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WALL STREET BLAMES FARMER.

For High Prices Paid for Products of the Farm. But the Accusation is False.

For a good many years the lecture room of every grange or farmers' alliance was filled with denunciations of Wall Street and the wheat pit. Now a marvelous change has happened, and the wheat speculators and some of the financial captains are railing at the farmer as a monopolist.

Henry Clews is one of the country's veteran bankers. He argues that while "the present high cost of living is not entirely due to the farmer, nevertheless he is largely responsible and ought to be frankly told so."

Just think of Wall Street complaining that the plowman has put up the price of meat and bread! But is the accusation just? Did the farmer put wheat to \$1.29 a bushel or did Patten do that? Is it the farmer who gets an excessive price for his cattle or is it the Meat Trust that manipulates the supply so that the butcher's bill goes up?

The fact is that the farmer has sold four-fifths of last year's harvest before wheat started to rise to any unusual figure. When wheat reached its dizzy height the man that raised the crop had little or none to sell.

Less than half the price that consumers in the larger cities pay for their milk every morning goes to the dairyman. The farmers are not organized. They have no trusts. They cannot or do not artificially manipulate prices. A great many changes help to make living dearer as the years go by. The farmer gets a share, but not an excessive share, of the increased price paid for foods. Very often some greedy combination or some speculator like Patten, is responsible for the ultra-high prices paid by the consumer for the necessities of life.

A Corn Growing Contest.

The Pennsylvania Live Stock Breeders' Association announces a list of prizes for a corn growing contest in which yield of corn per acre is the chief consideration. Contestants are given liberty to select any acre, and to fertilize, plant and cultivate the crop as they please. A \$50 silver cup and ten cash prizes are offered for the best acre of corn. For information as to the conditions of the contest, prizes, etc., corn growers should drop a postal card to E. S. Bayard, Secretary, 203 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh. Competition is open to all Pennsylvania farmers and their families or employes.

Farm for Sale Near Milroy.

The undersigned offers for sale a farm, near Milroy, consisting of 200 acres, 100 of which is in cultivation. Balance contains good merchantable timber. Much is limestone land. About 50 acres is adapted to truck raising, and can be irrigated by a gravity irrigation plant. Running water in nearly all fields. Average annual yield of wheat for fifteen years was 1100 bushels. It is also a good stock farm. Price only \$8000. For particulars address, J. C. Houser, Lewistown, Pa.

LOCALS.

Mrs. Eliza Smith, of Centre Hill, has been a sufferer from an attack of erysipelas.

Mrs. Maggie Harper will have a telephone installed in her residence, in Centre Hall.

Plant trees, plant flowers, plant roses, plant smiles, plant good deeds every day, and above all plant the feet in the way of right doing.

George A. Hettinger, of Boalsburg, accompanied by his family and Mrs. Stamm, drove to Centre Hall Monday. Mr. Hettinger since about the first of April has been living on the Stamm farm.

Summer from many points of view is reflected in the beautifully illustrated pages of the Delineator for June. Alice Lounsbury writes about "The Return of Rose-Time," and Mabel Osgood Wright describes "Birds We Ought to Know."

Last week mention was made of the illness of Mrs. M. P. Kent, at Brooklyn, this state. Later her brother, J. T. Potter, in Centre Hall, received a card stating that her condition was rather serious, and Monday he accordingly went to see her.

Rev. S. A. Snyder, pastor of the United Evangelical church, went to Carlisle last week and while there purchased a driving horse and came home overland. M. I. Arney is also the owner of a driving horse shipped here from Harrisburg by Dr. G. H. Widder.

Among the new advertisements in the Reporter this week is one for the Rowe College, Johnstown, of which Dr. S. H. Isenberg is president. Dr. Isenberg is well known to the Reporter readers as a man of ability, and one well qualified to be the head of just such an institution as he now represents. See the adv.

I. O. O. F. ENCAMPMENT.

Organized at Spring Mills With Fifty-Seven Charter Members—Officers, Etc.

An Encampment with fifty-seven charter members was organized and instituted in the I. O. O. F. hall, in Spring Mills, Thursday afternoon and evening, by Edwin M. Eareckson, Grand Patriarch, and Usher A. Hall, Grand Scribe, both of Philadelphia, assisted by District Deputy Grand Patriarch M. L. Aldenderfer, of Bellefonte.

A delegation of sixteen members from the State College Encampment were present in the evening, as well as a number from the Bellefonte Encampment.

The following is the list of officers elected and installed for the ensuing term:

Chief Patriarch, T. M. Gramley
High Priest, M. T. Duck
Senior Warden, J. A. Wagner
Junior Warden, W. H. Sinkabine
Scribe, B. F. Kennelly
Treasurer, W. Calvin Meyer
Outside Sentinel, L. G. Snyder
Inside Sentinel, D. W. Sweetwood
Guide, W. O. Gramley
First Watch, A. C. Dunlap
Second Watch, C. E. Zeigler
Third Watch, J. S. Meyer
Fourth Watch, C. P. Long
First Guard to Tent, E. E. Sweetwood
Second Guard to Tent, H. F. Finkle
Organist, C. E. Zeigler
Trustees, Wm. M. Grove, A. C. Dunlap and J. S. Meyer

CHARTER MEMBERS.

M. T. Duck	W. Calvin Meyer
J. A. Wagner	H. S. Braucht
W. H. Sinkabine	D. W. Sweetwood
J. S. Meyer	Wm. M. Grove
A. F. Vonada	C. E. Finkle
H. W. Weaver	L. G. Snyder
J. D. Wagner	J. D. Nese
C. C. Durst	W. H. Weaver
G. N. Wolfe	J. T. McCool
John H. Zerby	B. W. Ripka
C. C. Bartges	A. P. Heckman
E. F. Finkle	E. E. Zettie
B. D. Bristin	John H. Puff
Joseph Lutz	John D. Moore
G. Cleve Gentzel	Charles F. Hagen
H. A. Stover	

The annual anniversary services of Spring Mills lodge, No. 597, I. O. O. F., will be held Tuesday evening, May 11, Rev. B. H. Hart, Past Grand Master, of Harrisburg, has been selected to deliver the oration. Rev. Hart is a distinguished orator of extraordinary ability and it will be a treat to hear him.

LOCALS.

Rev. M. S. Destine came from Chatham Run Monday to attend to a bit of business in Centre Hall.

The fraternal orders of Odd Fellows and R-bekahs have decided to hold a festival Friday and Saturday evenings, May 28th and May 29th in Grange Arcades.

American wire fence, all heights; patent wall plaster, Diamond brand—with sand or without sand, and wood fiber. Will sell and ship any amount.—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

The entertainment announced to take place May 4th in the Garman Opera House, a benefit for the hospital ambulance fund, has been postponed until May 21st.

To lift his eleventh commission as a justice of the peace John H. Lever, of Stormstown, made a trip to Bellefonte on Monday. He is eighty-one years old, fifty of which have been given to the dispensing of justice.

If any one doubts that President Taft is the busiest business man in the United States let him read the schedule of one day at the White House, which Lyman Beecher Stowe states in The Circle Magazine for May.

A hot water heating plant is being installed in the residence of Dr. G. W. Hosterman by the firm of Furman & Oles, of Lewistown. The system heretofore used in the Hosterman home was unsatisfactory, and is now being supplanted by a most modern one.

Mrs. Lucinda Weaver, who had been quite ill for several months, is now able to be about the house again, and is feeling remarkably well. Her condition for a long time was such that little hope was entertained for her recovery. Since Mrs. Weaver first took sick she has heard the news of the death of a number of people who it was thought would long outlive her, but the reverse proved true.

A doe deer was seen loitering in the field opposite the farm buildings on the Hayet farm, west of Centre Hall, one day last week. It seemed quite contented to nibble the green grass until a dog chanced to happen along, when the fleet-footed animal skipped toward the south. The doe, which is supposed to have been a yearling, was evidently chased from the mountains by dogs, and it only took one howl to set its nimble legs in motion.

THE RURAL TELEPHONE.

Country from Penns Cave to Madisonburg Covered by Bell Company.

Not until last fall was the country between Penns Cave and Madisonburg connected with the outside world by telephone. Now that section has a rural line built under the system of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company, and is connected with the Bell company's lines. The company has two circuits with a total of twenty-nine stations. In the formation of this company Frank P. Duck was prominent, and his associates will all agree with him now that he did a good service when he insisted on them joining in the movement.

Attached are the names of the persons having telephones on the line indicated, the first sixteen being stockholders in the company:

J. C. Rosman	George Tressler
Wm. H. Weaver	J. W. Ruchan
Jas. W. Beck	J. Spigelmyer
C. E. Duck	S. C. Yearick
Bani, Lintert	J. J. Taylor
H. M. Wert	Robt. Hattinger
R. D. Musser	H. W. Weaver
F. M. Fisher	A. Neece
John Bair	N. A. Duck
G. D. Orndorf	Jacob F. Musser
N. J. Fiedler	L. E. Korman
John Hangh	J. B. Ream
J. C. Spayd	L. C. Miller
L. C. Miller	F. P. Duck
F. P. Duck	E. C. Yearick

Memorial Day Speaker.

The address on Memorial Day, at Centre Hall will be delivered by Rev. J. Allison Piatts, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Bellefonte. Rev. Piatts is a gifted speaker, and his address on the occasion, it is anticipated, will be one of great interest both to the remnant of veterans who annually form in line on Memorial Day, and citizens. Services at Centre Hall will be held at the usual hour Saturday.

LOCALS.

Ladies' Tan Suede pumps at Yeagers.

Miss Roxanna Brisbin is in Altoona to which city she went several days ago. She will remain but a short time.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Centre Hall post office, May 1, 1909: Annie B. Sheaffer, Mrs. Feltwell. When called for please say advertised.

Nathan H. Corman, son of Mrs. Calvin Swartz, of Millheim, has been seriously ill at his home at Lancaster. The mother went to that city to assist in nursing him.

George Grise, of New Berlin, who frequently came to Centre Hall to visit his niece, Mrs. W. B. Mingle, died last week. A notice of the death appears elsewhere in this issue.

George C. Tate, the Reedeville contractor, has secured the contract for the erection of large reservoir or lake at Greenwood Furnace to be utilized in irrigating a forestry nursery to be constructed by the state.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cole, of Zion, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Kreamer on Monday. Besides the social visit Mr. Cole transacted a bit of business with D. W. Bradford, the DeLaval separator agent.

Mrs. Freeman Reeder, of Paxinos, who is suffering from tuberculosis, is somewhat better at present, but her recovery is very uncertain. She is a sister of Mrs. E. C. Harter, whose death occurred last week, near Spring Mills.

Charles Engard, of near Penns Cave, captured a loon in one of his fields last week. The bird evidently landed without duly considering, as it cannot soar from the ground, but must have the buoyancy of water to assist it in doing so.

Miss Sarah McClenahan is back from Wilmington, Delaware, where she had been staying for several months. She is highly pleased with that section of the state. Before returning she also spent some time in Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

You are invited to come to our store, examine our goods and compare our prices with those of others. We want to get acquainted. In our advertisement this week we are giving several reasons why we can sell clothing, shoes, etc., at the lowest prices.—Harry Witten & Company.

Robert Coldron, of Huntingdon, accompanied Freeman Reeder to Paxinos to visit the former's sister, Mrs. Reeder, who is seriously ill. Mr. Coldron came to Spring Mills last week to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. E. C. Harter. He is engaged as a teamster for a large mill in Huntingdon.

A. N. Bitner, of Milton, was in Centre Hall for a few days the beginning of this week, having come here to look into a few matters connected with the settlement of the estate of his grandfather, the late Peter Durst. Mr. Bitner was formerly a railroad man, but about three years ago located in Milton, where he is conducting a pool room.

DEATHS.

C. FRANK MONTGOMERY.

C. Frank Montgomery, of Bellefonte, died at the Chester Hospital, in Chester, Wednesday morning of last week. Interment was made in Bellefonte, Friday afternoon, Rev. John Hewitt, of the Episcopal church, officiating.

Mr. Montgomery had been in delicate health for some months, and went to a private sanitarium, near Chester, where it was hoped he would regain his former health. But the sad end came as mentioned above.

The deceased was born in Bellefonte December 28, 1847, making his age a little over sixty-one years. He began business in Philadelphia, first as a clerk and later as a partner in a firm conducting a large clothing store. It was in 1874 that he returned to Bellefonte, and purchased the Montgomery clothing store from his elder brother. Later the firm was changed to Montgomery & Co., which firm has been doing business ever since.

Mr. Montgomery was a member of St. John's Episcopal church and for years one of the vestrymen. He was consistent in all his actions with his fellowmen and scrupulously conscientious in his business dealings.

Speaking of this sad death, the Democratic Watchman makes this comment:

In the absence of Frank Montgomery from the activities of Bellefonte more than the ordinary void will be occasioned. He was the last but one of the older generation of an old family, and while his years pointed to the end that is inevitable he was a young man in his own heart and in the affections of all. Genial, hopeful, gracious and encouraging always, generous to a fault and a gentleman by the grace of God it seems a strange fatality that melancholia should have clouded the closing days of a life that had spread sunshine everywhere.

JOHN Y. STOVER.

John Y. Stover died at his home at Wolfs Store, of paralysis, aged seventy-two years, seven months and twenty-nine days. He leaves to survive a widow and the following children: John, of Rebersburg; Jonas, of Jacksonville; Calvin, of Nittany; Mrs. Cora Swartz and Mrs. William Minnick, of Hubersburg; Mrs. William Wartz, of Woodward; Mrs. Clyde Waite, of Freeburg; Mrs. Arthur Slaterbeck, of Tusseyville, and Sumner, of Wolfs Store. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon. Interment was made at Wolfs Chapel. Services were conducted by Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, of the Lutheran church.

The deceased was married to Eliza Vonada in 1869, and besides those named above as surviving are twenty-six grandchildren and one great grandchild. He served during the civil war as a member of Company D, 14th Regiment.

MRS. EZRA HARTER.

Tuesday evening of last week, Minnie E., wife of Ezra Harter, died at her home in Georges Valley after a lingering illness of several months' duration. At the time of her death she was aged forty years, one month and twenty-seven days. She was a kindly, sympathetic woman who will be sadly missed and mourned by all who knew her. Since early girlhood she had been a consistent and active member of the Lutheran church. Surviving are her husband and one daughter, H. Rae. Two brothers and one sister also survive, as follows: William Coldren, of Pleasant Gap; Robert, of Huntingdon, and Mrs. F. E. Reeder, of Paxinos.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning from her late home, conducted by her pastor, Rev. B. F. Bieber. Interment in the Georges Valley cemetery, near her home.

WILLIAM G. HAZEL.

William G. Hazel died at his home at Madisonburg Tuesday evening of last week, of paralysis, aged sixty-nine years. He has left to survive a widow and nine children: Albert, of Unionville; A. J., of Rebersburg; Mrs. James Kling, of Lamar; William, of Bellevue, O.; Mrs. Herbert Swartz, Byron and Norman, of Madisonburg; Mrs. Luther Hosterman, of Coburn, and Edward, of Elyria, O. Funeral services were held Friday forenoon, Rev. F. Wetzel being in charge of same. Interment was made in the Reformed cemetery at Madisonburg.

Hon. Samuel B. Zeigler died at his home in West Union, Iowa, April 19th. He was born in Rebersburg, August 6, 1831, and was in his seventy-eighth year at the time of his demise. In 1854 he went to Dubuque where he studied law. In 1866 he located at West Union, which was his home until the time of his death. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon following.

PICTURE OFFER TO READERS.

North American's Color Gravures Are Works of High Quality.

Quite the handsomest articles for home decoration that have yet been offered by a newspaper as inducements to its readers are the series of color art gravures now being distributed by The North American in exchange for a coupon from the Sunday paper and five cents.

Counting the cost of the newspaper, the entire price of these color types is ten cents. Similar reproductions are sold every day in the art stores at \$1 or more. The reduced price is due to the fact that The North American in disposing of these works of art is associated with several other large newspapers in the printing of them, and the enormous cost is greatly reduced.

The subject for the first printing issued was "The Forest Fire," a thrilling picture, and most realistic. The next subject will be a reproduction of a handsome landscape at sunset, reproduced with the utmost fidelity to nature's colorings.

Agents for The North American will furnish one of these pictures in exchange for a coupon from Sunday issues and five cents in cash.

For Publication.

Mrs. George Zeigler, of Farmville, Virginia, after having spent some time visiting friends and relatives in Pennsylvania has returned to her home in Virginia. Mrs. Zeigler, after traversing the hills, mountains, valleys and cities of the Keystone State, was deeply impressed with the beautiful valleys, the people and the country surroundings. Having made many friends in the new country, it seemed hard to say good by and to return to the South. We hope she may be so truthfully impressed that in the near future she may return to this country with her family and make her happy home complete with us. We will be glad to welcome them and have them mingle with us. Her husband having been formerly of Centre county, we hope to again have him one of our esteemed citizens. We are informed that en route to her home Mrs. Zeigler visited relatives in Philadelphia and stopped over in Washington, where she saw the capital, the White House and many other buildings of interest. Arriving at her home, Mrs. Zeigler found the Southern fields green, the forest flowers in bloom, the trees in full foliage, the farmers busy planting corn, getting tobacco land prepared, everybody busy. Mother nature is wide awake, arise and hustle.

Keith's Theatre.

Andrew Mack is making his first appearance in vaudeville at Keith's theatre, Philadelphia, this week, in his own playlet, "Biarney". Next in interest is Nat M. Wills, in his famous tramp specialty, and then there is Watson's laughable Farmyard Circus, which is especially pleasing to the children. The DeHaven sextet present a dancing operetta, and Jimmie Lucas is doing some new stunts. The Duffin-Medcay troupe of acrobats also have some surprise acts. Ben Beyer and Brother are comedy cyclists, while Lillian Shaw is a character comedienne. The bill also includes interesting moving pictures, in this instance the inspection by President Taft of the Panama Canal.

Lemont Odd Fellows.

The following officers of the Lemont lodge, No. 717, I. O. O. F., were installed for the ensuing year by past grand William Kennedy, of State College: Noble grand, James Kustenberg; vice grand, H. I. Allman; secretary, John C. Hoy; treasurer, George H. Roan; right sentinel, Jesse Klingler; left sentinel, John Grove; warden, Clayton Eters; chaplain, George W. Ralston; officer of the guard, George Keller.

From Millheim Journal.

Rev. Emanuel Keen, of North Berwick, visited relatives and friends in this place several days during this week.

Mrs. Julia A. Deuling left Tuesday morning for Middleburg, where she expects to remain during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Condo, of Tower Hill, Illinois, are in this section, called here by the death of Mrs. Condo's father, Samuel Motz, who died at Woodward last week.

William Keen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keen, of Altoona, arrived at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keen, last week, where he will remain during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kister and daughter, Miss Helen, and Mrs. E. W. Mauck attended the funeral of Mrs. Kister's brother, George Reighard, at Loganton, Saturday afternoon.

The Lewistown papers stated that Mrs. W. O. Reaick, at Milroy, had been seriously ill.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Ladies' Gun Metal oxfords, \$3 00 at Yeagers.

The newly elected officers of the Millheim Banking company are D. D. Royer, president, and A. E. Bartges, vice president.

William, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bower Holter, died at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Steele, in Bellefonte.

Charles L. Grimm, now located at Flemington, is engaged in selling silos, and has been meeting with success, but next fall expects to begin farming, making dairying a specialty.

The West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed church will be held in the Reformed church of Bellefonte beginning Wednesday, May 19th, and continuing over the following Sunday.

Tomorrow (Friday) the Beaver athletic field, at Pennsylvania State College, will be formally opened. Beside the State and Dickinson baseball game will be a full program of track events.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Boal Thompson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Thompson, of Leont, to Louis Hall Crossman, of North Yakima, Wash.

Surveys are being made for the state highway through Bellefonte. The road, however, will not be completed until some time in the fall, as it will require considerable time to arrange the preliminaries.

As assistant chauffeur, Clark M. Gramley, of Rebersburg, accompanied a 45-horsepower Rambler automobile on an endurance run from Harrisburg to Baltimore and Washington and return. The start was made Monday of this week.

Richard Morgan Russell, son of William and Sarah Russell, died at their home at Hazelwood, of tuberculosis, aged two years, six months and nine days. The Russells were formerly residents of Bellefonte.

After a visit to her sister, Mrs. John Runkle, east of Centre Hall, for about two weeks, Mrs. R. D. Runkle returned to her home in Shamokin. She had not been in the best of health, and came here to breathe the purest air that can be found anywhere.

Samuel Durst, of Earlstown, sold a bunch of fat steers to Smith & Herman, the Pleasant Gap butchers. The price per pound was six cents, the lump sum being almost \$350. Mr. Durst makes it a point to feed a few steers each year, and thinks it a paying proposition.

While George R. Miller, of Rebersburg, was working on Brungart's saw mill, at Smulton, his right foot was caught by the carriage on the mill and severely injured. The small toe was torn off and the foot bruised to such an extent as to incapacitate Mr. Miller for some time.

Miss Bessie Weber, a student in the musical department of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, was accompanied to her home by Misses Eleanor B. Nixon and Hallie B. Lembower, of Uniontown, and remained here over Sunday. The ladies are class mates, and will graduate at the approaching commencement.

The house, barn, lot and land of the late William Scantlin, situated near Blanchard, which was sold at public sale and for which Albert Bitner bid \$2,000, was in fact purchased for Irvin Scantlin, the son of the deceased. This will keep the homestead in the family, and Mr. Scantlin and his family will occupy the premises.

John Stoner, one of the oldest men of Millheim, and who is so feeble that he must use two crutches in walking, accidentally fell on the sidewalk near Nieman's store and severely injured himself. He fell backwards and his head struck the sidewalk inflicting a large gash in his head. He was taken home in a buggy, says the Journal, and is in a serious condition.

The dwelling house of Milton Barner, a half mile east of Carroll, was destroyed by fire, the fire originating from a spark from a flue. While trying to get some of the goods that Mrs. Barner had thrown out of the windows, Mr. Barner was struck on the head and left arm by falling bricks. Two deep gashes were cut in his head, and the arm was considerably bruised.

Showers have been very plentiful throughout Penns Valley of late, but none have been more welcome than the post card "shower" which came upon Jacob Wagner, of Centre Hall, Friday of last week. The occasion was his seventy-second birthday, and he was remembered by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces who are located in all parts of the Union. There was a card for every year of his age and two extra.