



WORK FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

William T. Cressy, the Democratic leader in the State House of Representatives, while commenting favorably on much of the work accomplished by the extra session, rightly declares that there is much more to be done. There can be no doubt that this is the case. The next Legislature will not only have to cure such defects as may appear in the laws enacted by the extra session, but it will have to deal with important subjects which the present Legislature failed to consider. A new ballot law is necessary. The enactment of a State civil service law and of a similar one applying to other than first-class cities should be a portion of the work performed by the new Legislature. Then there should be a readjustment of the burdens of taxation and the further regulation of the great transportation companies. The right of trolley roads to carry freight should also be seriously considered. Better provision should be made for the care of the insane, and there should be a thorough investigation of all the departments and a reorganization of their forces on an economical and business-like basis. There is ample work for the next governor and Legislature, but it will be accomplished only by the election of men pledged to real reform and whose pledges it is known in advance will be kept.

WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Besides voting themselves \$35,000 for postage, to which they were not entitled, the members of the legislature, at the special session, enacted laws covering the following:

Reapportionment of the senators and Representative districts of the State.

Personal registration of voters in cities.

Uniform primary elections under supervision of general election officers. Abolition of fees of the secretary of the Commonwealth and the Insurance Commissioner.

Requiring candidates and party chairmen to make sworn public statements of money expended in campaigns, and prohibiting improper expenditures.

Making it a misdemeanor to give or receive State deposits for personal gain.

Limiting State expenditures for county bridges to \$750,000 a year. Requiring competitive bidding for bridge contracts exceeding \$250.

Regulating assessment of poll tax in first and second class cities.

Providing for the consolidation of Pittsburg and Allegheny.

For Philadelphia—repealing the "ripper"; excluding city employees from active politics; civil service in city departments.

The state senate refused to consider the Cressy bills providing for the retention by counties of certain monies received from licenses and personal property taxes. This measure was drawn in the interests of the rural committees and the senate's refusal to act on the bill will add to the unpopularity in which the gang is already held by the Grangers of the State.

LOCALS.

The talk of the country folk: Telephone!

Rather moderate weather for February. A half inch of snow fell Saturday night.

Adam Heckman, of Tusseyville, recently bought a \$200 horse at a Millheim horse sale.

The Christian Endeavor of the Reformed church has made arrangements for a festival on Decoration day.

George Swabb, of near Linden Hall, was in town Saturday. He is aging somewhat, but is yet quite active.

Irvin K. Confer and Miss Maggie E. Greeninger, both of Tylersville, were married at the Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. L. F. Brown.

Ex-Sheriff Spangler was on the streets beginning of this week for the first time in several weeks. While not seriously ill, he was confined to the house.

It is a pleasure to note that J. Frank Ross has recently been advanced to the position of time-keeper at the flint works of Kilworth, Porter & Company, at Pittsburg.

George H. Small, one of the progressive citizens and active politicians in Brush Valley, was in town the latter part of last week. Mr. Small spends little of his time at his home, at Smulinton, but does not lack taking an interest in the local affairs in his home community.

Mrs. Nancy Benner, son John and daughters, Misses Bessie and Breeze, about the first of April will make their home in Philadelphia, where the daughters have been located for the greater part of the time during the past year or more. J. C. Kuhn, of Old Fort, will move to the Benner farm, and will purchase a half-interest in the farm stock.

MILEAGE GRABS.

Secretary of Internal Affairs Directs Suit Against Pennay—Attorney General is to Act.

The great legal question as to whether the Pennsylvania Railroad, either individually or in combination with other trunk lines, has the right to hold up \$10 on every mileage ticket it professes to sell for \$20, is to be tested by the Attorney General, in the name of the Commonwealth.

On petition of the "Homeless 26," the Traveler's Protective Association and the Merchants' and Travelers' Association, Secretary of Internal Affairs Isaac B. Brown has requested Attorney General Carson to proceed against the Pennsylvania, to show cause why it exercises the functions of a bank in retaining the \$10, refunding it to the purchaser of a book when the back of the book is returned. The matter was argued before Secretary Brown about two weeks ago, and both the petitioners and the railroad company were represented by witnesses and counsel.

The Secretary of Internal Affairs is of the opinion that the complaint against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is sustained by the investigation made.

Secretary Brown, in his opinion, which covers 21 typewritten pages, points out that "it is in harmony with the spirit and letter of the Constitution that there should be uniformity and equality of fairness with freedom from discrimination in all that pertains to the transportation of persons and commodities."

In the absence of expressed powers, authorizing the collection of a deposit in addition to the usual price for a mileage book, the transaction would seem to the Secretary of Internal Affairs to be clearly unwarranted, unjustifiable and illegal.

High Priced Cows.

James C. Goodhart and D. W. Bradford recently sold several high priced cows. The former sold two cows for \$125, and the latter one for \$65.

John M. Ream, Jr., Hurt.

While working in the car shops in Altoona, John M. Ream, Jr., was painfully hurt by being struck with a crane. The injury was received to the portion of his body about the thigh. Recently the young man was brought to his home, near Penns Cave, by his father, George Ream, and his condition is improving as rapidly as can be expected.

Sale of Fancy Goods.

A sale of fancy goods will be held at the home of Mrs. G. W. Hosterman, Saturday afternoon and evening, March 3, the benefits to be applied toward the payment of the debt on the Reformed church. Mrs. Hosterman's Sunday school class will hold the sale, and at the same time lunch, ice cream and cake will be served. Of course, all are invited.

Favoring Rural Districts.

A new ruling of the postoffice department will make it possible for sparsely settled communities in country districts to get rural free delivery services when the routes are not of sufficient importance to warrant daily deliveries. The postoffice department contemplates the establishment of a tri-weekly delivery on routes where the daily mail does not reach an aggregate of 2,000 pieces of matter per month.

Miss Ella P. Fischer to Marry.

Announcement was made of the approaching wedding of Miss Ella P. Fischer, daughter of the Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D., pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Shamokin, and Charles E. Beury, son of William Beury, of Philadelphia.

The ceremony will take place the latter part of June, and the honeymoon trip will be around the world. Miss Fischer is a graduate of Shamokin High School and the Lutherville (Md.) College. Beury is a graduate of Princeton University, and in June will graduate from Harvard Law School.

Keith's Theatre.

Joseph Hart and Carrie De Mar, in a new playlet, entitled "The Other Fellow," lend interest to the bill at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, while Auguste Van Biene, the great cellist, has a treat in store for lovers of music. Other features of attraction at this popular vaudeville this week are: Norton and Nicholson, in "The Ladies' Tailor"; Murphy and Francis, the Coon marvels; Boyd Coleman & Company, in "The Buster's Burglar". Several interesting numbers are offered for the children: Wormwood's monkeys, Joe Flynn, and the Three Madcaps, acrobatic dancers. The special advertisement this week is the Six Clinceo-rettis, in acrobatic feats; there is also the Kita Banzai Troupe in an Oriental act.

[As previously announced, "Write-Ups" of men and women, natives of Penns., Georges or Brush Valleys, who are making life a success in other sections, will appear in The Centre Reporter from week to week. These contributions are made by a number of writers who have kindly consented to aid in conducting this department.—EDITOR.]

A man who goes before others as a leader and teacher should himself be of mature understanding and convictions. It may generally be stated that no one has settled convictions under thirty years of age. The experiences through which a man has passed till he reaches the age when he sees things as they really are, largely determines the future trend of his life. A boy who is reared on a large farm, and inured to daily toil, usually doesn't have a false conception of a life career. If any profession calls for men of mature judgment, it is the gospel ministry; a profession requiring firmness, decision and force of character, backed up by a knowledge wrought from experience; and the more varied and deeper this experience and knowledge is, the more convincing will be his testimony.

A retrospect of the life and work of the pastor of the Sunnyside town charge, one of the oldest and best country charges of the Reformed church in Eastern Pennsylvania, Rev. J. Lucian Roush, who entered the ministry at the ripe age of thirty-three years, will best demonstrate this fact.

His parents, Benjamin and Margaret (Hoy) Roush, were influential in their church and community. On the farm, two miles west of Madisonburg, in Gregg township now owned by his brother, Mr. John Roush, of Madisonburg, the subject of this sketch was born. His early ambition was to follow in the vocation of his ancestors, and he continued to follow the plow and be obedient to parental authority in the home till twenty-three years of age. As a boy he was not burdened with an excessive amount of ambition to do great things, but he did the duties that were nearest, well, and as honors usually come to those who do not seek them, he is today in a profession for which he then felt no inclination.

He, however, believed in education and attended one term of select school at Rebersburg, under Prof. C. L. Gramley, and later at Spring Mills, under Prof. Wolf, Bitner, Brindle and Reiter. He then taught public school one term and finished his preparation for college at Centre Hall Academy under Prof. W. P. Hosterman.

In 1883 he entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, graduating in 1887 with second honors, besides securing first prize for proficiency in German and delivering the German oration at commencement.

His ambition then was to study medicine, which he did for a short time, but the needs and claims of the church influenced him to enter the seminary at the opening of the fall term.

Being licensed to preach at a meeting of West Susquehanna Classis, at Bellefonte, he soon thereafter accepted a call to assist Rev. A. S. Dechant, at Pennsburg, Pa.

When in 1894, the senior pastor resigned, Rev. Mr. Roush was elected his successor, having previously declined a unanimous call to the Reformed church at Sharon, Pa. During his residence at Pennsburg he served one term as school director; he was re-elected but declined on account of pressing pastoral duties.

During his pastorate 360 members were added to the charge, a handsome new church building was erected at Pennsburg, and benevolences were largely increased.

In 1903 the charge was divided and he changed his residence to Sunnyside town, and here, after a pastorate of fifteen years, he still serves three of his former congregations, the most cordial relations existing between pastor and people.

His success he attributes largely to the following:

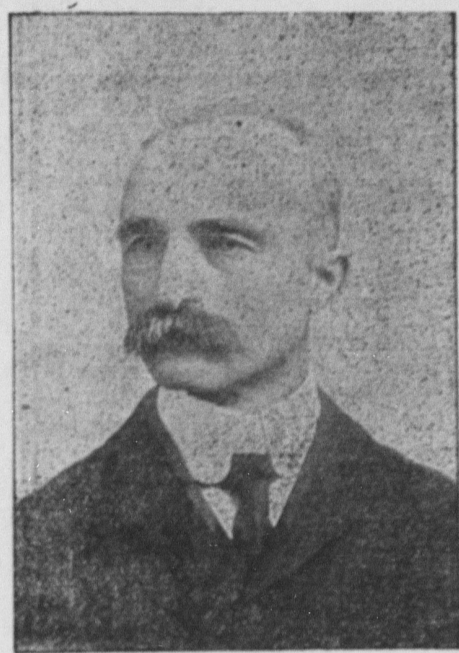
First, He tries to live up to what he preaches. This again demonstrates the truth that no minister can preach with convincing power what he has not experienced to be true, and only a man of mature years can have such ground work for sermons.

Secondly, To continued habits of study. So many preachers do not grow, especially if they have an out-of-the-way country charge. Why? Because they do not study. They buy no new books. Mr. Roush keeps abreast of the times theoretically. God does not change but man in his interpretation of God does.

Thirdly, Plain, practical preaching. People often speak of "deep preachers" and "deep sermons," but it may be said with safety that any preacher who can not make his sermon so plain that even the unlearned can grasp it, does not fully know himself what he is trying to

say and is "talking in the air." Fourthly, The help of his wife, and above all the power of Him who is the strength of His servants.

By knowing that Mr. Roush married Miss Ella Dechant, daughter of his predecessor, the reader can form a better conception of the ideal minister's wife that graces the parsonage of the Sunnyside town charge. Three children, Ade-



REV. J. L. ROUSH, SUNNYSIDE TOWN, PA.

laide Marguerite and Mary, add cheer and happiness to their home. They are aged respectively 14, 12 and 5 years.

One of his congregations, namely, the Old Goshenhoppen Church, is one of the oldest Reformed churches in the country, the congregation having been organized about 1732, and the first church building erected in 1744. Rev. Roush has succeeded so well in holding the esteem of his people, discriminating as some of them may be, which is often the case in old and established congregations, that he expects to continue for some time in his present field of labor.

LOCALS.

Washington's birthday. Daniel Garman recently celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday.

Jerry Erle, of Brush Valley, was in town Monday, and for the first time called at the Reporter office.

Rev. John A. Wood, Jr., of Bellefonte, has decided to withdraw from the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference, and go to California.

W. P. Kuhn, who for a number of years has been employed in Lyon & Company's store, Bellefonte, will move to Williamsport within a short time.

John P. Harris, the Bellefonte banker, was re-elected the thirteenth time for school director. He has now served in that capacity for thirty-six years.

Andrew Gregg, an employee of the Bell Telephone Company, was here over Sunday. He is located at Wilkes-Barre at present where the whole city system was extensively overhauled. He also assisted in constructing a number of farmer telephone lines in the country about Waynesboro.

John S. Burrell, son of William Burrell, of East Nittany Valley, a student at Pennsylvania State College, had a portion of his jaw bone removed by Dr. Deavor, at the German Hospital, Philadelphia. Recently the young man had a tooth extracted, and as a result the jaw bone was injured which later began to decay.

The Bellefonte Times relates a new cure for milk fever. Eli Byle resorted to the use of a common bicycle pump, and every twenty minutes the cow's udder was pumped full of air. In the course of a few hours the cow, that had been given up for as good as dead, was able to raise her head, and within a short time got on her feet. Strange to say, the following day the cow was as well as ever and in full milk.

The "women" folks, neighbors of D. W. Bradford, complain that the hogs killed by Mr. Bradford are entirely too heavy for the convenience of the "men" folks who help him do his slaughtering. Recently it was necessary to secure the combined effort of all hands—male and female—to swing a porker. Judging from the complaint laid in, the hog must have been nearly as large as the one killed by Mr. Bartges, but no record was made of the weight.

It is learned from the Democratic Watchman that Rev. A. S. Carver, who, for the past year or more, has been pastor of the Mileburg and Lick Run Presbyterian churches, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Glen Richey and Pine Grove Bethel churches, the change to be made March first, in accordance with the official action of the Huntingdon Presbytery in special session at Tyrone. At the same time Rev. James P. Hughes was appointed moderator of the Bellefonte church.

Spring Mills I. O. O. F.

On the 12th instant Spring Mills Independent Order of Odd Fellows second degree team, accompanied by many others of their lodge, went to Millheim, upon invitation from that lodge, and conferred second degree for them. The work done was of the very best yet given in Millheim. Although Spring Mills lodge is quite young, they use team and floor work in conferring all degrees and do the best work in this section. The members are enthusiastic in all lodge work, and their lodge is building up quite rapidly and doing a good work in the community. Young men can not do better than associate themselves with such an order as this.

State Buys 17,000 Acres.

Pennsylvania's diminishing forest reservations have been enlarged by purchasing three tracts of land in Huntingdon and Millin counties, from the Logan Iron and Steel Company, of Burnham, aggregating some 17,000 acres, for \$56,635.

The land comprises the tracts formerly owned by the Greenwood Furnace Company in Jackson township, Huntingdon county, and the Edwin Furnace Company in the same township and in Wayne township, Millin county. It is contiguous to and will be set apart with the large State forest reserves extending from Barree almost to the Susquehanna river.

Entertainment Saturday Night.

The members of the Junior Base Ball Team will give the public an opportunity to see what is in the "boys," aside from base ball, Saturday evening, at which time they will render three plays. They have been putting forth considerable effort in preparation for their first public appearance on the stage, and hope to be able to entertain in a pleasing way. The movement to furnish entertainment by home talent is commendable, and usually is of a better character than that exhibited by the traveling troupes that touch small towns.

Degree Meeting.

A special Degree Meeting of Progress Grange will be held Saturday, February 24th, at 1 p. m., at which time a class of thirteen new members will be received by the Grange.

Another new class is being formed, which will be received in course of a few weeks. Any others desiring to join the Order should send in their applications. Now is the time. Join before the spring work on the farm begins. One hundred and sixty-five members are already enrolled.

Father Releases Son of Robbery.

Herman Reed, twenty-two years old, and George Gates, twenty-five years old, were arrested on the charge of robbing the post office at Juniata, a suburb of Altoona, on December 6, 1904.

Gates was discharged, but Reed was held for United States Court in \$1000 bail. Reed's father discovered three money orders in a drawer in his son's room, and this led to the arrest.

The father testified at the preliminary examination that his son was out until 5 A. M. the night of the robbery.

Harris Township.

Mrs. Laura Bricker was a visitor from Tyrone.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fortney visited friends in Ferguson township.

J. M. Wieland spent Friday and Saturday at the county seat.

Rev. and Mrs. Stonecypher spent Wednesday at the home of J. H. Ross.

At the next meeting of Vroom Grange eight new members will be taken in.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mothersbaugh attended to business at Houserville on Saturday.

The school board purchased a number of maps for use in all the schools in the township.

Misses Eva Miller and Margaret Stuart, of State College, spent a few days in Boalsburg.

A number of the young people from this community attended the valentine social at Lemont.

Mrs. Henrietta Dale and daughter, Miss Anna, of Oak Hall, visited at the Mothersbaugh home.

Mrs. Jennie Close, of Oak Hall, with her two little girls, spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Myers.

The people in general are making preparations for keeping cool next summer by putting up a lot of fine ice.

Washington's and Lincoln's birthday exercises will be given by the three schools in Boalsburg, Friday afternoon.

Miss Beulah Smith, Miss Myrtle Keller, Kyle Osman and Geo. Swabb, of Pine Grove Mills, attended the festival Saturday evening.

At a meeting of Tussey Rebekah Lodge, No. 66, Friday evening, the degree team from the Centre Hall Lodge will be present. Refreshments will be served.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Among the recent callers from near Penns Cave was Jacob F. Musser.

Ed. L. Bartholomew, assistant in the railroad station at Millinburg, was home over Sunday.

James S. Stahl is back to his old trade of saddlery, and for the past month has been assisting Danny Ziegler in the saddler shop of D. A. Boozer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Vonada called at the Reporter office Monday. Mr. Vonada is getting his cattle and horses in fine shape for the Rishell-Vonada sale, March 2nd.

The plumbing in J. D. Murray's living apartments, above the drug store, is being done by W. T. Rush, an employe of A. E. Schrad, the Bellefonte plumber.

The past twelve months beat any previous record for sales of real estate made in Centre Hall and surrounding country. This fact necessitates an unusual amount of stuffing about in the spring.

The Mayor of an English town suggests that the unemployed be given fishing outfits and set to digging bait. This beats the potato patches for quick results—if the fish bite as readily as the poor.

J. M. Royer sold to J. A. Shull, of Millheim, one of his houses at Spring Bank, according to the Journal. Mr. Shull will move the house onto a lot on North street and repair it for a dwelling house.

Howard Homan, of Altoona, was in the valley to visit friends and relatives. He spent most of his time with his sister, Mrs. George Fehl, at Aaronsburg, as she will move to Bellevue, Ohio, in the near future.

N. E. Emerick, who last week was mentioned as being "done up" on account of rheumatism, has not improved any. The disease attacked his arms—first one and later both members became practically useless to him.

Wm. H. Smith and E. S. Ripka, both of Spring Mills, were in town Monday, the former on his way to Harris township to deliver furniture, and the latter remained in Centre Hall in the interests of the Spring Mills I. O. O. F.

Miss Sarah Breen, who recently so delightfully entertained her audience by rendering several comic songs, will assist in making the entertainment Saturday night well worth the admission price. Miss Clara Krapp will preside at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fehl, of Aaronsburg, are moving to Bellevue, Ohio, where they will make their future home. Mr. Fehl expects to engage in working at wagonmaking, while his good wife will conduct a boarding house.

Bishop E. A. Garvey announced that it had been decided to build an orphanage for the Altoona Diocese at Cresson. The sisters of Mercy have donated sufficient ground, and a large plain, substantial structure will be built this summer.

Mrs. Braucht, wife of Dr. H. S. Braucht, and little daughter, of Spring Mills, with her sister, Mrs. Irvin Reber, of Howard, and the latter's grandson, Master Austin Allison, of Flemington, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Allison, Tuesday.

James B. Strohm resumed teaching the Grammar grade of the borough schools Monday, after a vacation of two weeks caused by a slight attack of pneumonia. The scholars were glad to see him back. Prof. W. A. Krise acted as supply for Mr. Strohm during the last three days of last week.

In the March number The Delicenter has fallen under the spell of romance which the marriage of the President's daughter evoked, and presents as its leading feature an article on "The Brides of the White House," illustrated with a handsome portrait of Mrs. Longworth never before published.

Harry W. Shoemaker, of the banking firm of Shoemaker & Bates, 24 Broadway, New York City, has purchased an interest in the Jersey Shore Herald and has been elected president of the Herald Publishing company. Mr. Shoemaker has traveled quite extensively and readers of that paper can look for some interesting articles from his pen.

It will be quite agreeable news to the reader to learn that John H. Weber is back from the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, having arrived in Centre Hall Thursday evening of last week, accompanied by Mrs. Weber and daughter, Miss Bessie. Mr. Weber is able to sit up a great part of the time, and take his meals at the family table. There is every prospect of his ultimate recovery, the same being only a question of time. Dr. Dale is the surgeon in attendance.