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CENTRE COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION.

The thirty-eighth annual convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association opened at 2 p. m. Tuesday last week in the Presbyterian church, Bellefonte. After a short song service, led by Dr. J. Allison Platts, devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. B. Stein, pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist Episcopal church. A cordial address of welcome was made by Dr. Platts, of the Presbyterian church, to which Pres. C. L. Gramley responded happily on behalf of the convention. Pres. Gramley then appointed the committee on enrollment, as follows: T. A. Ammen, chairman; W. H. Roush, Elsie Schuyler, Ella Decker, Louise Brackbill.

Rev. Richard Crittenden introduced the subject, "A model Bible school," taking the eighth chapter of Nehemiah as his text. In it a Bible school is described which existed several hundred years before Christ. Men, women and children were present, and none late. (Some schools can be described by four D's—dragging in, dwindling away, dying out, dead.) The pastor was present, all took part reverently, many teachers were present, attention of the old and young was held, all remained till the close, contributions were made, the lesson well taught. As each point was made, proof from the chapter was read by a member of the convention. Mr. Crittenden explained that the entire exercise is to appear in his book. A motion was carried that a sufficient number of copies of the exercise be printed and sold for 50 apiece during the convention.

General Secretary W. G. Landes then spoke on "The County Association target." He dwelt upon the importance of county organization. One ninth of the Sunday school membership of the United States is in Pennsylvania. There are ten points to be made to place a county in the front rank: 1. Organization; 2. A county convention; 3. District organization; 4. District gathering of statistics; 5. Annual gathering of statistics; 6. Contribution to the state work; 7. Representation at the state convention; 8. 50 per cent. of the schools should have Cradle Rolls; 9. 30 per cent. should have Home Departments; 10. 20 per cent. should have Teacher Training Classes. He closed with a few striking statistics—20 per cent. of our population are regular church goers, 30 per cent. are irregular church goers, 50 per cent. do not go at all. Of the latter 40 per cent. were at one time in the Sunday school. Revs. Hurrington, Platts, Schmidt and Schuyler took part in the discussion. The session closed with singing, and a prayer by Rev. F. F. Hurrington, of the African Methodist Episcopal church.

Tuesday afternoon session opened with a praise service conducted by Dr. Platts, assisted by a male choir. In the absence of Rev. W. B. Cox, the devotional exercises were in charge of Rev. A. A. Black, of Boalsburg. Pres. Gramley next appointed the following committees: Resolutions, Rev. G. W. McInay, Rev. J. B. Durkes, Mrs. L. E. Stover, Mrs. W. H. Phillips, Mrs. J. R. Sechrist. Nominations, Rev. James B. Stein, Clymer H. Stover, H. F. Spotts, Ella Levy, Mary C. Struble. Finance, Rev. F. W. Barry, Rev. Jos. D. Matthews, Norman F. Johnson, D. W. Murphy, Jared Harper.

Rev. S. S. Bergen, of Petersburg, was then introduced and spoke on "The Spirit's help in teaching." The teacher must be thoroughly prepared, and seek the help of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. Perfection is the ideal, unattainable but always to be striven for. Every man is called by God to service. In emphasizing the necessity of organization, we must not forget that the Holy Spirit is the real power. Revs. Matthews and Crittenden took part in the discussion. An offering, amounting to \$11.76, was taken.

Sec. Landes, having been obliged to go to the Mercer county convention, his place on the program was taken by Rev. C. A. Oliver, of York, state superintendent of Teacher Training. He brought the message that counties having five of the ten points enumerated by Mr. Landes are "banner" counties, those having eight are "star" counties, and those having all ten "front rank" counties. Centre county is a "banner" county. He then spoke on "The purpose of Sunday school teaching." Its great end is soul saving,—telling the story so sweetly, so powerfully that souls may be won to Christ. The personal touch is often more powerful than a sermon. We must bring men by teaching and example to a full realization of Christ. Next, sanctification, the establishment of Christian character. Religion is not merely a life-saver. Live right, lead, Christian service. Our Sunday schools are great training schools. We are now making the ministers and missionaries of the future. In view of these great ends teacher training is

necessary. Teachers should get the very best preparation and instruction possible. The session closed with singing, and a prayer by Rev. G. W. McInay, of Spring Mills.

Wednesday morning the session opened promptly at nine with a song service conducted by Dr. Platts, and devotional exercises by Rev. W. H. Spangler, of the United Brethren church. After another song the minutes of Tuesday's session were read and adopted. Dr. W. Henry Schuyler, chairman of the executive committee and secretary of the association, made a report, in which he called attention to the falling off in numbers of our Sunday schools during the past year. He also read the names of twenty-two unreported schools, and reports were received from a few. Several short reports were made by district associations. Treasurer A. Lukenbach made his report, and attention was called to the fact that there is not enough money in the treasury to meet the state pledge. Mrs. H. W. Kreamer reported as primary superintendent, and Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Home Department superintendent in his report urged that more schools organize Home Departments, and that all subscribe for the Pennsylvania Herald, which has a special issue for this department. Sample copies were distributed and Treas. Lukenbach, of Bellefonte, appointed to receive subscriptions. Normal Superintendent T. M. Gramley made a short report. The report of the committee on resolutions was read by Rev. McInay and adopted by the convention.

The committee earnestly recommended that every school organize a teacher training class, a home department, and if possible a mission study class. The cradle roll was highly recommended as a foundation for the future Sunday school. They also thanked the state workers, W. G. Landes and Rev. Charles A. Oliver, for their aid, the pastor and officers of the Presbyterian church for their welcome and the people of Bellefonte for their hospitality.

Rev. F. W. Barry for the committee on finance recommended an appropriation of \$125 for the state work, and that each superintendent secure a contribution of at least 2c per member, more if possible. The report was adopted after considerable discussion, participated in by Messrs. T. M. Gramley, Jared Harper, Revs. Schuyler, Black, Snyder and others. Rev. J. B. Stein reported the following nominations: Pres.—Prof. C. L. Gramley Rebersburg; Vice Pres.—Rev. W. H. Spangler, Bellefonte; Secy.—Rev. W. Henry Schuyler, Centre Hall; Treas.—A. Lukenbach, Bellefonte; Primary Supt.—Mrs. Wm. Shawley, Yarnell; Home Dept. Supt.—Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Bellefonte; Normal Supt.—Rev. G. W. McInay, Spring Mills. The report was adopted, and the officers named were elected unanimously by a rising vote. Pres. Gramley responded in a few earnest words, followed by Rev. Crittenden.

In the absence of Rev. Ralph H. Bergtresser, the discussion of the subject, "Should the association take a religious census of Centre county?" was omitted. Mrs. W. Henry Schuyler, of Centre Hall, spoke on "Children's Day." A Children's day service should not be regarded as an exhibition. The time should be carefully chosen—even a very bad time. The exercises should be suitable for the children and not spectacular. Save appropriate selections during the year, and go to the old masters of literature. Drill the child carefully in manner of delivery; read the poem to the child several times before giving it to be committed, and mark the proper accents. The time allotted to Sec. Landes was taken by Dr. J. W. Bosh, of Centre Hall, who spoke on "The teacher, his relation to the Holy Spirit." The teacher needs the Spirit in order to understand the Holy Scriptures. He must be convinced that the Bible is God's holy word. The Spirit is necessary for a clear intellectual discernment of the meaning of God's word. There must be a divine working on both mind and heart, also a baptism of the Spirit to show the teacher how to use his knowledge. Our schools need a spiritual awakening that we may present Christ. Acts 10:46.

Rev. Oliver spoke on "Teacher Training." A regular normal course has been planned by the state. The text-book recommended is "Revised Normal Lessons." The class should meet weekly and may be conducted by pastor, superintendent or one of the teachers. The names of the members are recorded by the state superintendent, who sends them a set of twenty examination questions after they have studied ten lessons and marks their papers, giving each a grade. When examinations on the

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

Democratic Watchman—Mrs. J. Will Couley and daughter, Miss Nellie, have returned from their visit with friends in Ohio.

Rev. C. F. Gephart, of Newry, Blair county, was in Bellefonte the other day on his way to pay a visit to his mother at his old home in Millheim.

Mrs. M. I. Gardner and son Harold left for Warren where they will spend a few days then go to Lake Chautauque, N. Y., for a two weeks' stay.

For the second time since she has been in Bellefonte Miss Helen Bible delighted the congregation in the Methodist church by singing a beautiful solo.

Miss Carrie Bayard, a teacher in the Jumboville Soldiers' Orphans' school, is at her home here for a brief vacation. She was accompanied to Bellefonte by Major Walters, a military instructor in the school.

Misses Lula Ulrich and Katherine Meyer have been in Bellefonte a portion of the week interested in the Sunday School convention as delegates from Penn Hall. Miss Ulrich and Miss Meyer will go from here to State College, where they will visit friends before returning home.

A. C. Kepler, of Lancaster, came up to spend some time with his cousin, J. M. Kepler, at Pine Grove Mills, and cast his eye over his old stumping ground. His locks are somewhat grizzled but he is brisk and alert and quite a nimrod, having hunted in every section of America and Canada. His home is a regular museum of relics.

G. C. Houseworth, of Selousgrove, has been chosen teacher for the Ferguson township High school. He is a graduate of the Susquehanna University and is highly recommended.

Miss Sue Dannelly, of Pine Grove Mills, after a month's visit among relatives and friends at Medina and Wadsworth, Ohio, returned home last week.

Franklin Bowersox, of Pine Grove Mills, recently fell from a load of hay he was building and has been laid up ever since with a badly sprained ankle.

After being housed up with rheumatism for a year or more James H. Heberling was able to come to Pine Grove Mills on a visit to his brother, J. G. Heberling.

Keystone Gazette—Mrs. W. M. Rearick and two children, of Millinburg, are this week visiting in Bellefonte.

Hon. P. G. Meek returned from a visit to his daughter at Pittsburg and was accompanied home by his little grandson, Thomas K. Morris.

Mrs. H. S. Yarrington, with her daughter, Miss Louise, and her little son, Greyson, of Richmond, Va., are spending the summer at the home of Abram V. Miller.

Miss Sarah Bayard, one of the efficient clerks in Bush & Bull's store in Williamsport, this week spent a short vacation at her home in this place.

James C. Furst, Esq., left for Philadelphia where he will be joined by his brother, William S. Furst, Esq., and then proceed to New York from where they will sail on the American Line steamship, "Minneapolis," for London.

Millheim Journal—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burd, of Akron, O., are visiting relatives at Aaronsburg.

George Spaid, of Beavertown, was transacting insurance business in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snyder and children, of Altoona, are visiting relatives and friends in this place.

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Klepper and family, of Lock Haven, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Klepper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kreamer, on Penn street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Maize are entertaining their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ulrich, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Ulrich, all of Watson-town.

Centre Democrat—Rev. William Dale, of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived in Bellefonte, and is a guest of his father, W. J. Dale, near Pleasant Gap.

Miss Emma Waite, one of the efficient operators of the Bell exchange, accompanied by Miss Mamie Hill, left for a ten-days' sojourn at Atlantic City.

Mrs. J. O. Harper and daughter, Miss Helen, left for Lynn, Mass., to spend several weeks on a visit to her son Clarence, who has a good position there with a large manufacturing establishment for which he is the purchasing agent.

Bellefonte Daily News—Rev. W. K. Foster, of Jenkintown, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit Sunday morning and evening.

Misses Roxy and Helen Mingle returned home Saturday noon from a

PROGRESS GRANGE REMEMBERED.

The Order Presented with Officers' Chairs by Its Friends Abroad and Local.

One of the highest ambitions of men should be to make surroundings and conditions better.

To keep the Grange apace with kindred organizations a few friends of the order, who are interested in the welfare of the Grange, desired to do something to show their appreciation of the leadership of Progress Grange in general improvements, and presented to the Grange a full set of officers' chairs of the most recent mission style, upholstered in Spanish leather.

The donors are Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Secretary of Agriculture; Dr. E. H. Warren, former Dairy and Food Commissioner; Miss Margaret Hart, daughter of Geo. Hart, of Philadelphia; Hon. Leonard Rhone, James A. Keller and David K. Keller.

Stereoscopic Lecture.

A special representative of the Presbyterian Home Mission Board of New York will lecture in the Presbyterian church Friday evening, August 9th, at 8:00 o'clock, subject, "Getting Better Acquainted with our American Neighbors." The lecture will be illustrated by about one hundred beautiful pictures of Indians, Mexicans, Mormons, Alaskans, Frontier Life, Immigrants, Cubans, and other unfamiliar fellow citizens. All are cordially invited. No charge for admission. A silver offering to defray expenses will be taken.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Centre Hall post office August 1st: Mrs. Margaret Bush, Miss Lizzie Goss, Mr. John A. Young. Persons calling for above letters please state they are advertised.

G. M. BOAL, Postmaster.

LOCALS.

One-fifth of an inch of rain fell Monday afternoon and evening. Although the fall was light, it refreshed the corn and other vegetation.

Mrs. Rebecca Murray is having her dwelling house painted. It is a brick structure, and the application of paint is making a decided improvement on its appearance.

Singular, is it not, that most of the fires in Centre Hall have occurred Sunday morning between one and three o'clock. If your recollections are of good account you will be able to support this statement.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lohr and little daughter, of Philadelphia, were in Centre Hall from Saturday until Tuesday. Mr. Lohr is one of the Pennsylvania clerks at Broad Street Station, and his leave of absence was very brief.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer during the past week entertained Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Brungart, of Selousgrove; Mrs. Sarah Wolf and John Zeigler, of Rebersburg; Frank K. Lukenbach and family of Tyrone, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lukenbach, of Bellefonte.

The Misses Strohm, at Centre Hill, are entertaining Miss Anna V. Bebelhimer, of Pottsville, a charming young school teacher of Schuylkill county. She will be remembered as the eldest daughter of Tecumseh Bebelhimer, the lumberman, who was located at Potters Mills for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Farner and little daughter Marion, of Philadelphia, are visiting the old home on the South side of Potter township. Mr. Farner is mail agent on the P. R. R. between New York and Pittsburg. His duties are very exacting, and consequently no one enjoys the freedom of the country more than he.

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very pleasant visit with friends at Pittsburg, East Brady and Greensville.

Miss Mary Walker, one of the pleasing and accommodating operators at the Commercial exchange, returned home after a three weeks' visit among friends and relatives in the western part of the state.

Just think the murder of Josiah Dale was committed the 12th of last November and the person or persons who committed this awful crime has or have not been captured. Indeed it seems as though the case has entirely dropped and that no one will have to answer for this man's death. No effort is being made at all to locate the criminals. Is Dale's death to go un-punished?

State College Times—Miss Mary Foster, of Litchfield, Conn., is visiting her brother, Charles Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foster, of Philadelphia, and William Foster, of Lewisburg, spent the week with friends in town.

Mrs. Albert Hoy and daughter, Maude, accompanied by her grandchild, Vitalis Hoy, spent Wednesday with Ralph Illingsworth, at Bloomedorf.

LIGHTNING RODS.

Little Reliance, if Any, at All, is Placed Upon Their Efficacy Nowadays.

A prominent Northumberland county farmer, in speaking of the great ravage which lightning is making among the barns in the country this summer, made the remark that very little reliance at the present day is placed on the efficacy of lightning rods. Some dispute that a lightning rod even under the most favorable circumstances does all that is claimed for it, while others are willing to admit that if it is of material and is well adjusted it may be efficacious in protecting a building. The view, however, is taken that it is rather the exception than the rule that a lightning rod is properly adjusted or remains so for any length of time, the result being that if the lightning rod attracts the electric fluid, at all, in the majority of instances, through its various defects, it is likely to conduct it into the building instead of away from it. This conclusion is justified by the fact that building after building is struck by lightning and burned down where lightning rods are in position.

The following is from the Milton Evening Standard:

Some years ago the English Government made an exhaustive inquiry into the efficacy of the lightning rods, and the conclusions drawn by the commission are very similar to the remarks reprinted here by the Northumberland county farmer.

The lightning rod industry in the United States is today of so little importance that it holds no place in the census. This alone indicates that the lightning rod as it is known in the commercial world is not even a reasonable protection against loss of buildings by lightning.

It is possible to efficiently rod a building to afford reasonable protection against being burned by lightning, but the rodding would have to be so elaborate and scientifically adjusted that the expense would preclude adoption for town or farm buildings.

Bellefonte Hospital Notes.

The laboratory of the Bellefonte hospital has been nicely equipped with the proceeds of the base ball game between State College and Bellefonte. Dr. Feidt, the Pathologist, has been kept busy in the newly established quarters.

The ladies of Howard selected their furniture last week to be called the "Howard Room" in the new building.

Clara Cole was discharged from the hospital cured, having been operated on for appendicitis. Frank Spicer was operated on for appendicitis last week. He is doing fine. John Jodon, of Milesburg, having a fracture of the thigh, was discharged cured. Mrs. Kate Gehret left last week greatly improved. Mrs. John Carter was discharged after having undergone a serious operation. She is much improved.

Robb Folk, Lewis Markle, W. D. Smith and Mrs. Life Tate were admitted for treatment.

J. A. Aikens, the showman, burned so severely at Lemont, will soon be able to leave the institution.

News from Millin County.

The following items were gathered from the correspondents to the Lewis-town Democrat and Sentinel:

Milroy—Miss Gertrude Camp is visiting her uncle, William Camp, in Tyrone.

Mrs. Jennie Beaver, who is ill with typhoid fever, has not improved any.

Mrs. James Aurand was a guest at the home of her brother, Jerome Spigleymer, in Millheim, a few days this week.

Mrs. Myra Winegardner, of this place, and sister, Miss Luitia Goodhart, of Centre Hall, went to Altoona to visit friends and relatives.

Reedsville—W. E. Detwiler took a trip to Penns Cave the other day where he was the guest at the home of his parents.

Misses Effie and Milly Robinson, the former of Harrisburg and the latter of Port Royal, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Detwiler.

Picnic-Dinner at Old Fort.

The members of the Centre Hall Masonic lodge and their ladies will assemble in Old Fort woods Wednesday afternoon, August 14th, and after spending the afternoon in picnic style will go to the Old Fort hotel where a picnic-dinner will be served. The idea is a good one, as it relieves the ladies of the work of preparing refreshments.

Business Mens Picnic Privileges.

Bids will be received by the Passenger Department of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, Bellefonte, until August 10th, for the various stand privileges, etc., at Hecla Park, Tuesday, August 20th, account of the Centre-Clinton county Business Mens Picnic.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

H. G. Strohmeier added a new gable to his dwelling, greatly improving the general appearance of the same.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the business men's picnic at Hecla Park, Tuesday, August 20th.

A Royal Arcanum insurance policy yielded the widow of the late ex-Treasurer Harrison Kline the sum of \$2884.

Tyrone's tax-rate is over twenty nine mills. To this must be added the water tax, which is owned by a private corporation.

A clipping produced from a local paper by J. S. Hoffman, of Arcanum, Ohio, gives an account of a severe electrical storm in that town.

In order to see old friends and associates, William A. Odenkirk, station agent at Glen Iron, came to Centre Hall Saturday and remained over Sunday.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company now regards ministers of the gospel just ordinary personages, and charges them full fare when traveling over their roads.

The Lock Haven State Normal School closed the best year in its history. This splendid institution was never in better shape than now. Write for illustrated catalog.

William Irvin, cashier of the Millin County National Bank during the past twelve years, died at the age of sixty-three years. He went into the bank as a clerk, thirty-seven years ago.

O. S. Wright, of Yeagertown, visited relatives on the South side of Potter township, and finished his stay in the county at his aunt's, Mrs. Mary Colyer, in Centre Hall. Mr. Wright is in delicate health, but he hopes to recover.

Harold, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Morris, of Warren, O., who with his parents are visiting in Millheim, fell while at play and broke his right arm at the elbow. Dr. C. S. Musser was called and reduced the fracture.

The stack at the Bellefonte furnace is being relined. This is the first time the furnace has been relined since it was blown in on October 20th, 1904, and in that time in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifty thousand tons of pig iron have been cast.

The fall term of the Lock Haven State Normal School begins September 9th, and the increased applications for rooms indicate that its well merited distinction as a school is becoming more widely recognized. Write for its beautiful catalog of 140 pages.

Prof. and Mrs. S. Ward Gramley drove from Millheim to Centre Hall Friday. Prof. Gramley has been elected to the principalship of the Edgewood Park High School and will move from Mt. Union to that place in the near future. Edgewood Park is one of the prettiest suburban boroughs in the Pittsburgh district, and is especially proud of its good schools.

Repairs at the Lutheran parsonage which have been in progress during the past six weeks are now pretty well completed. The property has been much improved, both in appearance and actual value. The parsonage has been repainted on the exterior and interior, and repapered throughout. Something over four hundred dollars was expended in accomplishing this end.

The chicken thief is at it again, and visited the coop of Mrs. Lucy Henney. A window near the roost is covered with wire netting; this was torn away sufficiently to thrust a hand through and reach the roost from which a rooster was captured and carried off. A number of shot guns are primed for this chicken and all around thief, but it happened that there was none to guard the Henney property.

The Democratic Watchman is advertising for sale to the highest bidder an account against the estate of ex-Governor D. H. Hastings. The account—\$137.53, less \$12.87—has been sued and judgment obtained. The best offer obtained was ten cents, but the Meeks have such great faith in the Watchman as an advertising medium that they hope a few more insertions of the adv. will bring a better offer,—say sixteen cents.

Willis Heeman, a Bohemian, who worked on Thomas Beaver's farm, near Bellefonte, hired a horse and buggy from Frank Bartley's livery stable to go to Milesburg. He took with him fourteen-year-old Ida Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Parks, and instead of going to Milesburg they went to Phillipsburg where they passed themselves as man and wife. Not returning home that evening Mr. Bartley instituted a search by telephone and finally located the pair in Phillipsburg. Heeman is now in jail to answer the charge of stealing the horse and buggy.