



SPRING ARBOR DAYS.

Following Custom, April 6 and April 20 Are the Times Appointed.

Governor Pennypacker has issued the following Arbor Day proclamation:

"Since the 17th of January, 1903, the Forestry Reservation Commission have bought 420,726 acres of forest lands. The State now holds in all 750,741 acres of such lands, and this commission is doing much to preserve and maintain our forests and our streams. It behooves every citizen who cares for the welfare of the Commonwealth to lend assistance and to give encouragement to this important work.

"The lives of men and trees are so interwoven that without the other neither can exist. The growth of the grove means both happiness and benefit to mankind.

"In order that all of our citizens—men, women and children—may participate in the pleasure and profit of planting trees, I, Samuel W. Pennypacker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby, in accordance with the law, issue this, my proclamation, designating Friday, the sixth day of April, and Friday, the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1906, to be observed as Arbor Days throughout the Commonwealth.

"Two days are set apart in order that whichever may be best suited to the climate of the locality may be selected."

Keith's Theatre.

The chief attraction at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week is the mental telepathist, Anna Eva Fay. She performs wonderful feats, and will answer offhand written questions of people in the audience. Katherine Bloodgood will give genuine pleasure with her beautiful singing. Howard and North will appear in "Happy Days"; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barry, in "The Village Cut-up". Others are the Canaras Sisters, European acrobats; Peitching Brothers, musical comedians; Baby Owens, the child artist; the Baque quartette, vocalists, and Mosher, Houghton and Mosher, comedy and trick cyclists.

College to Get Fine Relics.

Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, will shortly be made the recipient of a valuable collection of Indian relics, the gift of Dr. Ellis N. Kremer, of Harrisburg.

There are more than 1500 specimens in the collection, and included in it are several pieces of pottery from the cliff dwellers in Arizona and numerous stone tomahawks and axes found in Dauphin, Adams and Franklin counties. The collection is valued at several thousand dollars.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. James Spicher, of Cresson, arrived in Centre Hall the latter part of last week, having come on account of the illness of the former's father, John Spicher.

George Zerby, of Coburn, is the gentleman who purchased the poultry and fruit farm on E. Clayton Wagner, near Tusseyville. He expects to occupy his new possession next spring.

While working in his coachmaker shop, in this place, John T. Lee was taken violently ill, the latter part of last week, and was carried to his home near by. His condition has since improved.

The members of the Reformed church will spend this (Thursday) evening at their church in a social manner. It is a custom with them, and a good custom it is, to meet at least once each year in a social way.

Friday Rev. Daniel Gress returned from Pleasant Unity where he visited his father, Henry Gress. The gentleman is in his eighty-eighth year, and is in very delicate health. His illness began with grip followed by hicoughing.

E. Clayton Wagner, of near Tusseyville, advertises sale of his personal property on March 26. Mr. Wagner sold his home recently, and is dickering for a house and lot in Centre Hall. If successful in making a purchase, he will move to Centre Hall.

Just think of it! The farmer thought he had made a great strike when he secured rural mail service, and had his mail brought to his front door. He was not content with that convenience alone, and so is having the telephone installed in his residence. He simply turns the crank, and is given connection (without toll) anywhere in Centre county, except Philipsburg, or by paying toll can talk direct to any of the two and one-half million Bell telephone patrons, in all parts of the United States. He can talk direct to California, if he wishes, without any one needing to repeat his message. These are days of advancement, you know, and the farmer is in it.

INCIDENTS OF 1876.

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.]
NOVEMBER 30—A son of George Brungart, of Miles township, on his way home from Millinburg, driving a six horse team, was stopped by three men in the narrows. One man took hold of the lead, the second the saddle horse, and the third of young Brungart and demanded his money. Brungart asked for a little time to consider the matter, and drawing a revolver gave the villains to understand that he would shoot the first one who touched him. The trio fled.

DECEMBER 7—Samuel Farmer left Centre Hall for the oil regions to contract for work.

C. C. Alexander, of Centre Hall, has returned from Virginia. He purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land, a part of the William Zeigler tract, near Farmville.

Mr. Rodgers, of Nittany, has purchased the old Spyster property, at Aaronsburg, and intends moving into it.

Col. Joseph Neff, while unloading grain at Ruddle's Stone Mill, was thrown head foremost over the endgate of his wagon. He was picked up in an unconscious state, having fractured his skull.

A little son of Michael Musser, of Aaronsburg, broke through the ice on Weaver's saw mill dam, and came very near drowning. His comrades rescued him by means of a pole.

David Keller, of Harris township, was awarded \$750 damages by a court jury for the right of way over his farm in Potter township by the railroad. The viewers had previously awarded Mr. Keller \$500, but he appealed.

Isaac Gramley left Rebersburg for Cincinnati. He expects to make the buckeye state his home.

Work on the Lutheran church, at Rebersburg, was suspended for the present. The Reformers are preparing to build next spring.

Married—November 15, James H. Close, of Armagh township, Mifflin county, and Miss Blanche Alexander, of Centre Hall. . . November 30, Jared Breen and Miss Mary J. Shutt, both of Centre county. . . December 28, Harrison Sepe, of York county, and Miss Anna Zettle, of Centre county. . . December 7, Henry J. Bartholomew and Miss E. J. Motz, both of Hublersburg. . . December 26, James B. Strohman, of Centre Hill, Miss Annie E. Evans, of Egg Hill. . . December 28, Philip Frank, of Rebersburg, Miss Kate Haight, of Madisonburg. . . December 28, Thomas O. Keen, of Penn township, Miss Lucinda Scholl, of Miles township. . . December 28, Robert F. Vonada and Miss Sue E. Motz, both of Woodward. . . December 28, James S. Stahl and Miss Mary A. Stover, both of Earlstown. . . December 21, Henry A. Hawk, of Brush Valley and Miss Mary A. Vonada, of Georges Valley. . . December 31, Samuel Frank and Miss Sarah Zeigler, both of Schracktown.

Oak Hall.

A. J. Lytle, of State College, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corl, of Boalsburg, were callers in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Peters and daughter Elsie drove to State College Thursday to visit friends.

Some of the progressive citizens made a sidewalk from the diamond to the station.

Mrs. John Derner and little son, of Boalsburg, spent Thursday at the Burns home.

Sheriff Kline and Clement Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, spent a short time in town Tuesday.

Al. Knopf made a trip to Washington last week to secure a patent on a recent invention.

Frances Musser, of Altoona, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Meek, of State College, was here Friday, fishing and calling on friends.

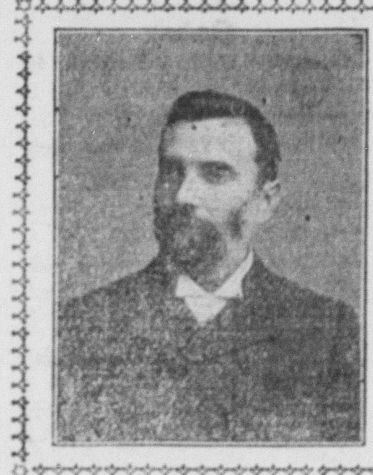
Miss Sue Stone and Al. O'Neill, of Altoona, were married recently. They will make their future home in Altoona. The bride has always lived in Oak Hall, and has the best wishes of her many friends for a happy married life.

The Primary school celebrated Washington's birthday with appropriate exercises. The little people did very well, and their efforts were much appreciated, as were also the recitations and music on the graphophone. Among the many visitors present was Rev. Black, of Boalsburg, who gave an interesting talk. The schoolroom was decorated with flags.

School Board Will Sell.

In another column is the advertisement of the Centre Hall school board offering for sale two lots lying east of the Reformed church, the same being a part of Public School Park. Bids on said lot will be received until March 16, at 6 p. m.

[As previously announced, "Write-Ups" of men and women, natives of Penna., 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.]



DR. A. E. GOBBLE, MYERSTOWN, PA.

All religious denominations have a few men in their institutions who are looked up to as the leaders and thinkers for the masses. In the Evangelical church Dr. Aaron Ezra Gobble occupies such an exalted position. He was born in Penn township, February 14, 1856, and is the son of Mr. Samuel Gobble, who is the youngest of seven children of Mr. Jacob Gobble, who came from the southern portion of Schuylkill county and settled in Centre county about the year 1825. Mr. Samuel Gobble was married to Sarah, the youngest of the seven children of John Willaman, who came from Northampton county and settled in Gregg township over a hundred years ago.

When the subject of this sketch was a child less than two months old his parents moved to the old Willaman homestead, in Gregg township, which they had bought of the other heirs, and there he grew to manhood.

In 1852 he was married to Miss Catharine Kranskop, of Lancaster, and to them two children were born, a son and a daughter. The son, Paul, died in 1857, and the daughter, Miss Grace, recently graduated from the Myerstown High School and will now enter Albright College.

In 1861 Mr. Gobble began to attend the public school at the Cross Roads, in Gregg township, and then continued regularly every winter until 1871. He attended the Penn Hall (now Spring Mills) Academy for a short time in the spring of 1870, under A. E. Truxal, now Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., of Myerstown, and also the entire two terms of 1871. In the fall of that year, before he was quite sixteen years old, he began to teach in the public schools of Gregg township. In 1871-72 he taught the Seven Mountain school; 1872-73 the Hoy's school in Brush Valley; 1873-74 the Cross Roads school, near his home, and in 1874-75 the Spring Mills school. This school had become too large for one teacher. It numbered sixty-six pupils, ranging in grades from the lowest primary to algebra and latin, with other grades accordingly. He always considers that winter's work a failure and now often wonders how he managed to get along at all.

Between the terms of school he attended Penn Hall Academy, except the spring term of 1872, and he has since often expressed regret that he did not also attend that term. There was no good reason why he should not. Flushed with the success of his first term's teaching, he felt that he could take one term off, not realizing how much of a loss it was to him in the preparation for his life's work as an educator.

By the middle of 1875 he was about prepared to enter college. At that time Dr. D. M. Wolf resigned his chair at Franklin and Marshall College and took charge of Penn Hall Academy, and Mr. Gobble and two of his classmates, Prof. W. P. Hosterman and Mr. Philip J. Vonada, continued another year in the academy and entered the sophomore class of F. & M. College in September, 1875.

In 1879 he graduated with the first honors of his class, and in 1882 he received the degree of A. M., in course, from his Alma Mater. In 1892 the honorary degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by Lebanon Valley College, Annville.

February, 1879 he received license to preach the gospel, from the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association, at Allentown; in 1882 he was ordained deacon, by the Central Pennsylvania Conference, at Carlisle, and in 1885 at York. He never served a charge but has preached a good deal, averaging about thirty-five sermons a year since 1881.

In his preaching he does not aim at elegance in word or gesture, but is argumentative and forceful, and plain

even to bluntness at times. He is often called to fill pulpits temporarily during the absence or sickness of pastors, and these calls come as often from other denominations as from his own. He frequently officiates at dedications and at laying of corner stones. At church rallies he can be found, often during the autumn months, every Sunday for weeks in succession.

When the Evangelical Association was divided in 1887-1894 through difficulties in church government he identified himself with the so-called "minority," now the United Evangelical church.

But Dr. Gobble is preeminently an educator, and in that sphere he has employed most of his time and talents. As already stated, he taught for four terms in the public schools of his native county. In 1879, immediately after graduating from college, he was chosen to the chair of mathematics and the ancient languages in Union Seminary, at New Berlin. In December of the same year Principal Benz resigned and Prof. Gobble was urged by the authorities to accept his position. This he finally did with reluctance, as he was then counting upon taking a post graduate course somewhere, either in Europe or America, and this he felt he must sacrifice in accepting the principalship of the seminary. The school had been somewhat neglected, and the attendance was very small, only thirty-seven students being enrolled. He took hold of it with a will and soon the attendance and interest increased. In 1880 he persuaded the board of trustees to adopt several courses of instruction and have the institution incorporated, which was done, and soon the new organization worked so well that in 1883 the building was enlarged, the course of study advanced, and in 1887 it was raised to the grade of a college and incorporated as Central Penna. College, Dr. Gobble remaining at the head of the institution until it was merged with Albright College, in 1902.

Dr. Gobble always claimed that one college was sufficient for his church to maintain in Pennsylvania, and as early as 1880 he began efforts to interest the East Penna. Conference in Union Seminary, at New Berlin, but in this he failed at that time, for that conference determined to have a school of its own, and founded Schuylkill Seminary, at Fredericksburg. He, however, succeeded, in 1889, in winning the cooperation of the Pittsburg Conference, and when, in 1894, the East Penna. Conference of the United Evangelical church had to give up Schuylkill Seminary he renewed his efforts in a letter addressed to the general conference, which met at Naperville, Ill., and in a recommendation to the board of trustees of Central Penna. College.

This last recommendation took practical shape in a series of resolutions adopted by that board of trustees. Dr. Gobble, at the direction of the board visited the next session of all the conferences east of Illinois and the consolidation interest was revived. The matter, however, again partially failed through obligations beforehand assumed by the East Penna. Conference, at Myerstown, but resulted in the appointment of an agent who secured over \$40,000 additional to the endowment fund of Central Penna. College. No sooner was this done than the East Penna. Conference reopened negotiations on the plan presented by Dr. Gobble, and this finally culminated in the consolidation of the colleges at Myerstown, under the charter of Albright College. Dr. Gobble was retained as a member of the new faculty, being professor in Latin and Hebrew, and has ever since served as secretary of the faculty.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gramley and son Floyd, of Rebersburg, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Dinges, over Sunday.

Henry Bloom, of near State College, will move to a farm near Milroy where he will till the broad and fertile acres on the Nagene farm.

It is assured that Furst Brothers stone quarries, at Cedar Springs will be reopened. A railroad will be built, and the stone hauled to the kilns at Mill Hall.

W. W. McCormick, of Potters Mills, is full of the west. He returned recently from a most delightful trip, and is telling wonderful tales of the great west.

The Huntingdon Semi-Weekly News has installed a Mergenthaler linotype. The News is a very much alive paper, and devotes its greatest energies to giving its patrons local happenings.

Luther M. Royer, tenant on the Burkholder farm at Centre Hill, purchased the engine of the skimming station at Tusseyville, and has the same serve him in performing his farm labors.

UNITED EV. CONFERENCE

Opens at Milton by Bishop Hell—Work of the Body of Local Interest.

Bishop W. F. Hell, of Chicago, opened the annual conference of the United Evangelical church, at Milton, Thursday of last week.

Rev. J. F. Dunlap was re-elected secretary and chose Revs. M. I. Jamison, J. D. Shortess and C. W. Finkbinder as his assistants.

Rev. A. D. Gramley, chief of the reportorial staff, selected Revs. L. M. Dice and W. E. Peffley as his assistants.

Rev. J. F. Dunlap selected Rev. B. Hengst as reporter to the Evangelical Zeitschrift, the German organ of the church.

The mission work of the conference was reported by Rev. Edward Crumbling, presiding elder of Centre District, to be encouraging. The society was organized in 1894. Thirteen stations of this conference, originally sustained as missions for a number of years until they became self-sustaining, contributed last year of conference missions \$3,110 and \$3,442 for general and foreign work, total \$6,552.

There are now forty-one missions on the conference list. These contributed last year for conference missions \$2,902, and for all missionary purposes \$5,303.

Seven of these missions contributed an excess over appropriations for salary and some of these an excess over all appropriations; for rent, interest and salary and are practically self-sustaining.

The names of these illustrious seven are Lewistown, Danville, Nescopeck, West Nanticoke, Williamsport, St. Paul, Newberry, Jersey Shore.

The committee on boundaries rendered a partial report. On motion Lewistown mission was made a station by their own request. The Marion appointment was taken from Howard circuit and added to Milesburg circuit and Howard circuit was constituted a mission.

By their own request Revs. J. I. Craul, E. L. Kessler and N. J. Dubs were placed on the supernumerary list. Rev. W. M. Sanner was placed on the supernumerary list by request.

Rev. J. F. Dunlap, D. D., pastor of First church, Williamsport, was elected presiding elder and was stationed on Williamsport district; Rev. S. P. Remer, on Centre district; Rev. U. F. Swengel, on Lewisburg district; Rev. J. C. Reaser, on Carlisle district; Rev. J. W. Messenger, on York district.

The following young ministers were advanced to elders' orders: Rev. W. E. Peffley, A. B., York; Rev. A. C. Price, Williamsport; Rev. S. A. Snyder, Rebersburg; Rev. R. E. Wilson, Hornellsville, N. Y.

The following were licensed to preach the Gospel: Melvin C. Jacobs, Ralph Smith, Geo. W. Fry, J. B. McLaughlin, Geo. E. Albright, Ray S. Daubert, Clyde B. Snyder, H. D. Hill. The following were elected a trial court for another year: Revs. J. King, J. D. Shortess, L. E. Crumbling, A. Stapleton, J. D. Stover, J. A. Hollenbaugh and A. H. Irvine.

The delegates elected to the General Conference, which meets at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, October 4, are: The Rev. Messrs. J. F. Dunlap, D. D.; U. F. Swengel, D. D.; J. W. Messenger, J. C. Reaser, A. M.; Ed. Crumbling, S. P. Remer, A. Stapleton, A. M.; W. E. Detwiler and Noah Young. Lay delegates: H. W. Shaffer, Lock Haven; Dr. W. E. Glosser, Williamsport; C. A. Shaffer, Berwick; J. W. Slot-hower, Lemoyne; D. F. Smith, Carlisle district; S. S. Sechrist, and Lion.

The next annual session of Conference will be held at Carlisle on March 7, 1907, at 8:30 a. m.

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Day School.

The undersigned announces that she will open a school in Centre Hall, beginning April 9, to continue for six weeks. HELEN S. HOSTERMAN, Centre Hall, Pa.

Accident at McNitt-Huyett Mill.

Al Dean, an employee of the McNitt-Huyett Lumber company, at Nittany, met with a painful accident Thursday of last week at the saw mill of the above company. He was engaged in working at the bolter when his hand came in contact with the saw, severing about one-half of the first two fingers and the ends of the remaining two of his right hand. Dr. Houston was summoned and gave the young man surgical attention.

Round Table Conference.

March 23rd and 24th the Round Table Conference of superintendents and principals of Central Pennsylvania will meet in Petrik Hall, Bellefonte.

The president of the conference is Charles Luse, superintendent of the Williamsport public schools, and John D. Meyer, superintendent of the Bellefonte public schools, is chairman. About a half hundred educators will take part in the discussion of the educational subjects.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Daniel Callahan, of Pleasant Gap, has moved to the Gregg farm, west of Centre Hall.

Mrs. Travesick has brought suit against Phillipsburg for \$5000 damages. She fell on a defective walk.

The post office at Rote will be discontinued. The patrons of that office will be served by rural delivery from Nittany.

Horses, cows, young cattle and hogs are bringing very good prices at the public sales. Implements, when in good condition, are also selling fairly.

Local talent, under the direction of Prof. George E. King, of Harrisburg, will give an entertainment in Odd Fellows' Hall, Pine Grove Mills, Friday evening.

Mrs. L. S. Bayard, (nee Miss Laura Strohman), of New York, is in Hong Kong, China, a card having been received from that point by Mrs. Flora O. Bairfoot. She is touring the Orient.

Miss Annie Shoop, who had been in Beaverdale for some months conducting a millinery store, is home since Saturday. The strike in that section practically put almost every merchant out of business for the present.

Nine of the thirteen townships of Huntingdon county, which were qualified to vote at the recent election on the question as to whether they would adopt the new state road law, or retain the old law, voted in the affirmative.

Samuel Stauffer, a fifteen year old boy, of Peques, was taken to Lancaster with both legs broken, the result of falling from an ordinary chair at the home of his parents. This is the twentieth time the lad had fractured his limbs.

William Tressler, a highly respected and well-to-do citizen of Buffalo Run, was thrown from a conveyance while driving through Bellefonte and was painfully injured, having received a severe contusion of the hip. He was taken to the Hayes-Dale sanitarium for treatment.

The license court in Mifflin county had a radical disagreement. Fourteen of the seventeen applications for liquor licenses were dissented to by Judge Woods and granted by Associate Judges Sawyers and Braham. Licenses were refused C. B. Briner, Junction Hotel, also P. B. Hanlon, bottler.

J. D. Deltrick, of Glenock, was an arrival in Millheim Wednesday morning, says the Millheim Journal. Thirty-six years ago Mr. Deltrick taught school in that place and is well remembered by those residents of Millheim who were his pupils. Mr. Deltrick is engaged in scientific farming in the employ of the United States agricultural department.

John Y. Glasgow, of Colyer, for three weeks was in Philadelphia with his son, John H. Glasgow, and daughter, Mrs. H. C. Hamby. On the morning of his return, his son's mother-in-law, Mrs. Henrietta Piuschke, prepared his breakfast and jocularly remarked that it would be the last time they would meet. Mr. Glasgow came home, and to his surprise the first mail brought the sad news of the lady's death.

Frank P. Flory, south of Centre Hall, was a caller the latter part of last week. Mr. Flory lives on the Samuel Flory farm, which tract of land has been made very productive by skillful farming and management. Lime was the secret of success in bringing up the Flory farm to its present state of tillth. Mr. Flory has joined the telephone movement, and will be connected with the two and one-half million Bell telephones.

H. G. Strohmeier, the Centre Hall marble dealer, has been turning out some splendid work recently. His terms are so reasonable that he is setting monuments, tombstones, etc., at points distant from Centre Hall. Mr. Strohmeier is a first-class mechanic, having learned stone cutting in the "old country," where a youth without a trade is regarded as a vagabond. His superior mechanical skill has had much to do with his well established business.

Commissioners Dunlap, Weaver and Bailey, accompanied by W. Boyd Musser, representing the York Bridge Company, of York, inspected the Colyer bridge across Penna. Creek, Wednesday of last week. The bridge was repaired by substituting iron for wooden girders and was also planked. Friday of this week the gentlemen will take a look at the site of the proposed new bridge, in Gregg township, over Penna. Creek. This bridge is the one through which a steam thrasher fell some months ago. The wooden structure has been in bad repute for a number of years, and recently a petition to the court obliged the county commissioners to build a bridge under county supervision.