

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Lutheran—Union, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening. Methodist—Centre Hall, morning; Sprucetown, afternoon; Spring Mills, evening.

SALE REGISTER.

Tuesday, January 9, ten o'clock, on the premises, in Gregg township, by James P. Grove, administrator of the estate of Mary Waugh, late of Gregg township, Centre county, Penn'a, deceased, will offer at public sale upon the premises in Gregg township, Centre county, Pa.,

Christmas School Vacation.

The borough schools will close Friday before Christmas and open Tuesday after New Year.

Engraved Cards.

Orders for engraved cards, invitations, etc., taken at this office. The highest class work.

Christmas at Colyer.

There is a custom at Colyer to celebrate Christmas day at Meiss' store, and that custom will be observed this year as usual. You are all invited, and will not regret having visited that place on Christmas day.

Hall to Quit Chairmanship.

Because of poor health and a desire to be relieved of responsibility, Senator James K. P. Hall has advised his close political friends that he will retire as chairman of the Democratic State Committee at its annual meeting next April.

Celebrated at 81.

Mrs. Nancy Meiss celebrated her eighty-first birthday in a fitting way Monday at the home of her son, George R. Meiss, at Colyer. The aged lady was kindly remembered by her friends and relatives, and enjoyed the occasion fully as well as those a half hundred years younger.

Marriage Licenses.

James Combe, Phillipsburg. Ida Lewis, Phillipsburg. Theodore A. Haverstein, Tyrone. Sallie M. Green, Unionville. Daniel C. Tressler, Lemont. Mabel B. Evey, Lemont.

Transfer of Real Estate.

H. S. Taylor, sheriff to Clement Dale, Nov. 29, 1905; 65 acres 75 perches in Benner twp. \$1150. Chas. C. Smull, et. ux, to H. S. Smull, July 1, 1902; 11 acres 13 perches lumber land in Miles twp. \$10. Samuel D. Fisher to Mary J. Fisher, Aug. 4, 1904; two tracts of land 122 acres 140 perches in Half Moon twp. \$741. Austin L. Johnson et. ux, to Cora E. Ray, Nov. 18, 1905; 1 acre 31 perches in Spring twp. \$425. W. P. Lingie admn. of Jacob L. Janison to Sarah J. Lingie, Dec. 8, 1905; 3 acres 205 perches in Gregg twp. \$390.

Product of the Farms.

The average farmer of Pennsylvania has enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity the last twelve months than in some former years, when the effects of drought and insect pests were more seriously felt, according to the latest annual report of Secretary of Agriculture Critchfield to Governor Pennypacker. He says that the crops have been average, while the prices realized were satisfactory and comparatively remunerative.

Table with 2 columns: CROPS and VALUE. Rows include wheat, corn, oats, rye, buckwheat, barley, potatoes, hay, and tobacco.

LOCALS.

Will Shutt came home the latter part of last week, after an absence of several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Brooks, of near Centre Hall, visited friends at Reedsville and other points in Mifflin county. Mrs. Milford Luse, of Centre Hall, returned from a two weeks' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Kerstetter, at Laurelton. Harvey Musser, of Centre Hill, was in town Monday. He is gradually improving from the effects of an injury received to his leg at haying time, but has not yet abandoned the "stick."

THE IRISH PEASANT.

His Hospitality Is Only Equalled by His Courtesy.

The especial characteristic of the Irish peasant, according to Frank Mathew, in "Ireland," is an old-fashioned courtesy. They are all sure, he asserts, that they are descended from chiefs, and their manners are ruled accordingly. Take shelter in any hut on the mountains, and you will be greeted as if its inmates had been longing to see you. This will not be due to the fact that you seem prosperous; indeed, you would be even more graciously welcomed if you were in rags. Nor is their courtesy only exhibited when they are hosts. Once when I was exploring the Burden of Clare a ragged old woman seated by the wayside accosted my equally ragged driver. "Excuse me, sir," she said, "but did you happen to meet a loaf on the road?" "Deed then, ma'am," said he, bowing respectfully, "and I'm sorry I did not." "Who was she?" I asked him when we had driven out of her hearing. "Deed then, and I don't know," said he. "Tis some poor soul that has lost her loaf and will be goin' to bed hungry tonight." On another occasion an aged man, clad in knee breeches and a swallowtail coat, addressed me as I was climbing a path in Connemara. "I am thinkin', sir," said he, "that you are Mr. John Blake."

BORROWED PLUMES.

How an American Became a Man of Mark in Russia.

Andrew D. White's first diplomatic experience was as an attaché at St. Petersburg at the time of the Crimean war. The war brought to Russia many American adventurers. "One man who came out with superb plans," Mr. White says, "brought a militia colonel's commission and the full uniform of a major general. At first he hesitated to clothe himself in all his glory, and therefore went through a process of evolution, beginning first with part of his uniform, and then adding more as his courage rose. "During this process he became the standing joke of St. Petersburg, but later, when he had emerged in full and final splendor, he became a man of mark; indeed, so much so that serious difficulties arose. Throughout the city various corps de garde, and the sentinels on duty before each of these, while allowed merely to present arms to an officer of lower rank, must, whenever he catches sight of a general officer, call out the entire guard to present arms, with the beating of drums. "Here our American was a source of much difficulty, for whenever any sentinels caught sight of his gorgeous epaulettes in the distance the guard was instantly called, arms were presented and drums beaten, much to the delight of our friend, but even more to the disgust of the generals of the Russian army and to the troops, who thus rendered absurd homage and found themselves taking part in something like a bit of comic opera."—Exchange.

An Old English Ballad.

"Greensleeves" is a good old English ballad and tune mentioned by Shakespeare in the "Merry Wives of Windsor" and has been a favorite since the latter part of the sixteenth century. The tune is much older than the words, probably as old as the days of Henry VIII. It is also known as "The Blacksmith" and "The Brewer" and was a great favorite with the cavaliers. A modified version is found in the "Beggars' Opera." The tune is still sung to "Christmas comes but once a year" and many other songs of the same rhythm or with the burden "Which nobody can deny."

In the Orange Free State.

At an examination for admission to the British Military college at Sandhurst many candidates in answer to a question about hydrogen wrote that the gas was not found in the Orange River Colony. This puzzled the examiner, who told the story to an army coach. The coach, after thinking awhile, said: "I have it. I remember impressing the fact on a number of my pupils that hydrogen does not occur in the free state."

Is Yours Damp?

A subscriber who complained to the publisher that his paper was "damp" received the reply from the patient and long suffering editor that perhaps it was because there was so much "dew" on it.

Another View.

Mrs. McSpurge—When I go out with this lovely new frock people will think I've been shopping in Paris. Mr. McSpurge—Maybe they'll think I've been cracking a safe—Cleveland Leader.

A Puzzle.

He—Here's a puzzle for you. She—Let's have it. He—Give a woman a bunch of photographs to examine, including one of her own, which one will she look at the longest, and why?

New Tooth In an Old Saw.

"Then he doesn't find that 'all the world loves a lover'?" "Not exactly. His experience is that all the world guys a lover."

Pedantry and taste are as inconsistent as gaiety and melancholy.—Lava-ter.

Putting up a sign "Post no bills" won't keep them from coming through the mails.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PATRONS RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

CONSTITUTION OF CENTRAL COMPANY.

We, the officers and members of the Centre County Pomona Grange No. 13, P. of H., and subscribers to The Patrons Rural Telephone Company, in order to protect the individual rights and interests of each member as well as the Company at large, have adopted the following Constitution, By-laws and rules of government:—

SECTION I. This Company shall be known as THE PATRONS RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, known in the constitution and by-laws as THE CENTRAL COMPANY.

SECTION II. The annual meetings of the Company shall be held at Centre Hall on the second Tuesday of January of each year.

SECTION III. The Central Company shall be governed by a board of directors, five of whom shall be elected annually by the Centre County Pomona Grange and one elected by each Rural Branch Company that may be established under the rules of The Central Company, a majority of which shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION IV. The officers of the Company shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. They shall be elected annually by the board of directors on the second Tuesday of January of each year, and serve for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected.

SECTION V. The duties of said officers shall be the same as pertain to like officers in such organizations. The Secretary and Treasurer shall give bond to the Company for the faithful performance of their duties in sums to be determined by the board, from year to year, to amply protect the Company.

SECTION VI. The Secretary shall keep in a book, provided for that purpose, a correct record of the proceedings of each meeting which shall be presented at the next meeting of The Central Company for its approval. He shall keep a just and true account of all monies that shall come into his hands and pay the same to the Treasurer, monthly, taking his receipts for same. He shall have charge of all papers belonging to The Central Company and deliver the same to his successor at the expiration of the term of his office. He shall do all the corresponding for the Company and attend to any other business that pertains to his office.

SECTION VII. The treasurer shall keep in a book provided for that purpose a correct account of all monies, from all sources; keep a just and true account between the company and its members. He shall keep his book in such a manner that he can at any time called upon report the financial condition of the Company, and he shall submit a full report to the Company at the end of his term of office. He shall pay all orders on the treasury, signed by the president and secretary, out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

SECTION VIII. The Board of Directors shall, whenever the interests of the Company are promoted, establish companies to be known as BRANCH COMPANIES of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company, upon the application of six or more persons who have by common subscription raised a sum equal to the estimated cost of the proposed telephone line.

SECTION IX. To every such Branch Company the Centre County Pomona Grange shall become a subscriber in the sum of not less than one share, to be officially subscribed by the Master in the name of the County Organization. The shareholders of said Branch Company shall annually elect three directors, who together with one director elected by the local Grange (which Grange shall subscribe at least one share to the capital stock), and one director appointed by The Central Company, all directors having equal power, shall constitute a board of managers of the Branch Company.

SECTION X. The board of managers of Branch Companies shall have power to make necessary contracts for construction of telephone lines and repairs for same fix compensation of employees, and shall govern such company under rules and regulations in harmony with the constitution and by-laws of The Central Company.

SECTION XI. Dividends on shares shall not exceed five per centum. After dividends and expenses are paid, the remainder shall be used in extending and cheapening the service.

SECTION XII. Whenever the capital stock in any Branch Company becomes greater than can profitably be employed the Board of Directors may reduce the capital by calling in stock from those holding the largest number of shares, and paying for them at their par value from the capital stock fund, and cancel the same.

SECTION XIII. All Branch Companies shall use the lines, instruments and exchanges established (either by construction, lease or negotiation) by The Central Company, so as to maintain a uniformity of service.

SECTION XIV. Whenever any Branch Company is organized, equipped and in operation, the directors of the Branch Company shall, under the direction of The Central Company, divide the actual subscriptions into uniform shares of \$10.00 each; and where a subscription is a fractional part of a share the local board may either pay back the fractional part, or the subscriber may elect to pay in an additional sum to make his subscription an even denomination.

SECTION XV. No Branch Company shall be organized until the estimated cost per mile of proposed route, has been subscribed and paid.

SECTION XVI. Each Branch Company shall annually submit its books to auditors appointed by The Central Company, and The Central Company shall submit its books, annually, to three auditors elected by the Centre County Pomona Grange.

SECTION XVII. The capital stock of the Branch Companies shall not be increased, except for repairs or extension of the line or lines, without approval by The Central Company. No member shall be permitted to sell his share or shares of stock until it has first been offered for sale to the Branch Company at a price not to exceed the original cost. Any stock so purchased shall be held as common stock of the Company and may be re-issued.

SECTION XVIII. The property of The Central Company or any of the Branch Companies shall not be transferred or sold to any other company without the consent of three-fourths of the stock-holders and the approval of the County Grange. In case of sale, the monies accruing from such sale shall be divided pro rata among the members in the following order: In Branch Companies, to the stockholders in said Company, and in The Central Company to the County Grange.

SECTION XIX. The president shall have power to call a special meeting whenever it is deemed necessary, and in case he refuses or neglects to do so, a majority of the stock-holders shall have the power to call such a meeting, and one-third of the stockholders shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION XX. The capital stock of The Central Company and Branch Companies shall consist of the poles, wires, insulators, brackets, crossarms, guy poles or wires, money and books, and other appurtenances belonging to The Central Company and Branch Companies.

SECTION XXI. All Branch Companies shall have the power to elect one director to the Central Company. (The purpose of giving Branch Companies representation in the Central Company is to establish a strong, co-operative telephone system that can protect and defend all Branch Companies against oppression and discrimination by companies with whom the Central Company may arrange for the use of their exchanges, and to make the Central Company strong enough to at any time control its own telephone service, whenever deemed necessary for its own protection.)

SECTION XXII. Any stock-holder moving to a point not reached by this Company may turn his stock over to the Company at a price not exceeding the original cost thereof. Stock so purchased shall be held as common stock and may be re-issued.

SECTION XXIII. All Branch Companies shall make quarterly reports of their receipts and expenditures, etc., to the Central Company.

SECTION XXIV. All Branch Companies may adopt by-laws for their government not in conflict with the Constitution of the Central Company, and submit the same to the Central Company for approval.

SECTION XXV. The Central Company shall have power to employ necessary employees and experts required by the Company and fix their compensation.

SECTION XXVI. The Central Company shall have power to make all necessary general contracts for the company, such as establishing exchanges, or negotiating with other companies for the use of their lines, or exchanges, rates of toll, rental or purchase of instruments, and all other negotiations necessary to establish a strong, united and harmonious system.

SECTION XXVII. The directors of the Central Company shall make quarterly and annual reports to the County Grange.

SECTION XXVIII. The Board of Directors of the Central Company shall enact by-laws, not in conflict with the constitution, for the proper government of the Company, and submit the same to the Centre County Pomona Grange for approval.

SECTION XXIX. The County Grange shall have a general supervision over the government of the Central Company.

SECTION XXX. All Branch Companies shall pay to The Central Company a quarterly due of twenty-five (25) cents for each telephone instrument on its lines, which shall be applied to extend the service, with the view of ultimately establishing telephone exchanges under the management of The Central Company.

SECTION XXXI. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange. Such amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors or they may be originated in the County Grange.

Key that Unlocks the Door to Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund well fed, but thin, spare men who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age, will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to cleanse and invigorate his stomach and regulate his liver and bowels. When this is done there is no reason why the average man should not live to old age. For sale by C. W. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills.

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PUMP REPAIRING—The undersigned is prepared to repair all styles of pumps, etc. Prompt attention will be given this work. Windmills and Pumps and repairs for same, can be furnished at any time, at lowest cost. Also, a full time of plumbers supplies. If in need of water pipes, no matter what size or quantity, get prices from me. Also, Gasoline Engines. J. S. ROWE, Centre Hall, Pa.

When you want a pleasant laxative take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by C. W. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE—By virtue of a certain order issued out of the Orphans' Court of Centre county, the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Mary Waugh, late of Gregg township, Centre county, Penn'a, deceased, will offer at public sale upon the premises in Gregg township, Centre county, Pa.,

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1906 at ten o'clock a. m. all that certain lot and piece of ground situate in Gregg township, Centre county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at pine, thence along land of Robert Cooke, south 65 degrees east forty perches to a black oak; thence south fifteen degrees east twenty-three perches to a post; thence south sixty degrees west one hundred and ninety-two perches to a hickory; thence by Andrew Gregg now D. Mitchell, north thirty-nine degrees west forty perches to stone; thence by mountain north sixty degrees east one hundred and seventy-four perches to the place of the beginning. Containing forty-six acres and one hundred and thirty-six perches be the same more or less.

TERMS OF SALE—Ten per cent when property is knocked down; balance when sale is confirmed by the Court. JAMES P. GROVE, Administrator.

W. Harrison Walker, Atty for Estate.

EXECUTORS NOTICE—LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the estate of Rebecca Sparr, late of Harris township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned they would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. W. B. MINGLE, Executor, Centre Hall, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE—LETTERS of Administration on the estate of Mary Waugh, late of Gregg township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. JAS. P. GROVE, Administrator, W. Harrison Walker, Attorney, Spring Mills, Pa.

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LISTEN!

Santa Claus requests me to announce that here at Tusseyville he has found the best place in Penn's Valley to lay in his supply. He claims here he can find something for Baby, Little Boy and Little Girl Big Boy and Big Girl, Father and Mother, Grandfather and Grandmother, Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother. Also so many good things to eat in confectionery, nuts, oranges, oysters for X-mas. He says he can lay in a large supply because prices are so reasonable. We are delighted to make this announcement, therefore wish you all

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