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## WAR ON INSECT PESTS.

State Economic Zoologist to Begin Series of Experiments.

In carrying on the war against the San Jose scale and other insect pests that injure trees for which \$30,000 has been appropriated, Prof. H. A. Surface, State economic zoologist, will begin a series of four experiments.

The first test is to be conducted in Bedford county by R. F. Lee, an expert, who will experiment with different methods devised to kill the pest, and will give the result to the public. T. C. Lefevre, of Chatham, Chester county, will experiment in a large nursery with a view to ascertaining how insect pests may be killed before the young trees are set out in the orchard. D. K. McMillan, field assistant to Prof. Surface, will experiment for the purpose of ascertaining the most effective method of destroying pests that prey on vegetable crops, and W. H. Wolf, of State College, will make a special investigation of insects that injure grasses.

## APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE STEWART.

The appointment of Judge Stewart to fill the vacancy in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania caused by the death of Justice Dean is wholly admirable. The election of this strong Judge and upright, independent man is reform at the fountain head, most salutary in its influence on the whole Commonwealth, which in recent years has noted with alarm the tendency to choose the members of the court of last resort because of their past or expected servility to a baleful political organization.

Judge Stewart will serve by appointment until January next, and may receive the unanimous nomination of both parties for the full term of twenty-one years.

The people of the Commonwealth ought to be thankful that the beginning of reform has brought forth these first fruits. If Governor Pennypacker had withstood the machine by refusing to sign the infamous ripper bills, he would now hear the acclaims of grateful citizens. As he proved feebly servile when the great test came and yielded to the conspirators against the city and State, the people will generally be justified in believing that he has now performed a right and patriotic act because it was expedient or necessary, and not from any high or respectable motive of his own.

## MR. BONAPARTE AND THE SOUTH.

It comes as something like a shock to find administration organs hailing the appointment of Mr. Bonaparte to the cabinet as a "recognition of the south," says the Atlanta Constitution. So far as the south, the real south, is concerned, Mr. Bonaparte is an entirely unknown quantity. Up New England way they have a hazy sort of idea that anything below New York is "southern," but down in this neck of the woods it is very difficult to persuade anybody that a man can live in Baltimore all his life and be a southerner.

Mr. Bonaparte is an able, high class, representative citizen of Maryland. The south would doubtless be glad enough to claim him as her own if she had any claim upon him; but in the absence of any such valid claim, the natural tendency will be to resent the suggestion that there is any recognition of the south in his appointment.

Throughout the state there are smaller political divisions than Philadelphia that need a Weaver to check graft. In many instances this grafting is reduced to a few paltry dollars, but, nevertheless, the disposition to beat the township or borough, as the case may be, is there and is exercised to the extent that conditions permit.

Ex-Judge Samuel W. Pennypacker and ex-Judge John G. Love, each of whom have served the machine to their fullest extent, anxiously await elevation to the supreme court bench, but both, by the very subservience they refer to on making their claims, have been made the main text of their political obituaries.

The postal deficit will amount to \$12,000,000 for the fiscal year, the largest deficit in the history of the department. The deficit is attributed to the extension of the rural free delivery, losses in carrying second-class matter and excessive charges by railroads for transporting the mails.

At a special election held in the second congressional district, West Virginia, Thomas B. Davis, Democrat, was elected a member of Congress. He is a brother of Henry G. Davis, recent candidate for vice president.

There is something in the facial expression of the last photo of President Roosevelt which indicates that he thinks he is sitting on some kind of a lid.

## THE DEAD BEAT.

Everywhere Present, but His Way is Being Made More and More Tortuous and Thorny.

The way of the Great American Graft is gradually being made more and more tortuous and thorny. They are walking all over his elephantine anatomy in drowsy Philadelphia; Mr. Eddie Box is exposing his iniquities in New York City; the legislature of Wisconsin, by passing an anti-tipping bill, is trying to prune his petty perquisites in that state; while out in Oregon they have created consternation in the ranks of the slickest genus of them all, the dead beat, by a bull-eye shot at his stronghold—bill-jumping.

For if they can enforce a law which became effective in that state a few days ago, the man who toils not nor spins, yet is garmented as the lily and fed as the fatted calf, patted on the back by political organizations, given preference by secret organizations, and holding trusts in religious societies, will suddenly find the problems of existence extremely complicated. The broad sweep of this unique law is seen in the following press summary:

The law makes one-half the earnings of the debtor subject to execution proceedings if the debt is for family expenses. As construed by the courts, the term "family expenses" includes provisions, fuel, rent, furniture, wearing apparel, pianos, jewelry, medical attendance and numerous other items.

Human nature is perfect only in the dream of the idealist, and the Reporter is not guilty of cynicism when it hazards the assertion that a good many people are apt to be affected disastrously by this provision. In many localities including Centre Hall it is fatally easy to get credit for almost all the necessities and a large percentage of the luxuries of life—and equally easy to avoid payment if one be gifted with a little fundamental guile.

## Spring Mills.

Thomas Walker, of Rebersburg, was the guest of T. M. Gramley, Thursday. A Children's day service will be rendered in the Lutheran church Sunday evening.

Miss Della Ocker, of Madisonburg, was a guest at the home of C. E. Zeigler on Sunday.

Charles Auman arrived home from Gettysburg to spend his summer vacation with his parents.

The summer schools close this week. The students seemingly have had a good and prosperous time.

Misses Rena Shires and Cora Bathgate attended the Children's service at Sprucetown, Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Condo spent Friday and Saturday at Green Berr, where Mr. Condo delivered a few new buggies.

The M. E. Sunday school rendered very impressively their annual Children's day service Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated, and an appreciative audience taxed the seating capacity to its utmost. The program, entitled "Links of Love," in both matter and rendition was fine. The songs, recitations and exercises were most effectively rendered. The emblematic piece, entitled "The Archway of Love," by eight girls, very vividly pointed to the love of Christ and set forth the essential way of salvation. Rev. G. W. McInay made a very interesting address. Miss Amy Ruhl, with her usual impressiveness, sang a beautiful solo, "Thoughtful Little Pansies," which was very well rendered. C. E. Zeigler presided at the organ, and was well supported by a choir of good, earnest singers.

## LOCALS.

Mrs. William Bitner, John Bitner and Miss Ida Bitner, of Tusseyville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerlin Thursday. The latter will remain in Centre Hall a week or more.

The Howard Creamery, at Centre Hall, is gaining trade. Among the most recent farmers to give them their patronage was George Erhard, on the Potter farm, west of Centre Hall. He is keeping about a dozen cows.

From many sections in the state come reports of the cut worms doing damage to the growing corn. In this valley the pest did considerable harm. Many fields were replanted. On the whole the set of corn in this locality is not as good as is desired.

Miss May Rhone was called home from Harrisburg on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. L. Rhone, and on reaching Centre Hall Saturday afternoon was obliged to take her bed and has been confined to it ever since.

The frog pond scene, with its moonlight shimmering waters, Mose and Dinah's excruciatingly funny love scene, the frog song, the animated lilies and the delightful singing of the Old Homestead Quartette in "Simple Simon Simple," are among the most pretentious scenic effects at the Park Theatre, Philadelphia, exelling, hands down, the poppy scene for which "The Wizard of Oz," became famous.

## 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.

## Transfer of Real Estate.

Thomas J. Lee, administrator to John E. Fryberger, May 4, 1905; lot No. 104 in Phillipsburg, \$3,200.

Mary W. Noll, et. al., to Wm. H. Noll, June 1, 1905; 70 acres in Spring twp. \$4500.00.

Clayton Irvin Holmes, et. ux., to Burton V. Shope, May 17, 1905; lot in State College. \$300.

Mary A. Baker to John Knarr, April 11, 1905; house and lot in Howard boro. \$750.

Alex. Maus, et. ux., to J. Russell Hickey, April 17, 1905; 133 acres and 163 perches in Burnside twp. \$1000.

Mary A. Neff to Fietta Strunk, April 21, 1905; 53 perches in Centre Hall. \$400.

George Shuffer to George Wolf, March 18, 1896; three lots, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 in Madisonburg. \$575.

T. E. Greist, et. ux., to John Solt, Unionville boro, May 11, 1905; 19,500 sq. ft. \$500.

## 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.

## More Cars for Japan.

The Japanese government has placed with the Pressed Steel Car company an order for 900 box cars for early delivery. This is supplementary to the 1,000 box and gondola cars placed several days ago with the Middletown Car company and the Milton and Berwick plants of the American Car and Foundry company. The cars to be built by the Pressed Steel Car company will be 3 1/2 foot gauge, fifteen feet long and will have a carrying capacity of seven tons.

## Encouraging Honesty.

Lock Haven council requires city employes to pay their bills. At the last meeting of the council there a grocer sent in a communication stating that William Keller was an employe of the city and that he owed him a bill for groceries, which he refused to pay, which was contrary to a resolution of council passed some time ago, which was to the effect that city employes must pay their bills, etc.

Team nets, black or russet, with neck and breast pieces, \$5.00 per pair—C. W. Swartz, Tusseyville.

## CROWDED THE PIKE.

The Old Fort and Youngmanstown Turnpike Company Orders 100 Rods of Fence Removed from its Property.

There is a disposition, on the part of land owners, to crowd the roads by enclosing a portion of them and appropriating the territory to their own use to the detriment of the traveling public. This is especially true of township roads, the majority of which are less than the width prescribed by law, and in most cases this narrowing of the public thoroughfare has occasioned, to a greater or less extent, a continuous expense to the township through which they pass.

By way of caution to others who may look with envy upon the acres of beautiful green sward lying along either side of the Old Fort and Youngmanstown turnpike a bit of "crowding" that has become history is here recorded.

John Eby owns a fine farm, east of Old Fort, abutting on this turnpike, and on rebuilding a fence of about one hundred rods in length along the same, encroached ten or more feet on the pike. The fence had scarcely been finished until Mr. Eby was notified by the pike authorities to remove it, giving him only a limited time to do the same. Mr. Eby did not delay in complying with the pike company's request.

A jury recently condemned the Old Fort and Youngmanstown pike, but the matter of compensation has not been decided by the courts, which leaves the company in possession of the same as before condemnation proceedings had been instituted.

At any rate, even after the pike passes into the hands of the townships which it traverses, it is a question whether land owners may be privileged to reduce the width of the road to the standard set for township roads. At least this narrowing should not be permitted if the best interests of the public are considered.

## Fired the Lock-up.

A drunken tourist was put into the lock-up Saturday to sober up, and some time during the night he set fire to the "castle," burning a hole through the door almost large enough to permit his body to pass through. About four o'clock in the morning the drunk began to realize that the flame was becoming dangerous to his personal safety, and he set up a howl for help. The first man to appear on the scene was John Sanders, who saw the brisk flame from his bed room window. Later a half dozen residents living near the lock-up were aroused, and went to the rescue. Constable Runkle was called up, and released the prisoner, and later the fire was extinguished.

The drunk was well cured—thoroughly smoked, and had not help arrived when it did, his flesh would have been roasted.

## LOCALS.

Mrs. Marshall, of DuBois, and grandchildren visited Mrs. Maggie Harper.

June 18 to 22 is the time set for the commencement exercises of Juniata College, Huntingdon.

Mrs. William Raymond and son Roy, of Linden Hall, visited Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Boal, Monday.

The commencement exercises of the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, will be held Wednesday, June 21st.

Mrs. Hazel, of Madisonburg, through her attorney, presented to the Bellefonte council a bill of \$41.00 for damages sustained by falling on the ice on the pavement on High street, opposite the Y. M. C. A. The matter was referred to the borough solicitor for investigation.

Galeomo Maffia, an Italian, charged with selling liquor on Sunday without a license and to minors, in a shanty in Porter township, Lycoming county, pleaded guilty before Judge Hart at Williamsport, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail of three months and twenty days.

Furniture Dealer John Smith, of Spring Mills, was a caller at the Reporter office Saturday, having come this way to make a delivery of goods. While here gave his "rooting" force to the Spring Mills ball team, and did much to help their cause and managed to have the opposition lose their heads in one inning and permit Spring Mills to make a half dozen scores.

Miss Luella Reynolds, of Reedsville, daughter of Postmaster D. W. Reynolds, for several days this week was the guest of Mrs. S. W. Smith, in this place. She also spent several days at State College attending the commencement exercises. It is four years since her last visit to Centre Hall, since which time she has developed from a bit of a girl into a really handsome young lady.

## INCIDENTS OF 1871.

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

[Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]

Married—December 18, 1870, Jacob Bohu and Catharine Sheneberger, both of Boalsburg. . . December 22, 1870, Reuben Shirk and Miss Sarah J. Arnagast, both of Potter township. . . December 25, 1870, Levi Murray, of Boalsburg, and Miss Maggie Keller, of Centre Hall. . . December 28, 1870, Daniel Igen and Miss Sallie S. Walters, both of Potter township. . . January 3, William Neff, of Centre Hall, and Miss Linnie Cox, of Pleasant Gap. . . January 19, Jacob G. Breon and Miss Mary Weagley, both of Gregg township. . . January 22, John Wilkinson and Mrs. Susan Bortor, both of Potters Mills. . . February 2, W. B. Shirk, of Potters Mills, and Miss Maggie S. Thompson, of Millinburg. . . March 2, Daniel Heckman and Miss Lizzie Mangle, both of Centre county. . . March 7, Franklin Moyer and Miss Sarah E. Alexander, both of Penn township. . . April 11, William Strunk, of Spring Mills, and Miss Fietta Fidler, of Penn Hall. . . April 11, Hammon Sechler, of Bellefonte, and Miss Alice J. Gilliland, of Oak Hall. . . June 25, Elias Weaver and Miss Doblina Grenoble, both of Gregg township.

Deaths—January 16, Phillip Leitzell, in Gregg township, aged 74 years. . . February 27, in Miles township, Mrs. Margaret Moyer, aged almost 85 years. . . February 21, in Gregg township, Mrs. Catharine Ripka, aged 80 years. . . April 4, Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Neese, of Penn Hall, aged 57 years. . . In Aronsburg, April 6, Thomas Cronmiller, aged 74 years. . . July 10, in Centre Hall, Mrs. Levi Murray, aged 25 years.

JANUARY 6—The dwelling house owned by Christian Dale and occupied by Mr. Ritter, in Harris township, was destroyed by fire.

Robert Porter died at the Old Fort Hotel. Death was very sudden, and was the result of apoplexy.

Andrew D. Swartz sold his house and lot to Mrs. Catharine Boezer for \$2400. [This is the property now occupied by Mrs. Sarah Durst.]

Samuel Keller, in the Loop, sold his farm of 112 acres to Daniel Fiesher for \$1100.

Finkle's mill, in Penn township, was sold to D. A. Musser, of Millheim, for \$10,000.

The firm of Alexander Bros., consisting of W. K. A. R. and John F., began business in Millheim.

A musical convention was held in the Lutheran church beginning January 30 and closing February 3. Prof. G. C. Curns, of Lock Haven, was the musical director. The committee in charge was George Hoffer, Henry Dasher, William F. Jordan, A. D. Swartz.

FEBRUARY 24—J. A. Grove purchased one hundred acres of the Wm. Stump farm, east of the Old Fort, for which he paid \$80 per acre.

The following table gives the taxables in the various townships and boroughs in the year 1880:

Bellefonte	775
Gregg	456
Potter	541
Miles	459
Harris	570
Haines	428
Ferguson	477
Penn	300

William Boezer, of Potters Mills, received a patent on a loom invented by him.

Dr. J. B. Kreider moved from Millheim to Benton, Crawford county, Ohio.

APRIL 14—John Spangler purchased the stage line running between Centre Hall and Millinburg.

[Mention is made that William Wolf, the leading merchant in Centre Hall, and Noah Cronmiller, of the firm of Herliacher & Cronmiller, also merchants in Centre Hall, returned from the city, where they purchased goods.]

Harvey Corman, of Rebersburg, was appointed bookkeeper and outside manager for the Centre Hall Manufacturing Company.

APRIL 28—About 20 bushels of potatoes which Henry Emerick had buried on the Mountain farm along the pike, were stolen. [Potatoes were worth 90 cents per bushel.]

[The Reporter refers to Church street as "Chestnut street." This was before the Methodist church was erected, which made the third church on that street, and no doubt caused the change in the name.]

The annual meeting of the "Old Fort Thief Detective Association" was held at the Old Fort, June 3, John McCoy was president and W. W. Spangler secretary.

The store of B. D. Brisbin, at Potters Mills, was entered by thieves on the night of 23rd of May, and \$25 in money and goods carried off.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Two new rural mail routes, making four in all, will be established at Millinburg August 1.

Ink, the best that can be bought, can be secured at the Reporter office. Sold in any quantity.

E. P. Holloway, of Akron, Ohio, brother of Dr. H. C. Holloway, of Bellefonte, died at the age of sixty-four years.

The parallel between Weaver and Folk may yet be made complete. Folk not only put an end to graft, but sent the grafters to jail.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Sweeney, of Boalsburg, the latter part of last week, visited Mrs. Sweeney's sister, Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, in this place.

The Coburn Turnpike Company of which Andrew Harter, of Coburn, is president, will build two concrete bridges—one across the mill race in Millheim and the other at Emanuel Kesteters.

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.

A. F. Bower, who was elected constable of Haines township at the last spring election, has resigned and B. W. Wyle, of Aronsburg, has been appointed by the court to serve in his place, according to the Journal.

C. W. Swartz, of Tusseyville, one of the progressive merchants in Penns Valley, was in town the other day. His calls are always brief, owing to the fact that his business at Tusseyville needs his constant attention.

Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D., and C. Q. McWilliams, of Shamokin, were in town between trains Monday in search of a driving horse for the latter. Mr. McWilliams is president of the Shamokin water company and is a man of means.

Mrs. Frank P. Geary attended the commencement exercises at Albright College, at Meyerstown, from which institution her brother, Harry Buck, graduated. Before returning home she will visit York, Harrisburg, and other points.

J. W. Mersinger, of Tusseyville, although well advanced in years, is able to walk from his home to Centre Hall and back without feeling fatigued. While in Centre Hall he called at the Reporter office to wish the Reporter continued success.

Mrs. J. H. Meyer, of Boalsburg, Friday returned from a visit among friends in Bellefonte and Axe Mann. Mrs. Meyer has a large circle of acquaintances and she occasionally, just occasionally, devotes a few days to hunting them up in their homes.

The organization of the school board, in Bellefonte, brings to the front some new material. Hon. W. C. Heinle was elected president; secretary, Col. D. F. Fortney; treasurer, A. C. Mingle. The latter succeeded John P. Harris, who held the office for about thirty years. The salary of the secretary and treasurer is \$150 each.

While twisting a brace made of wires on a wire fence the stick used as a twitch broke and one end struck James Stahl over his right eye and inflicted a serious wound. The eye ball was not cut, but for a time Mr. Stahl thought he had lost the sight of the member. Finally, when the inflammation was reduced, it was discovered that time only was needed to restore sight.

Prof. John D. Meyer was elected, for a term of three years, superintendent of the Bellefonte public schools, succeeding Prof. D. O. Eiters. The salary is \$1,500 per year. The selection is in just recognition of the very efficient work done by Mr. Meyer during the past six years he was principal of the High School in that place. What is more, his selection was unanimous.

The June issue of "The Arena," which closes Volume XXXIII of this magazine, contains a strong and varied Table of Contents. In it, Rudolph Blankenburg continues in his series of remarkable exposures of corruption in Pennsylvania. This paper entitled, "Municipal Black Plague" deals with the unparalleled corruption which has existed in recent years in the city of Philadelphia.

Dr. D. M. Wolf, of Spring Mills, was in town on business Friday morning, and before leaving called on the Reporter. He just returned from a few weeks' visit to Rev. L. K. Evans, in Pottsville, and also spent some time in Philadelphia, on account of his eyes. The Doctor is in good physical trim and in good spirits, and physically as well as mentally would be able to fill a position in an institution of learning.