev. Peter Fisher, Hon. George Boal, Henry Keller and George Jack, and through the efforts of these men, and other liberal citizens of the town and vicinity, the undertaking was successfully accomplished. The money was raised by stock subscriptions of twenty-five dollar shares. The first session was held in an old building on the lot now occupied by Mr. John Jacob's house. In the fall it was moved to the old school house—the site of the present school house—and later its sessions were held in a room in Rev. Peter Fisher's house now occupied by Mrs. Emma Fisher. In 1853 a two-story building was erected, the upper part of which was designed for school purposes, and the lower for a place of worship. The building has since passed into the hands of the Presbyterians.

The first instructor in this institution was Mr. J. G. Austin, and while in his charge the institution was in a prosperous condition, having enrolled during some sessions eighty students. The prosperity of this school was interrupted during the war, a great many of the students enlisting and subsequently entering the army. Mr. James Patterson was in charge of the school at this time, and he received a captain's commission.

Among the other leading teachers who had charge at different times were Mr. Holahan, Mr. George W. Leisher, Theophilus Weaver, Dr. D. M. Wolfe, and Mr. Fleisher. During the last term the attendance averaged twenty-five. The principal in charge was Professor Vonada.

St. John's Reformed church was organized in the year 1822, one of the leading members being Henry Meyer. Meetings were first held in an old school house at Oak Hall. The congregation at this time consisted of twenty to twenty-five members. The first pastor was Rev. Henry Rossman. In 1825 they, with the Lutherans, built a substantial stone church, the corner stone of which was laid June 6, 1825, and was dedicated August 4, 1827, Rev. Henry Gries officiating.

In 1861 the Reformed congregation had grown to a flourishing condition, their interests in the old church were disposed of, and a plot of land was purchased from George Sheneberger. The corner stone of the present building

was laid, August eleventh, 1861, and the church dedicated May eighteenth, 1862. Rev. Charles Leinbach preached the dedicatory sermon. The cost of the building was about seven thousand dollars.

In October 1868, a pipe organ was added at an expense of twenty-two hundred dollars. Its dedication was attended by a sad incident. Mr. Joseph Meyer, who had been mainly instrumental in procuring the organ and defraying the cost, presided as organist, and after the opening hymn had been sung, he dropped dead. The cause of his death was heart disease.

In the month of July, 1873, a severe storm partly unroofed the building but the damage was immediately repaired at an expense of about one thousand dollars.

Two years ago the church was remodelled at an expense of about seven thousand dollars. It was re-dedicated November second, 1902. The present pastor is Rev. A. A. Black.

The Lutheran congregation was formed in the year 1825. They united with the Reformed congregation in building the old stone church, which they continued to use until 1868, when it was torn down and the present brick church erected. The present pastor is Rev. J. I. Stonecypher.

The man most prominently identified with the interests of Boalsburg in former years, and who lived to enjoy the success of his efforts, was David Boal. He was born in Ireland, and in early life emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia. He started at once for the central part of Pennsylvania, and located at what is now Boalsburg. He had one son, Hon. George Boal, who was born in the county of Antrim, Ireland, July sixteenth, 1796, and came with his father to this country in 1798. In 1840, he was elected a member of the Legislature, and from 1846 to 1851, he was associate judge of the county.

He had five sons and four daughters. He died July eighth, 1867.

Among the other early settlers in Boalsburg were William Price and John Wasson. Most of the old residents of Boalsburg still retain within their memory the once well known figure of Barney Riley. He was a native of Ireland, and about 1800 settled in Boalsburg. He at one time taught school in the old school house at Boalsburg. Two of his grand daughters, Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Kreamer, are now living in Boalsburg.

Patrick Mooney, also a native of Ireland, came about the same time as Riley. Robert Potter, at an early date, also came to Boalsburg.

George Sheneberger, a German, and one of the first of that nationality to settle here, bought lots of Stroup, shortly after the laying out of the town. One of his daughters is the wife of David Keller.

The early physicians were Dr. Wolf, Dr. Fahenstock and Dr. Coverly. Dr. Hortleben, an old German physician, having a particular fondness for reckless driving, and who boarded with George Sheneberger, is also remembered.

A military organization, styled the "Spring Creek Phalanx," was formed about seventy years ago. It had some sixty or seventy members, most of them being residents of Boalsburg and vicinity. It was created for the purpose of shielding its members from serving in the militia. The original captain was General Irvin, who afterwards was succeeded by George Boal.

Boalsburg is pleasantly situated in the eastern part of Penn's Valley, near Tussey Mountain.

It is twelve miles from Bellefonte, and within a mile and a half of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Just south of Boalsburg are the renowned Seven Mountains and Bear Meadows.

The appearance of Boalsburg at the present time as compared with its early existence, shows a marked improvement for a village of that class.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stump, of near Millheim, Saturday were guests of friends in Centre Hall.

The most interesting bit of humanity in Centre Hall, just now, is baby Gress—daughter of Rev. Daniel and Mrs. Gress—who came early Sunday morning.

David Burrell, of Spring Mills, was in town Monday. Mr. Burrell is a member of the 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and is anxiously awaiting the publication of the history of that regiment.

B. B. Wilson and family and James M. Clarke and family, of Bellefonte, enjoyed a week's camping and fishing in Greens Valley. Beside the pleasure of camping the party succeeded in landing a fine lot of fish.

LOCALS.

Among the many congenial callers Monday was "Squire" Herring, of Spring Mills, who with his daughter, Mrs. Donahy, of Lewisburg, attended the funeral of Mr. Lohr.

Rev. James Hughes, head of the Bellefonte Academy, made a tour of Penna Valley in the interest of his institution. The academy, it will be remembered, suffered severe loss from fire, but Rev. Hughes assured the writer that all would be in readiness for the fall session. The Bellefonte Academy has a good record to its credit, and if its young men are graduated through college and after graduation it will be found that they are not only successful in college life, but are fitted for the real battle of life upon which so much depends the early training.

THE ROAD QUESTION.

Bellefonte is advocating that Spring and Boggs townships build the road lying between Bellefonte and Milesburg under the new road law, whereby the state pays two-thirds of the cost, and the township and county the remainder in equal shares. It is estimated that the cost per mile will be \$2,000, or \$3,150 for the entire road.

It is remarked that the road, since it lost its "pikehood" has greatly deteriorated, and that the building of the road would be a great benefit to the boroughs of Bellefonte and Milesburg.

This is a repetition of the old story. The kick against poor roads comes mostly from boroughs, towns and cities—from the people who have no part in paying the tax to build roads. The people of Boggs and Spring townships, when they asked to have the pike condemned, virtually decided that they preferred to have a poor road to paying high toll. In this movement—that of reducing toll gates—boroughs and cities usually acquiesce, and once that is accomplished they frequently endeavor to persuade rural districts that it would be to their great advantage to build and maintain, without cost to the city or borough gentleman, a high class road.

Carl Schurz was one of the founders of the Republican party. In the national convention of 1860 he made one of the speeches seconding the nomination of William H. Seward. Like a great many other original Republicans he has long been outside of the party that bears the name of the one that elected Lincoln, and he represents as well as any man who could be named that independent vote which has decided the last four Presidential elections. He has written to Judge Parker:

The principles and opinions you are known to hold as to the currency, imperialism, the tariff and civil service strongly commend themselves to me by way of thinking. But if, as an independent, I ever was doubting for what candidate my duty commanded me to vote, your action on the terms of your nomination has completely solved that doubt.

Presidential elections are determined by the votes of men who cannot be counted upon by any political machine, but who vote according to their consciences, their judgments and the exigencies of the situation. This element will be found mainly on the Democratic side this year.

The Supreme Court has just rendered a decision that not only bears the impress of good law but sound common sense. The court holds that officers in municipalities are not obliged to exercise more than reasonable care in keeping the highways in condition for travel. Judge Potter, who delivered the opinion, said that it was next to impossible to provide absolute safety, and that officers were not expected to keep roads and streets "as smooth as a parlor floor." The position taken by the highest legal tribunal in the state will tend to discourage damage suits, which are increasing at an alarming rate. Townships, boroughs and counties are made defendants in suits for excessive damages upon the flimsiest pretenses, and to the discredit of many county courts and their juries they usually give judgment for the plaintiff.

The Republicans seem to be worrying themselves a good deal more over Judge Parker's letter of acceptance than the Democrats are. The average politician of the grand old party is lost unless he has a finger in somewhere. In his own party Teddy's the whole thing—the party, the candidate, the chairman, the platform—and boss generally, so the party zealot must either go out of business, or devote himself to the Democratic end of the campaign.

Never growl because a newspaper fails to give every scrap of news, so long as you take no pains to give the editor information. Readers are awfully put out at times because no note has been made of the arrival or departure of friends visiting them, or of social affairs, or of the heaven sent babies that visit their homes over night. The average newspaper man isn't a medium nor a mindreader, but gets most of his news the same way the milkman gets his milk—by pumping.

Dr. Warren, the pure food commissioner, has given notice that no more violators of the pure food laws will be permitted to settle by the payment of a fine. This policy has been taken in consequence of the bad faith with which certain parties have acted. After having secured release by paying a fine, they continue to violate the laws the same as before, evidently supposing that they would not be molested again for at least some time.

The wind blows Parkerward. The fact that the New York Herald supports the Democratic candidate is a very significant straw.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Carl and Calvin, sons of John W. Runkle, of Middleburg, are visiting at the home of their uncle, J. W. Runkle, in this place.

Henry E. Davis, of Sunbury, was nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the Sixteenth Congressional district.

The other Saturday morning a fire destroyed the tabernacle and two tents on the Sugar Valley camping grounds, near Boonville.

Daniel Surick, of Lock Haven, while trimming a maple tree was blown to the brick pavement below and killed. His skull was crushed.

Chas. N. Scott, the A. B. C. book man of Williamsport, while at Tyrone recently, had one of his fingers completely severed by a passenger car door striking it.

D. W. Bradford, last week, fell from a load of hay and seriously hurt his leg at the knee. The accident was caused by the trip rope attached to the hay fork breaking, causing him to lose his balance.

Miss Elizabeth Gettig, of Braddock, visited friends in Bellefonte and Potter township. Miss Gettig is a trained nurse, and is favorably known by the many readers of the Reporter, she being a daughter of the late Samuel Gettig, of near Tusseyville.

The Republican conference of the Thirty-first Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Millin, Juniata and Perry, nominated William Henry Manbecke, of Juniata county, the conferees of Millin County voting with those of Juniata.

Robert C. Eldred, of near Mackeyville, was instantly killed by the wheels of a wagon passing over his head and left arm. The man was standing on a load of wheat, when a part of it gave way, drawing the driver to the ground.

At a meeting of the Potter township school board held last week, J. Nevin Moyer, representing the R. L. Moyers Co., secured an adoption of the Edward Weidenheimer mental arithmetics and copybooks. A meeting will be held Saturday to decide on grammars.

Irvin Kerns, son of Jacob Kerns, and Miss Almira Auman, aged fifteen years, daughter of Frank Auman, both of Greenbrier, Penn township, left their homes in clandestine manner and were married in New York. The young couple returned in a few days to ask forgiveness.

John H. Smith, the junior member of the Smith Printing Company, Reedsville, will become a resident of Williamsport after August 8th. His object in changing locations is to secure better educational advantages for his daughter, Miss Margaret, who will enter the Dickinson Seminary.

S. E. Kimpfort, of State College, met with a peculiar accident recently. He was putting ice in the refrigerator of his meat shop when he felt in his foot what he thought was rheumatism. Towards evening the pain increased, whereupon he consulted a physician who told him he had a broken bone in his foot.

The auto that passed through Centre Hall last week was on its return from St. Louis to New York. The main object of the trip was to lay out a route between New York and St. Louis to be followed by auto parties from New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington who expect to run to the Fair for Auto Day, August 10th.

The Millheim Journal makes this reference to a Potter township farmer: A bundle of oats and timothy stalks raised on the farm of James Sweetwood of near Centre Hill, was shown to us on Tuesday that measured in length five feet, nine inches. This shows that Potter township is not always short but is occasionally long on some things.

George W. Koch, east of Centre Hall, made one of his occasional trips to Centre Hall Saturday, and while in town called on the Reporter and "paid up." Mr. Koch is a veteran of the sixties, and the greater part of the time is confined to his home owing to poor eye sight and other physical ailments, but when he comes to town he is always greeted heartily.

In another column will be found a history of Boalsburg written by Miss Margaret Nothernsbaugh. These historical facts were brought out through prizes offered by Theodore Davis Boal for the best history written by any member of the Boalsburg High School. Another of the prize winners was Miss Marion A. Murray, whose historical notes are of no less interest than those here published, and orthographically and grammatically are correct.