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INSECTS COST U. S. \$700,000,000.

## Losses Exceed Entire Expenditure of the National Government.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that the annual loss on farm products in the United States occasioned by destructive insects aggregates \$700,000,000. C. R. Marlatt, assistant entomologist, in charge of experimental field work, has prepared a report shortly to be published, in which he sets out at great length facts to back up the assertion that such an enormous loss is sustained every year.

In no other country in the world, he says, do insects impose a heavier tax on farm products. The losses, it is averred, resulting from the depredations of insects on all the plant products of the soil, both in their growing and stored state, exceed the entire expenditure of the national government, including the pension roll and the maintenance of the army and navy.

The department summarizes the losses on account of the depredations of insects as follows: Cereals, \$200,000,000; hay and forage, \$53,000,000; cotton, \$50,000,000; tobacco, \$5,300,000; truck crops, \$53,000,000; sugarcane, \$5,000,000; fruits, \$57,000,000; farm forests, \$11,000,000; miscellaneous crops, \$5,800,000; animal products, \$175,000,000; natural forests and forest products, \$100,000,000; products in storage, \$100,000,000.

## RURAL DELIVERY ROUTES.

### There Were Thirty Thousand in Operation On April First.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Degraw has made a table showing the number of rural free delivery routes in operation in the United States, the number of petitions pending for the establishment of new routes and the number of petitions for new routes adversely reported upon on April 1st. The same figures have been compiled for every Congressional district in each state. The total number of rural free delivery routes in operation in the United States on April 1st was 29,996, an increase of 5,430 since June 30, 1904. The number of rural free delivery routes in operation in Pennsylvania on April 1st was 1,679, an increase of 247 since June 30, 1904. The total number of petitions pending for the establishment of new routes on April 1st was 155, and the number of petitions for the establishment of the adversely reported during the year up to that date were 454. Since the inauguration of the rural free delivery service there have been 2,228 petitions filed with the postoffice department for the establishment of the service in Pennsylvania.

Harmonious arrangements are in progress between the Governments of the United States and Italy for encouraging Italian immigrants to settle in agricultural portions of the South, where negro labor is becoming scarce. The mild climate, fertile soil and comparatively cheap lands in some of the Southern States present great inducements to industrious Italian settlers. An absurd objection to the movement is made on the alleged tendency of the Latin races to miscegenation. The pretended evidence of this is found in the history of the Spanish and French conquests. But unlike the English settlers and later the Germans, the Spanish conquerors and the French pioneers did not bring their families with them. The Italians who come to stay are accompanied by their families, to whom their attachment is strong, and they are as little given to miscegenation as other races.

Governor Douglas having refused to be a candidate for re-election to the Governorship this year, the Democrats of Massachusetts are some of them considering the propriety of nominating General Miles. It is always an uphill fight to carry Massachusetts away from its steadfast Republican moorings, but success is not unattainable. General Miles has a genius for difficult campaigning. He might pull through. Massachusetts has had several soldier Governors who have well acquitted themselves and she would have a certain state pride in vindicating one of her sons who has not always been able to secure his just deserts at the hands of the Federal Administration.

The selection of Charles J. Bonaparte for Secretary of the Navy does not suit the Maryland Republicans. They assert that Mr. Bonaparte is a Democrat. The Maryland Democrats find pleasure in the displeasure of Republican leaders, but no other source of joy. Mr. Bonaparte has always been a kicking Democrat who would not work in the Gorman traces. He has ability. There is no question of his integrity. He will contribute a brave and bizarre element to the Roosevelt Cabinet.

Too much kicking is apt to injure the toes.

## OF INTEREST TO PATRONS.

### Relation of Subordinate Granges to the County Grange.

The following paper was read by Miss Florence Rhone before the Progress Grange, at a recent session: Worthy Master, the subject assigned me is, "What should be the relation of the subordinate granges to the county grange?"

To intelligently present this matter I must first refer you to the articles of incorporation as to the purposes of the Order. The National Grange of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry was incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Kentucky March 14, 1876, but it was instituted in Washington, D. C., in 1868.

Section 2 of the articles of incorporation states that the object of the corporation hereby created is the promotion of agriculture and other kindred pursuits by inducing cooperation among farmers and those alike interested for their mutual benefit and improvement, and to this end to act as the controlling body of the Order known as the Patrons of Husbandry in the U. S., for the purposes aforesaid. Under this charter were organized four divisions by the Order:

1st, The National Grange, which is the supreme head of the Order.

2nd, State Granges, which sub-divides the Order into as many divisions as there are states in the union, having for their object state control.

3rd, Pomona or County Granges, which according to the constitution of the National Grange, shall have charge of the educational and business interests of the Order and shall encourage, strengthen and aid subordinate Granges under their respective jurisdiction and shall have power to confer the 5th degree, that of Pomona.

4th, Subordinate or local Granges are the organizations through which individual membership is acquired. Under the constitution of the National Grange, which is our basic form of government, the members of a local grange have the right and privilege to become members of the County Grange, under the rules and regulations of the County Granges.

For members to be admitted to membership in the County Grange they must present their application with a fee of one dollar for men and 50 cents for women, to the County Grange, and be balloted for the same as in a local grange.

Membership in a Pomona Grange is perpetual, or during life, on condition that the annual dues of 40 cents a member are annually paid.

It is the duty of the local grange to carry such matters of legislation and business interests that the local grange can not itself control, to the higher divisions of the Order. In business cooperation, such matters as insurance, county fairs and other enterprises too extensive for a local grange to conveniently conduct.

It is also the duty of the local grange to see to it that it is fully represented in the County Grange, by the Masters of their respective granges, otherwise the local grange would fail in its duty of fraternal cooperation with the Pomona or County Grange, as contemplated in the basic structure of the Order.

The constitution of the State Grange provides that subordinate or local granges, shall make quarterly reports to the County Granges and pay such fees and dues as the County Granges may establish by law.

In the Centre County Pomona Grange each subordinate grange shall pay a quarterly due to the County Grange of one cent for each member carried on its roll book and in good standing in the subordinate grange. One of the fundamental principles of our Order is that of cooperation between the different divisions established by our Order.

Every member, therefore, should have the desire not only to do all they can for the promotion of the Order in their respective communities, but to build up the enterprises of the organization, conducted by the higher divisions of the Order.

Patrons may well feel proud of the achievements of the Order in Centre county, and it is the duty of the members of the subordinate granges to do all in their power to encourage and help build up the enterprises of the County Grange, such as our cooperative plan of insurance, the Grange Encampment and Fair, and such other enterprises of the County Grange as are for our mutual encouragement and protection.

## Democratic Ticket Union.

At the Democratic county convention held at Lewisburg the Crawford system was defeated ten to one, and the following ticket was nominated: County commissioner, George W. Walls; county treasurer, R. J. Moyer; register and recorder, James A. Martin; associate judge, W. C. Burns; auditor, W. H. Gehris.

## LOW-RATE TOUR TO DENVER.

### Via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account International Convention Epworth League.

On account of the Epworth League International Convention, to be held in Denver, Col., July 5 to 9, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged a tour to Denver under its Personally-Conducted System. A special train of high-grade Pullman equipment will leave New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Altoona and Pittsburgh on Monday, July 3, arriving at Denver at 12:30 noon on Wednesday, July 5. Tickets covering round-trip transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth) going, and all meals in dining car when traveling on special train, will be sold at the following very low rates: New York, \$63.50; Philadelphia, \$61.75; Baltimore, \$60.00; Washington, \$60.00; Harrisburg, \$59.75; Williamsport, \$59.75; Altoona, \$58.75; and at proportionate rates from other stations.

These tickets will be good for passage to either Denver, Colorado Springs, or Pueblo, and will be good for return passage on regular trains to leave either of the above-mentioned points not later than July 14. Deposit of tickets with Joint Agent at either Denver, Colorado Springs, or Pueblo not later than July 14 and payment of fee of fifty cents secures an extension of return limit to leave either of the above points not later than August 8.

These liberal return limits will enable tourists to take advantage of the many delightful side trips to resorts in the Colorado Mountains, the Yellowstone Park, the Grand Canyon of Arizona, and the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, for which special reduced-rate tickets will be on sale at Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo.

For further information concerning specific rates, stop-over privileges, and returning routes consult ticket agents. A descriptive itinerary will be mailed upon application to George W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

## A Valuable Publication.

The Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has published the 1905 edition of the Summer Excursion Route Book. This is designed to provide the public with descriptive notes of the principal summer resorts of the United States, with the best routes for reaching them, and the rates of fare. It contains all the principal seashore and mountain resorts in New England, the Middle, Southern and Western States, and in Canada, and over seventeen hundred different routes or combinations of routes. The book has been compiled with the greatest care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of summer travel ever offered to the public.

The cover is handsome and striking, printed in colors, and the book contains several maps, presenting the exact routes over which tickets are sold. The book is profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery at the various resorts and along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

This very interesting book may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or, upon application to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa., by mail for twenty cents.

## Dr. D. G. Smith Honored.

At the fifty-first annual convention of the Illinois State Medical Society, Dr. D. G. Smith, of Elizabeth, was elected as one of the five delegates from Illinois to the American Medical Association at Portland, Oregon, in July. This is considered quite an honor as there are only one hundred and sixty delegates in America and the places are usually given to the physicians in the larger cities. Dr. Smith will carry his honors easily and all his friends wish him a pleasant journey when he takes the trip through the west.

The above is taken from the News, published at Elizabeth, Illinois. Dr. Smith is a native of Penn Hall, and is married to Miss Emma Heckman, daughter of Wm. Heckman, deceased, near Centre Hall.

## Asbury Park Booklet.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has just issued an attractive booklet descriptive of Asbury Park. The publication is designed to present the attractions and claims of Asbury Park as a summer seaside resort, and also to announce the reduced rate arrangements on account of the meeting of the National Educational Association, which will be held at Asbury Park July 3 to 7.

Persons desiring information concerning this popular resort may obtain a copy of the booklet by enclosing two cents in postage stamps to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia, Pa.

## A DARING ACT.

### Descended the Oil Well to a Depth of Fifty or More Feet—Discovered Immense Caverns.

A daring feat was performed by one of the drillers, Harry E. Long, at the prospecting well east of town. Contractor Brown has been having all kinds of experiences in sinking the shaft to its present depth of about eighty feet. One of the many obstacles to rapid drilling is the constant caving in of the sides when the stem is lifted, suggesting that the drill had passed through a series of caverns. With the hope of discovering a second Penns Cave, Mr. Long volunteered to be let to the bottom of the well by means of the main rope. The drill and stem, forty feet in length, was first let to the bottom, leaving a depth of forty odd feet to be explored by the man who knows no fear. Attaching an ordinary lantern to his waist, Mr. Long began the descent, hand over hand, on the rope.

Brave as he was, Mr. Long hesitated to continue his journey after having made the descent of the first ten feet, but on being cheered on by his companions who suggested that the trip was not nearly so hazardous as to stand on his head on the topmost point of the derrick, almost one hundred feet in the air, his nerve returned, and the descent was continued.

The trip was an eventful one. Great iron boulders were observed to rock in their sockets by a mere touch of the hand; tons and tons of earth, separated by fissures, seemed to wait only until harm could be done before falling. At a depth of about twenty-five feet a solid wall of rock was encountered. The passage way through this crust of rock was necessarily smaller than the opening above. The men above grew excited because their candle apparently had stopped his descent and the rope remained quiet, but the man below was debating whether he should proceed or return. There was a struggle—the fears of the probable result were cast aside, and down through the narrow opening in the rock went the fearless driller, encouraged by the knowledge that after the drill had passed through this crust the stem instantly dropped ten feet or more before striking anything to stop its progress.

The anticipation of discovering a subterranean cavern with its beautiful formation of limestone was not disappointed. Resting on the top of the drill's mighty stem, Mr. Long beheld a wonderful scene. Before him was an opening ten feet wide, (the drill having passed along the outer edge of the cavern,) and beyond a cave large enough, and ten times over, to store the whole of the derrick and the machinery. The ceiling of this cavern is studded with stalactites from which water drips continually upon peculiar right and oblique cone-shaped formations, varying greatly in size. At first the explorer was dazzled by the grandeur, the symphonies were mistaken for the noises of rolling, tumbling rocks overhead, but after the fall had partially passed away, he realized that what he was beholding was the grandest work of nature he ever saw; that were he a symphonist of the Bechmann-Brahms type or a Bach or Beethoven, the music he heard would have been the sweetest yet enjoyed.

In the midst of this reveling, pebbles began falling upon the explorer, and again he was conscious of his great danger. To increase his fear of loss of life, tiny jets of colored light appeared on several peculiarly shaped stalactites, and there appeared a fiery connection between his lantern and these points. A slight rumbling sound not before heard, at the extreme end of the cavern, again unnerved the hitherto brave man, and ascent was made in haste.

On reaching the platform of the derrick, Mr. Long was paled with questions as to what he had seen below, but for a time he could only utter—oh! oh! but on becoming calm told his wonderful experience.

## Souvenir Postal Cards.

You will find at the Reporter office a souvenir postal card, very suggestive at this particular time, at one cent each.

## Festival June 17.

The annual June festival will be held in Grange Arcadia, Saturday evening, June 17, by the members of Progress Grange. The proceeds will be used toward liquidating the debt of the hall.

## Fined \$20 for Snoring in Church.

Charles Shubert, of Chattanooga has been fined \$20 for snoring in church in Memphis, Tenn., the Magistrate having held that the act constituted a breach of the peace. Shubert was arrested on charge of the pastor, who testified that the noise disturbed the congregation.

## INCIDENTS OF 1870.

### Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1905 Readers.

SEPTEMBER 30—In an account given of a grand literary exhibition by the students of the Penn Hall Academy reference is made as follows:

The salutatory was delivered by John W. Shook. Essays were read by Misses Rebecca S. Lawyer, Sallie E. Gift, Ella S. Fisher, Rachael E. Hanna, Amanda Bartges, and Mr. Z. T. Porter. Declamations were delivered in an eloquent manner by George B. Crawford, William H. Kister and William C. McCool. An oration was delivered by J. M. Evans, who spoke in a very fluent manner. A declamation, in German, by C. B. Leitzell, received great applause. The dialogue by Messrs. S. R. Breon and William H. Kister was well performed. The Academy was at that time conducted by Prof. A. E. Truxal.

A serious accidental shooting occurred Wednesday, when a son of John Horner shot at a ground squirrel, the bullet striking the right arm of his companion, a son of Washington Lonbarger, and then passed into the right side above the hip. Death resulted within a few days.

OCTOBER 14—A hundred and fifty barrel oil well, the second on the Jacob Kepler lease, was opened the other day, in Tioga county.

D. W. Leitzel, of Centre Hill, made sale of his personal property preparatory to moving to Selingsgrove to enter the seminary to prepare for the ministry.

OCTOBER 28—Saturday, 22d inst., the Evangelical church, at Woodward, was totally destroyed by fire. The edifice had been repaired at a cost of about \$500, and was almost completed. The fire originated in this peculiar way: A new bell rope having been procured, it was found to be too large for the passage through the ceiling. To enlarge this hole a heated iron was used, which set fire to the floor, with the above noted result.

Deaths—In Harris township, July 24, Mrs. Nancy Alexander, widow of Henry Alexander, aged 75 years. . . . July 21, Emanuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Deisinger, aged 9 years. . . . August 20, near Centre Hall, Esther Rachael, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Keller, aged one year, three months. . . . August 22, at Centre Hill, Margaret, wife of David Gilliland, aged about 55 years. . . . September 28, at Aaronsburg, Ludwig Kurtz, aged 86 years.

Married—July 28, Samuel Limbert, of Brush Valley, and Miss Sarah E. Armagast, of Potter township. . . . August 4, Jacob Wagner, Jr., and Miss Kate, daughter of Jacob Spangler, all of Potter township. . . . August 18, John W. Myers and Miss Annie C. Keen, both of Centre Hall. . . . In Aaronsburg, July 24, Benjamin H. Arney and Miss Mary A. Zeigler, both of Centre Hall. . . . September 8, Henry Swab and Miss Margaret Wan, both of Potter township. . . . September 29, George Garbriek and Miss Alice Brungart, both of Zion. . . . October 1, George W. Curran and Miss Minnie R. Willow, both of Centre Hall. . . . October 4, John Hoffer, of Centre Hall, and Miss Emma Alexander, of Milroy. . . . October 25, Henry Witmer, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Kate A. Thompson, of Cedar Springs, Clinton county. . . . October 25, William A. Curry, of Rock Hill, [Linden Hall], and Miss Lizzie Fauber, of Centre Hall.

The corner stone of the United Brethren church, near Logansville, was laid October 6.

Joseph Dasher sold his farm, west of Centre Hall, to U. D. Osman for \$6000. Dr. Wilson sold one of his farms at Earlstown, containing 100 acres, to Col. Joseph Neff for \$83 per acre. The Major Neff farm, west of town, was sold to John B. Bitner, at \$80 per acre.

The salary paid school teachers was \$55 per month. The length of term, four months.

NOVEMBER 11—Rev. J. K. Miller, George Hoffer, Dr. Peter Smith, Hiram Durst and William Stump went to Virginia with a view of investing in real estate.

John H. Miller, who operates the tannery, began the foundation for a new dwelling house above the tannery.

Markets—Wheat 1.20, rye 70, corn 60, oats 35, potatoes 75.

Real estate sold: Mr. Oberholtzer sold his property to William Galbraith, of Indiana. [This is the home now owned and occupied by Oliver Strunk, on Church Street.]

The farm of Solomon Weaver, near Wolf's Store, was sold to Edward Houts, for \$2100.

John H. Keller sold his farm of 170 acres to James A. Keller and John W. Conley. Price, \$100 per acre. The latter will erect buildings on the part purchased by him.

The Egg Hill Evangelical church was dedicated December 18.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Rain Sunday.  
Souvenir postal cards at the Reporter office.  
Mayor Weaver blew out the gas, but escaped asphyxiation.

George H. Emerick and ex-Sheriff Brungart drove to Bealsburg Sunday.  
D. K. Keller sold a bunch of fat cattle to the butchers Monday morning.

There will be a special meeting of Progress Grange Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The ministerial association is making a fight against mail being delivered in Lewistown.

Children's Day will be observed by the Presbyterian Sunday School at 10:30 a. m., Sunday.

D. A. Booser enlarged his ice pond, above town, and now has one of the largest ponds in this section.

William Bower, of near Potters Mills, accompanied W. R. Neff to Centre Hall, Monday.

Christ Alexander, of Millheim, was in town over Sunday, the guest of his brother, Dr. J. F. Alexander.

Mrs. Mary Shoop, after having spent several weeks at Scranton, returned to her home in this place, last week.

Dr. J. B. Leitzell, of Belvidere, Illinois, says the Freeport Bulletin, is taking care of the practice of Dr. Daly, in Orangeville, Illinois, his former home.

Messrs. Foreman & Smith, grain and coal dealers, at Centre Hall, have dispensed with horse-power to elevate their grain, etc., and have substituted a gasoline engine.

A swarm of candidates were in Centre Hall Thursday of last week: Capt. Wm. H. Fry, J. D. Miller, C. A. Weaver, John L. Dunlap, Dr. F. K. White, J. J. Gramley.

Mrs. G. W. Ocker and daughter, Miss Estie, of Lewisburg, last week visited the former's mother, at Bebersburg, and the family of George Gutzwill, at Spring Mills.

The Herrick Seed Company, of Rochester, N. Y., want an agent to canvass this section. This Company is all right. Their references are the best. Any one out of work write them for terms at once.

Prof. S. Ward Gramley will finish his select school this week. The attendance has been very good on the part of the scholars, and from appearances more than ordinary interest was taken in the studies.

The large burglar and fire proof safe of the Queten Run Fire Brick Company, at Lock Haven, was cracked by an expert. The combination would not work for several days, and "cracking" was the last resort.

P. D. Phillips, of near Colyer, this week is engaged doing carpenter work for Henry Stoner, at the station. Mr. Phillips was a caller at this office Monday morning and purchased a Pittsburgh Visible Typewriter.

This is from the Millinburg Telegraph: Jacob Bitner, of Spring Mills, who is employed by the Laurelton Lumber Company, was in town for Memorial Day and of course one of our charming young ladies was delighted.

A magazine that is filled with reasonable interest for women is the July Delinator. In it the Summer fashions are exquisitely pictured, and described by such fashion authorities as Helen Berkeley-Loyd and Edouard La Fontaine, of Paris, who write for the magazine exclusively.

Weber Brothers are very much pleased with the new boiler and engine recently installed by them at the Centre Hall Roller Flouring Mills. The plant is now one of the most complete to be found and is equipped with the latest machinery on the market. Their flour and chop prove the case.

Dr. George P. Bible, of Philadelphia, on his way home from Pittsburg where he delivered one of his entertaining and instructive lectures, stopped at Centre Hall Thursday, and spent the day with his cousins, Misses Annie and Lizzie Bible, east of town. Dr. Bible, if proper arrangements can be made, will give one of his many humorous lectures in Centre Hall some time in July.

Among those from Centre Hall who attended the Sabbath-school convention at Millheim, Thursday of last week were: Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D., Rev. J. W. Boal, D. D., Rev. D. Gress, Rev. J. M. Rearick, Misses Cora Brown, Carrie Spicher, Clara Krape, Vera Leibkicher, Mammie Emerick, Anna Mitterling, Mary Fetterolf, Lizzie Booser, Bertha Strohmeier, Nellie Kerlin.