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FROM ILLINOIS.

G. H. Rishel, formerly of Penns Valley, Tells About Weather, Crops and Stock Markets in the West.

As most of the Reporter readers know me I thought I would write a short letter to be published in the paper.

We have had all kinds of weather here this winter. There was a snow-fall of two inches, but we have had no sleighing. We had several cold snaps. At one time the thermometer registered four degrees below zero, but the low temperature did not last long. On the seventh of January the thermometer registered sixty, and we had thunder and lightning and a pouring rain similar to that in the month of June. This was followed by a few days of zero weather.

The principal crops raised here are corn, oats and hogs. Most of the farmers had good crops this year. Hogs are the most profitable live stock as they bring a fair price. Last week the highest market quotation was \$7 per hundred-weight. One of my neighbors sold fifteen hogs, average live weight 475 pounds, for \$450 in Chicago. It is forty miles to Chicago, but we are eight miles northwest of Aurora.

Cattle also are selling at a fair figure. Most of the cattle fed here are shipped from the southwest. Horses are very high in price. Most any old work horse will bring from \$50 to \$75. About two weeks ago I attended a horse sale similar to those held in Millheim. One team of horses, about six or seven years old and weighing 2800, brought \$395. At the same sale one horse sold for \$231, and another for \$215.

Corn is 40¢, oats 32¢. Most of the farmers feed nearly all their corn. Eggs are 25¢ and butter 25¢. A month ago eggs and butter were 30¢.

Farms are selling all the way from \$100 to \$150 per acre. Rent on farms is also high. Most farms are rented for cash, and from \$4.50 to \$7.00 per acre. Some farms are rented for one-half share.

Very truly
G. H. RISHEL.

Novel Idea for License.

The citizens of "Rattler," a village in Toga county, have made a plea for whole-sale liquor license on a novel ground. The town gets its name from the numerous rattlesnakes in the neighborhood, and among the arguments advanced for the necessity of a license is "Rattler" it is said that the liability of the inhabitants to snake bites is so great that a plentiful supply of the never-failing, popular remedy as a preventative and cure is an absolute necessity.

Card of Thanks.

The family of the late John P. Lee take this method of returning thanks to their friends for the assistance rendered during the illness and death of Mr. Lee.

People can talk about the Thaw trial and denounce the principals; they can express their contempt for fickle women and fast men, but when they read the story of a young girl's ruin by a designing, treacherous man as Stanford White is shown to have been, it stirs up deep down in the human soul a heart feeling that is stronger than any other passion and wins to the young profligate and his beautiful, erring wife the sympathy of the public.

The Roosevelt "Third Term League" is not paying a very high compliment to the sincerity of the gentleman it professes to admire.

There is one good feature about the newspaper reports of the Thaw case. You do not have to read them.

Letter to B. D. Babbin,
Centre Hall, Pa.

Dear Sir: Some people get deep pointed in painting; it doesn't come out as they thought it would.

C. B. Edwards, of Edwards & Broughton, printers, Raleigh, N. C., painted his house with Devco three years ago; he had used 30 gallons paste paint before and bought 30 gallons Devco. Had 16 left.

Paste paint is extra thick—with white-wash.

Mayor W. W. Carroll, Monticello, Florida, says: "My painter said it would take 35 gallons to paint my house; it took 20 gallons Devco." His house is the best paint job in town; and he says Devco is the whitest white of all white paints.

Jones & Rodgers bought 5 gallons Devco to prime Mr. Pratt's house at Merkel, Texas. It painted two coats.

The reason for nobody guessing little-enough Devco is: they learned in a bad school; other paints.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVCO & Co.,
New York.

Kreamer & Son sell our paint.

PAYING CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

BY OSCAR CHRISMAN, PH. D.
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PART II.

[As was announced previously an article from the pen of Dr. Chrisman is given space in the Centre Reporter. The title defines the line of argument. Every reader of this journal should carefully study the line of thought presented. The idea of paying children to attend school may be new to many, but there is wholesome ground for its adoption.—Ed.]

The average age at which children leave school is not far from thirteen years perhaps. That is, the child stays in school up to the time when he is able to show his parents that he can do something outside better than at school, that the school is not doing him good, etc. There is no natural interest in the school room for the child, especially the boy. He is savage and filled with savage instincts. The school of the savage has never been in four walls, and particularly not in a little narrow desk; for it has been all outdoors and so the child craves such a school. The school of the savage has been for the most part a physical school, with but little mental application, and so the boy, a savage, wants his physical nature helped and trained. He cannot stand only mental strain, so he goes out from school into the physical, active world. Also, as was suggested before, the present needs, which can only be met by money, appeal to him more than preparation for the future. Hence he leaves school to go out and make money. The parents, not being higher in the scale than the children, acquiesce in this, for to them present money is of more worth than future gains.

The way to keep children in school is to make the school the most valuable place for them. The school must be made attractive. We must change front and recognize that the school-room is made for the child and not for the teacher. At present only the apertences of the teacher are placed in it, and whatever may be done for the children is done only because the teacher's interests can best be served by such. The school-room must be made for the children. As the business-room is made attractive and fixed up for customers, and whatever is done for the sales-people is done only because thereby the best interests of customers can be cared for, so in the school-room the interests of the children must be consulted and those things done for children which will make the school-room, next to the home, the most attractive place. In the first place there must be more freedom allowed to boys and to girls. In the next place more pleasure must be allowed them. Again the work must be changed from still life to active life. I have sometimes thought that if a painter wanted to make a study of still life, he ought to go into a well-ordered school-room and study the children, for the natural activity of child-life is pushed out there and still life prevails. The present routine of work of the ordinary school must be entirely revolutionized. The condition of the air, heat, light, etc., of the school-room must require as much time on the part of the teacher as at present is given up to suppressing the spirits of child-nature and in holding examinations. Work which allows the use of the body, freedom of motion and

action, must take the place of the tiresome desk-work and dull mental applications of the present. But above and beyond all these must the work be carried out into the field and the wood, along by the river and the brook. The child must be taught through nature. Why cannot a beautiful hillside, shaded with spreading trees and carpeted with lovely flowers and soft grass, be as good a place to teach children as the dreary school-room and drearier desk? But more yet, the teacher instead of always bringing the children to him must go out to them and must teach them by following them in their plays and in their doings. It is very gratifying to students and lovers of children that much of the above is being recognized as necessary in school-work and in some ways is being looked after, so that we may well believe that the future school is going to be conducted along such lines.

Yet with all the above, however attractive the school may be made, we must understand that the child in his work knows only profit of the present. He knows no future. I fully believe that the child, all things being equal, who receives an education, is better prepared for life's struggles than he who leaves school to engage in any work or business, I care not what it may be. But this is the judgment of an adult. It is not what the child sees. He sees only what he gains for the present. He is as the savage, he lives for the present. So with conditions out in the world calling the children, with the greed of parents and employes, with the love of money implanted within us, I believe another thing must be done, a very radical step must be taken, and that is to pay children in dollars and cents to attend school. Yet this is not such a great innovation, for in higher education it is being done. Scholarships and fellowships are being increased all the time, until it looks as if at least in the very highest education all who undertake such may get paid for it in dollars and cents.

If it is of great value to the state, to mankind, to pay students in the highest and most advanced lines to attend school, why is it not as profitable, and even more so, to pay children to attend school? Surely it is as important to the state to have the masses educated as it is to have some few individuals very highly educated. It is true it would cost a great deal of money to pay every child who attends school, for I should say pay every child, no matter whether rich or poor, just as every child is paid who works for it. Perhaps it would be that the children be paid by the amount and kind of work done just as in their work elsewhere and as in markings of grades in school. This, though, is not a matter that need be taken up in this paper.

(To be Continued.)

LOCALS.

One will lose nothing by making the coming election the theme of private reflection or social conversation.

The state educational association of school directors of Pennsylvania meets in Harrisburg today (Thursday) and tomorrow.

George W. Rumberger, deputy to County Treasurer White, has been down as a juror for the United States district court which will convene at Scranton 25th inst.

Sledding has been tight since Monday a week. The snow softened sufficiently Saturday and Sunday to prevent it from being drifted by the winds of Monday. Good fortune for all.

The Central hotel, at Milesburg, a few days ago was sold to Harry Austin, who will take full charge by April 1st. The Central hotel for many years was conducted by Alexander Kohlbecker, and after his death a year ago, by his son, Henry Kohlbecker.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Strunk are at Kertbaush where Mr. Strunk is running an engine at one of the large brick works. They expect to remain until Spring. At that time Mr. Strunk will begin operating the circular saw and prepare for the threshing season.

The Taxpayers League, in Clinton county, is making itself felt by showing that much property in that county is assessed ridiculously low. Coal lands, worth \$300 per acre, were returned at \$1.00 per acre, and fire-clay beds of great value are assessed at the same rate.

The Reporter's Register.

As was announced last week the Centre Reporter opened a register in which persons calling to transact business or for a social chat are invited to register their names. The register contains the following:

John B. Wert, Tusseyville
Claude E. Wert, Tusseyville
L. J. Burris, Centre Hall
A. A. Moyer, Centre Hall
G. W. McClary, Spring Mills
Wm. H. Lavyer, St. Louis, Mo.
D. W. Bradford, Centre Hall
J. H. Smetzer, Potters Mills
D. P. Ream, Spring Mills
Sara M. Brungart, Centre Hall
Virgie A. Durst, Centre Hall
J. W. Whiteman, Centre Hall
A. E. Homan, Centre Hall
John Oberholzer Harrisburg
M. S. Strine, Harrisburg
H. C. Strohmeier, Centre Hall
H. C. Houser, Centre Hall
G. W. Muir, Williamsport
Verna Gels, Centre Hall
Sadie Weaver, Centre Hall
Grover Weaver, Centre Hall
Claudia Wieland, Oak Hill Station
Ross Bushman, Centre Hall
Mrs. J. F. Smith, Centre Hall
Bessie Weber, Centre Hall
J. L. Tressler, Linden Hall
Mrs. J. E. Campbell, Linden Hall
Mary L. Campbell, Linden Hall
E. C. Harter, Spring Mills
J. W. Raymond, Linden Hall
M. D. Fleming, Wheeling, W. Va.
W. D. Strunk, Centre Hall
Sumner Stover, Millheim
Geo. H. Emerick, Centre Hall
Ross Runkle, Tusseyville
Bessie Myers, Tusseyville

The building formerly used by the Howard Creamery Corporation as a skimming station at Tusseyville was cut into sections and hauled to Centre Hall where it will again be erected.

STOVE DROPS THROUGH FLOOR.

Overheated Stove Burns Floor and Falls to Cellar—A Shoeless Family Was Benjamin Rickard's.

Benjamin Rickard was greatly surprised Monday morning, when he arose unusually early in order to do a certain piece of work, to find that the cook stove had fallen through the kitchen floor, the floor ablaze, and every pair of shoes in the house burned up. It was a timely awakening to the situation by Mr. Rickard.

The Rickard family lives on the old Johnny Allen farm, or Johnny Allen's old farm, the location having been described both ways, according to the correctness of the language used by the informant, above Colyer, and Sunday night the shoes worn by the members of the family were placed around the stove like so many sentinels. The night was cold, consequently the fire box of the stove was filled with fuel, and the oven utilized as a dryhouse for the next morning's supply of kindling and wood.

The family retired and soundly slept throughout the night. It was in the morning that they were disconcerted by the loss of their shoes and the stove having lowered itself to the half-story underneath, caused by the wood in the oven catching fire. The incident is amusing in a way, but came very near being a much greater loss to Mr. Rickard and family, and the venerable owner, John Allen.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Benjamin Wieland, et. ux., to Daniel Miller, Jr., April 1, 1851; land in Miles township. \$300.

Perry A. Thompson, et. ux., to S. R. Thompson, Nov. 1906; 20 acres in Rush twp. \$425.

John I. Thompson, et. ux., to M. E. Church, Lemont, July 28, 1892; lot in Lemont. \$100.

Michael Murphy's heirs to A. S. Brown, Oct. 1906; lot in Rush twp. \$275.

Kate Horner, et. al., to John W. Mowry, Jan. 9, 1907; two tracts of land, 42 acres, 89 perches in Potter twp. \$1200.

Delia J. Duke, et. al., to Jane Potts, June 16, 1906; 3 of an acre in Rush twp. \$200.

Commissioners of Pennsylvania to J. H. Ward, Jan. 25, 1907; 199 acres, 129 6-10 perches. \$49.78

Sarah L. Larimer to H. Larid Curtin, Jan. 31, 1907, her interest in Boggs twp. \$200.

Chas. W. Fisher, adms. of Sarah L. Fisher, to Sarah J. Bickle, Sept. 28, 1906; September 28, and 119 perches in Gregg twp. \$400

LOCALS.

Conductor Reamer was obliged to go to Philadelphia last week to consult an eye specialist.

Captain William F. Reber, of Philadelphia, has taken full charge of the hotel at State College.

Jared Harper, of Bellefonte, has 30 hens that laid 114 eggs each during the year 1906, or a total of 3420 eggs; 285 dozen.

The Bezer livery, Bellefonte, will be closed shortly. Mr. Bezer will be engaged as a horse dealer, and contemplates opening a regular exchange stable.

J. W. Mitterling made a shipment of fresh cows to the eastern markets Saturday. Monday, Mr. Mitterling followed the cattle to conduct the sale the latter part of this week.

The Reformed parsonage at Centre Hall has been improved by the addition of a bath room. The fixtures are said to be the best obtainable. The plumbing was done by J. S. Rowe.

A bill that ought to become a law is the one doing away entirely with the cigarette. The bill provides that cigarettes nor cigarette paper shall be manufactured, sold or in the possession of any one. Let the cigarette bill become a law.

Wednesday evening of last week the scholars in the Centre Hall Grammar School induced H. W. Dinges to take them to Centre Hill that they might spend an evening with their teacher, James B. Strohm, and family. How did they enjoy it! It was the talk, not only the next day but the next week.

Money is being collected with which to buy a street lamp to be located opposite the dwelling of W. Gross Mingle, North Main street. All the lamps now in use have been purchased from funds collected in this way. The borough, however, pays for the lighting and gasoline consumed after the lamps are installed.

G. M. Muir, of Williamsport, contract agent of the B-I Telephone company, was in State College, remarks the Times, looking up new business. The company has not had much success since the United Telephone company began business and in order to counteract this decline has reduced the charges to \$15, and as a result of a canvass by Mr. Muir over 30 phones will shortly be installed.

The Service Pension Bill.

The service pension bill was signed by the president, and is now a law.

The following is the schedule of the bill:

At 62 years of age, \$12. per month; at 70 years of age, \$15 per month; at 75 years of age or over, \$20 per month.

These pensions shall commence from the date of the filing of the applications with the Pension bureau, and the terms apply to any person who has served 90 days or more in the civil war or in the war with Mexico. All that is necessary is to establish age and produce an honorable discharge.

There can be no accurate estimate of the amount of money which will be needed to cover the additional charge upon the Treasury made necessary by this legislation. There is no doubt, however, that it will serve as a precedent for future pension legislation for the aged survivors of later wars. It rounds out and completes a policy of grateful recognition for warlike service on land and sea without parallel in any other country.

Bills Passed Finally.

The law makers are beginning to turn out their quota of work, which, if it passes the scrutiny of Governor Stuart will become law. The bills finally passed were:

Establishing the standard of measurement of milk, skimmed milk and cream at 231 cubic inches to a gallon. Providing for the payment by the county of the costs in cases given in charge to the Grand Jury for investigation where no prosecution is brought.

Directing that county bridges over navigable streams, which shall hereafter be designated as State bridges, be repaired, rebuilt and maintained by the Commonwealth under the supervision of the State Highway Department, and that the Commissioners of the counties where such bridges are located shall be custodians of them.

Keith's Theatre.

The program at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week is made up of world-wide novelties. First in attractiveness is F. D. Thomas' presentation of "Vacation Time," with the Atlantic City surf-bathing scene, and the eight English summer girls. Florence Tyler is soprano. There is gorgeous scenery, stunning costumes and charming music in this production. Sydney Deane & Co. will be seen in "Xmas on Blackwell's Island." A special feature is John T. Kelly & Co., famous Weber-Fields comedian. An interesting and exciting entertainment is furnished by the Great Jackson Family, the world's foremost cycle troupe. Willy Zimmerman, impersonator of great composers, and the Hickman Brothers, acrobatic comedian, are others on the bill.

Judge Orvis Upheld.

Centre county may justly feel proud of the President Judge, while some of the neighboring counties are just a bit puzzled over the haphazard decisions rendered by their chief dispenser of law. Not a few judges declared the portion of the road law relating to the voting for or against the cash tax system unconstitutional, but Centre's judge went on granting privileges to townships to decide by popular vote the matter how road tax should be paid. Now the Superior court has sustained the law, declaring the law not special legislation.

Killed on Railroad.

Wednesday of last week David C. Osman, of Pine Hall, met his death on the railroad near Altoona. He was a flagman, and it was while performing his duties as such that he was run down and receiving injuries which terminated in his death.

Mr. Osman was aged twenty-three years, and is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lemmel Osman, of Pine Hall, from which place internment was made.

Monument to be Completed.

The soldiers' and sailors' monument at Bellefonte is being completed, twenty plates containing the names of Centre county's heroes having been received, and last week the work of placing them was begun.

The two plaques bearing the names of the soldiers of the wars of 1775, 1812 and 1845 will not be on hand until spring.

M. P. Conference.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in the First church, Tyrone, the week beginning March 28th. Bishop W. F. McDowell, of Chicago, will be the presiding officer and a good program is now being arranged for the ministerial gathering.

Valentine Post Cards.

A good assortment of Valentine Post Cards on sale at the Reporter office. You will find them suited to all professions and occupations.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

At a recent festival held by the Odd Fellows, at Pine Grove Mills, \$170 was cleared.

Col. Hugh S. Taylor has reappointed the military band of Fifth Clearfield as the official band of the regiment.

Monday of last week, the employes of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania received a 10 per cent increase in their wages.

Prof. P. H. Meyer, who is teaching a class in vocal music at Centre Hall and Millheim, may hold a musical convention at the latter place before spring.

J. H. Rishel, the prospective Farmers Mills merchant, and W. O. Gramley, a rural mail carrier, of Spring Mills, signed contracts to have Bell telephones installed.

H. C. Houser, of Old Fort, will move to the tenement house on the Hale farm, near Axe Mann, and will be employed by G. T. Tibbens. During the past year, Mr. Houser was employed as a farm hand by George W. Bradford.

Howard Homan now lives at Mingo-ville instead of at Altoona, at which place he has been following carpentering for a number of years. In fact, Mr. Homan intends keeping on with his work at Altoona, but his home proper will be in Centre county.

Messrs. M. S. Stine and A. E. Oberholzer, of Harrisburg, were in town a few days repairing the traction engine of W. D. Strunk & Son. The men are in the employment of the Huber Manufacturing Company, from which company the engine was purchased.

A thrilling serial story appears in every issue of "The Daily Press." It is one of many good features. All the news and departments worth while are adequately treated in "The Press." Buy "The Press" every day. It insures your getting the best newspaper.

In a decision handed down by Judge Orvis it is defined that a town council may appoint a person other than the tax collector to collect water rents. The decision is based on the fact that the sums assessed against individuals and property is a water rent and not a tax.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier recently opened their home to a number of young people from Centre Hall. It was a sledding party, and all enjoyed both the ride to the Frazier home and the hospitality of the Frazier family. Edward Durst furnished the transportation for the young people.

John F. Gray, the senior member of the insurance firm of Gray & Son, Bellefonte, was in Centre Hall last week looking up fire and life insurance, and wrote up several policies. Gray & Son are able to write up any kind of insurance—fire and life—and in the most substantial companies in existence.

Messrs. J. R. Smetzer and W. H. Matter, of Potters Mills, were in town Thursday of last week and called on the Reporter. The latter gentleman is Squire Carson's right hand man, on the Carson farm, near Potters Mills. He is a native of Sugar Valley, but is well contented among the fertile hills at the upper end of Georges Valley.

Last week William D. Strunk made a trip through Millin and Huntingdon counties with a view of finding a location into which to move, and on returning decided to locate at Burnham. While in Huntingdon county he paid his aged father, Isaac Strunk, near McAlevys Fort, a visit, and also spent a short time with Andy Crozter at Belleville.

Last week's Selingsgrove Times contained this item: Luther Kratzer, who has been burning lime at Pharo's Herman's lime kiln laid several sticks of dynamite near the kiln to dry. The heat was too great for the dynamite and as a result it exploded, wrecking the lime kiln. Mr. Kratzer was sitting near by eating his dinner, and how he escaped instant death is a miracle. His dinner bucket, from which he was eating, was blown a hundred feet from where he sat.

Personals from the Millheim Journal: Ex-Sheriff Cyrus Brungart, of Centre Hall, transacted business in town Friday. . . G. R. Stover, former station agent at Coburn, but now of Lykens, spent Friday and Saturday at Coburn and Millheim, greeting his many friends and acquaintances. . . George Swartz, grandson of the late Henry M. Swartz, of Rockford, Ill., was an arrival in this place Thursday to attend the funeral of his grandfather on Friday. . . Miss Lyde Musser, who teaches school at Centre Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Felix Burkholder, spent Saturday at the home of Miss Musser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Musser, on East Main street.