



THE FREE LIBRARY.

New Books Just Received—Library Has Membership of Thirty—450 Books Already Received.

The Pennsylvania State Library is conducting a number of free libraries throughout the state. One of these libraries is at Centre Hall, and is under the management of Progress Grange. There have been received at this point four hundred and fifty books, the fee of ten cents per member being utilized in paying the carriage on the same, otherwise the services by the state and the local Grange is given free. It is not necessary to be a member of the Grange to become a patron of the library; membership can be secured by any one who cares to read and is willing to pay the small fee.

The titles of the books and their authors just received are appended:

Abbott: David Crockett
Allen: Across Asia on a Bicycle
Austin: Nameless noblemen
Blanchard: Birds that every child should know
Bolen: Trusts and tariff
Brady: Patriots
Brooks: Historic girls
Cooper: Pioneers
Cradock: Storm centre
Creasey: Fifteen decisive battles of the world
Crockett: Strong Mac
Daskam: Sister's vacation
Davis: Gallagher
Ekstrom: Bird book
Elliott: Two in Italy
Ely: Woman's early garden
Famous adventures and prison escapes of the Civil War
Ford: Tattle-tales of cupid
Gilson: Eastern wonder-land
Grant: Law-breakers
Grinnell: Jack, the young ranchman
Hall: Aunt Jane
Hancock: Life at West Point
Harris: Openings in the old trail
Headley: Old Salamander
Hullbert: Plorets of the republic
King: Captain Blake
Lee: Four for a fortune
Lincoln: Boston school kitchen text-book
Long: Heimweh
Longfellow: Complete poetical works
Loring: Two spies
Lytton: Last days of Pompeii
Marden: Stories from life
Melville: Typee
Mitchell: Circumstances
Oppenheim: A venger
Phelps: Walled in
Scott: Quinten Durward
Shalton: Last three soldiers
Sholl: Port of storms
Stuart: Second wailing of Salina Sue
Stoddard: New egg farm
Stockton: Kate Bonnet
Stevenson: Days and deeds
Stevenson: Treasure Island
Twin: Personal recollections of Joan of Arc
Ward: Fourteen days one
Wright: Shepherd of the hills
Williams: Day dreamer

The Weather Man.

The last few days of last week were without rain, but Sunday the showers began coming again. Thursday of last week the temperature reached eighty degrees, the highest point attained this spring, and noon there was a rainfall of almost one-fourth of an inch. Friday was partly cloudy, and Saturday clear, the highest temperature of both days being seventy-five. Sunday there was a slight rainfall, the temperature remaining the same. Rain also fell Sunday night and Monday, the total being almost one-third of an inch.

Mothers' Day.

Sunday was "Mothers' Day," a day set aside throughout all the states to do honor to the mothers of the land, the emblem of the day being the carnation.

Dr. W. H. Schuyler, in the Presbyterian church, preached a sermon fitting for the occasion, and pantries were worn by the members.

In the Lutheran Sunday School E. M. Huyett, the superintendent, provided carnations for each member, and at the close of the exercises proper, the pastor made a brief address appropriate to the occasion.

Stricken Messina.

If Messina will never be restored in reality, it can at least be seen again in all its native beauty at Lyman H. Howe's remarkable reproduction at the Garman Opera House, Bellefonte, Wednesday evening, May 19. The series shows the city just as it was immediately before the tidal wave engulfed it and the earthquake destroyed it—and after it. The destruction is so complete that it seems impossible to restore the former glories of the city. Mr. Howe's pictures make a more eloquent appeal to sympathy than could be possibly made by spoken or written words.

Fine Line of Post Cards.

During the past week several thousand new post cards have been added to the Reporter's already large stock. There are many lovely designs. All prices. Call to see them.

District S. S. Convention.

A district Sunday school convention will be held at Tusseyville, June 4th, afternoon and evening. The district is composed of the territory of Gregg and Potter townships and Centre Hall borough. A more definite notice will appear later.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH DEDICATED.

The New and Beautiful Edifice at State College Costs \$14,000.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, State College, of which the Rev. J. I. Stonecypher is the pastor, was dedicated with impressive services Sunday a week. The music was inspiring and the speakers were in their happiest mood. Dr. Yarger was unable to be present on account of illness. Dr. Ludden filled the vacancy and did it admirably. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., of York. Dr. Ludden is a second Chaplain McCabe when it comes to the securing of subscriptions, for the entire indebtedness of \$5,800 was wiped out. The evening sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Ludden, of Lincoln, Neb. The pastor was assisted during the day's services by the Rev. C. T. Aikens, of Susquehanna University; the Rev. Isaac Krider, of Duncansville; the Rev. F. A. Shultz, of Pine Grove Mills; the Rev. J. McKendree Reiley, of the M. E. church, and the Rev. S. Martin, of the Presbyterian church.

In 1905 the land upon which the church now stands was transferred to the Hon. J. T. McCormick who then transferred it to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society in 1906. Upon this land is built a handsome brick structure which is a credit to State College artisans and an ornament to the town. The corner stone was laid July 3, 1907.

Six of the beautiful windows are in memory of J. C. and Christina Krumrine, presented by their son and daughters; W. B. Kemmerer, by Mrs. Kemmerer; Benjamin H. Beaver, by Mrs. Annie Beaver; M. D. and Sarah J. Snyder, by their son and daughter; Mrs. Nancy Craig, by Mrs. Clark Herman; Emanuel C. Fye, by Adaline Fye. The large window on the College avenue side was presented by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the synod of Central Pennsylvania. The cost of the building, including the lot, was \$14,017.23. The church is of pleasing design, both exterior and interior, and is considered by some to be one of the best in Centre county as far as interior finish and arrangement is concerned.

LOCALS.

A bunch of homing pigeons brought from Harrisburg were liberated last week at Coburn. They made the flight to the state's capital in a remarkably short time.

Abner Stover, who had been employed by the Booser-Fetterolf livery in Centre Hall for several months, has secured employment at Burnham. His place in the livery is being filled by Howard Fetterolf.

In a note to the Reporter D. H. Myers states that he is churning about twenty-two hundred pounds of butter every other day, and that the supply of milk at the Millinburg plant is beginning to increase.

Centre Hall is becoming a center for the selling of farm machinery. The station platform, as a rule, is filled from one end to the other with all kinds of machinery indicating that the shipments here are large.

John M. Bullock has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late C. Frank Montgomery and he and W. Hassell Montgomery will continue to conduct the store in Crider's Exchange under the firm name of Montgomery & Co.

The Millheim High School did not graduate any of its pupils this term, owing to the fact that an additional year has been added the course. That borough's schools just completed its eighty-month term, with Prof. S. Ward Gramley as principal.

Plans have almost been completed for the rededication of the Methodist church site and Pennington burying grounds, east of Centre Hall, some time during the latter part of June. Services will be held that will be of more than ordinary interest to the people of Penna Valley.

The half hour spent in the Reporter office by George H. Thomas, a representative of The Martin Press, a printer in Brooklyn, was appreciated by the writer. Mr. Thomas is a son of Clifford S. Thomas, who recently purchased the Samuel Slack farm, near Potters Mills, and now occupies the place as a summer home. The young man is here on his first visit, and is very much pleased with the conditions.

Farmers have long labored to solve the problem of setting an end post or gate post, on which there is a constant strain, so that it will remain plumb. This can be done by plumbing up the post with coarse stone, and making a grouting of fine stone, sand or gravel and filling up the interstices with the combination. A post set in this way will not only stand the constant pull on it without giving, but will outlast by many years a post of similar size set in the ordinary way.

MEASURES APPROVED BY GOVERNOR.

The Governor Vetoed the Veto Axe with Vigor, but also Approves Many Bills—Laws of Local Interest.

The following bills approved by Governor Stuart are of interest to Reporter readers:

The Snyder bill increasing from fifty cents to one dollar the marriage license fee.

Authorizing townships, surrounding a borough, to erect high school buildings and exempting property so acquired from taxation.

Fixing the term of borough treasurers and street commissioners in boroughs of this commonwealth at three years.

Prohibiting any owner offering for sale or selling any horse which could not be worked in this commonwealth without violating the laws against cruelty to animals, and giving authority to any agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, policemen or constables to make arrests in such cases.

The Carothers county controller bill provides that upon petition of 25 per cent. of the voters of any county which has no county controller, the court shall order an election of such an officer at the next November election, the office of county auditor being thereby abolished. The controller is to receive a salary according to population, ranging from \$300 per year in counties of less than 10,000 inhabitants to \$3000 per year in counties of from 125,000 to 150,000.

The Oster gypsy taxation bill is designed, as its father admits, to free the state entirely of nomads, rather than to produce revenue. It provides a tax of \$50 for the use of the county in every county in which a gypsy band locates and an additional fee of 50 cents to the treasurer for issuing the license. The license is good for only one year. Gypsies must take out the license, for if a band is without a license each member of the party must be fined from \$50 to \$100 or sent to jail for thirty days.

Prohibiting foreigners from killing song birds, animals or game with shot guns or rifles, also prohibiting foreigners from carrying guns or rifles, and fixing penalties for the violation thereof.

Requiring commissioners of each county to publish annually once a week for four weeks in the month of February a full and accurate statement of all receipts and expenditures of the preceding year in one or more newspapers.

Amending the act relating to the collection of taxes in the several boroughs and townships so as to fix the amount of bond at once more than the amount of taxes charged and assessed in the duplicates delivered to collectors of taxes.

BILLS VETOED.

The following bills were vetoed by the Governor for various reasons: Senator James E. McNichol's act allowing the court or jury discretionary power to fix the penalty for murder in the first degree at either life imprisonment or hanging.

W. C. T. U. Items.

The local union has already enrolled forty members. An interesting meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Daniel Daup Saturday afternoon. The reports of superintendents show great encouragement along the line of temperance work.

The Loyal Temperance Legion undertaking is not a small one, but "when we undertake great things for God we expect great things from God."

A Loyal Temperance Legion will be organized Saturday evening, May 15, at 7 o'clock, in the Reformed Sabbath school room. Every boy and girl in Centre Hall and vicinity is urged to be present and take a firm stand for temperance. The Legion teaches the harmful effects of alcohol on the body, mind and morals. It seeks to insure a future generation for whom the saloon will have no temptation, by implanting in every child's heart an interest and understanding of the temperance work.

The W. C. T. U. will be the mother, with Mrs. G. W. Hosterman as superintendent, and Mrs. J. B. Strohm assistant.

Better guide the boy and girl right than hire an evangelist to convert them when grown up.

Summer School.

The undersigned announces that she will open a summer school at Centre Hall for Primary and Intermediate pupils for a term of four weeks beginning Monday, May 24.

MARY M. GROVE.

Pomona Grange Meets.

The Centre County Pomona Grange will hold its second quarterly meeting in Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, Thursday, May 27th. The officers desire a full attendance, as business of importance will come up for discussion.

NO ALLOWANCE FOR CRIMINAL INSANE.

Auditor General Rules Counties Must Hereafter Bear the Cost.

Auditor General Robert K. Young has issued instructions to all the traveling auditors of his department they shall not in the future allow any payments by the state to counties for the support of criminal insane.

This ruling is based upon a careful examination of the acts of Assembly relating to the subject, Auditor General Young being convinced that the state is not liable for any portion of the maintenance of the criminal insane, although it is unquestionably liable for a share of the maintenance of the indigent insane.

Under the present laws the state pays \$1.50 per week per capita for the maintenance of indigent insane in county asylums, indigent insane being those patients who are without means of support of their own and who cannot be supported by their families. For the indigent insane in state asylums, the county from which the patient comes pays \$1.75 per week per capita for maintenance and the state pays an additional sum not to exceed \$2.50 per week per capita. As a rule, this maximum of \$2.50 per week is not reached.

Up to the present time it has been the custom for the state to contribute to the support of criminal insane, as it does to the support of indigent insane, but Auditor General Young now takes the position that under the act of May 8, 1883, (Pamphlet Laws, No. 27), the state is not liable for any portion of the support of criminal insane, even though such criminals be actually indigent.

Any test of the new ruling will have to come from counties that may feel aggrieved at the order.

Sunday Was Mothers' Day.

"Mothers' Day" fell on the second Sunday in May, and on that day many a white carnation was worn in this great land, which loves its mothers ever so much better than they think. Better than they think: because we Americans are in such a hurry to get out into the world, and so busy after we do get out, that we neglect the good mothers in the old home. Of course we do not mean to neglect them, but very often it is only when they are dead and gone that we bethink ourselves of the dreadful mistake we have made in failing to honor them. Then we carry along with us through life a rather sorrowful memory of our inadequate rendering of love and homage to those dear ones.

But, now that we have an annual reminder in "Mothers' Day," perhaps there will be less of this unprofitable failure toward the good mothers who certainly earn all the gratitude, honor and reward that can be bestowed upon them.

Will Pay Damages.

At a recent term of court a jury awarded Mrs. Hannah Keene, of Phillipsburg, \$157.00 damages in her suit against that borough on account of injuries sustained in a fall on a defective boardwalk about four years ago. The members of the borough council seriously considered appealing the case but when they were informed by counsel at a regular meeting Monday evening that the expense of carrying the case to the Superior court would be \$200 they concluded that the wisest course would be to pay the amount of the verdict of \$157.00 and costs, which are close to \$100.00, then bring proceedings to recover the entire amount against the Phillipsburg Coal and Land Company, who were responsible for the defective walk.

Keith's Theatre.

The bill at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, this week, is headed by members of "The Top of the World" Company, in scenes from that musical comedy. Kathleen Clifford and Arthur Hill are the principals in the cast, and they present "Kris Kringle's Dream." Next are Cressy and Dayne in the sketch, "The Village Lawyer," and then the Pissolitis appear in an act called "Gladiators on Horseback." The McNaughtons give a real English music hall wonder, while Bert Coote and company present "A Lamb in Wall Street." A musical novelty is offered by Bimm, Bomm, Brrr. Henry Clive and Mai Sturgis-Walker have monologue and magic. The Yamamoto brothers are wire and perch artists from Japan.

Auction at Colyer.

George R. Meiss, who has opened a general store at the old Meiss stand, at Colyer, will hold auction Saturday evening, at which time a large quantity of candies and taffy will be sold, as well as other sweetmeats. All are invited.

Down and Out.

The Howard canning factory is down and out, at least for one year, the management having announced that the factory will not be put in operation the coming season.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Sarah C. Noll, wife of Col. Emanuel Noll, died Thursday morning at their home near Bellefonte. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Thomas, and was born in Penna Valley about sixty-eight years ago. She was married to Mr. Noll in 1881, and the next year they took up their residence just outside of the borough limits of Bellefonte, where they have lived ever since. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and in her home was a loving wife and mother. As a neighbor she was considerate and helpful, and will be missed by her husband and family, by her friends and her church.

Surviving are her husband, one son, E. B., in Illinois, three step-children, Mrs. C. F. York, Detroit, Mich.; John, Altoona, and Miss Rebecca, at home; also one brother, William B. Thomas, of Milesburg.

William Joyce Eyre died at his home near Beech Creek after an illness of more than a year. He was born in Union county, and would have been eighty-two years old on the 27th of this month. He was the last surviving member of a large family of children, and his aged widow is his only survivor. He was a veteran of the Civil War, a stonemason by trade, and a member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Alfarats Fissel, wife of Charles Fissel, died at her home in Altoona of a complication of diseases. She was not quite thirty-five years old and was born at Pennsylvania Furnace. When a young woman she with her parents moved to Altoona where in 1893 she was united in marriage to Mr. Fissel. In addition to her husband she is survived by three children five brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Caleb Miller died at her home near the Nittany furnace Sunday a week after giving birth to a little son. She was about twenty-three years old, and was a daughter of George Sharp. In addition to her husband she is survived by two small children, her father, and two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Miller and Miss Maude Sharp, both of Bellefonte.

Mrs. Mary Beckwith, wife of Foster Beckwith, died at her home in Taylor township, after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, six children, her father, one brother and four sisters. She was a faithful member of the United Brethren church, and had the love and esteem of all who knew her.

Joanna Pauline Bierly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bierly, of Rebersburg, died of pneumonia, aged ten months and seventeen days.

Engine House Burned.

The Bellefonte Central Railroad Company's engine house at Bellefonte, together with most of its contents was burned Saturday morning, the loss being quite heavy. The fire was discovered by the watchman, but before the fire company arrived the flames had gained such headway that there was nothing to be done but confine the flames to that particular structure.

In the engine house were seven engines, two of which had been steamed up, and these were run out and saved, the other five were wrecked.

J. D. Murray's Success.

J. D. Murray, the enterprising druggist, rather than await the ordinary methods of introduction, urged the Dr. Howard Company to secure a quick sale for their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia by offering the regular 50c bottle at half-price.

The wonderful success of this plan was a great surprise even to Mr. Murray and today there are scores of people here in Centre Hall who are using and praising this remarkable remedy.

So much talk has been caused by this offer, and so many new friends have been made for the specific that the Dr. Howard Company have authorized druggist Murray to continue this special half-price sale for a limited time longer.

In addition to selling a 50c bottle of Dr. Howard's specific for 25c Mr. Murray has so much faith in the remedy that he will refund the money to any one whom it does not cure.

When your head aches, your stomach does not digest food easily and naturally, when there is constipation, specks before the eyes, tired feeling, giddiness, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, heart burn, sour stomach, roaring or ringing in the ears, melancholy and liver troubles, Dr. Howard's specific will cure you. If it does not, it will not cost you a cent.

There is not a shoe in our store that needs any apology.—Mingle's Shoe Store, Bellefonte.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Progress Grange will meet in regular session Saturday afternoon.

Miss Nettie Bair, of Bellefonte, for several days was the guest of Misses Sara and Cora Brungart, in Centre Hall.

If everybody knew as much about the goodness of our shoes as we do, we would sell everybody their shoes.—Mingle's Shoe Store, Bellefonte.

To-night (Thursday) is the time for the graduation exercises of the Centre Hall High School. Everything is in readiness, and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

Azoturia was the cause of the death of a valuable horse belonging to Oscar Homan, who moved from near Centre Hall, to the Frank M. Fisher farm, in Brush Valley.

Samuel Slack, of Potters Mills, who looks twenty years younger than he is according to correct reckoning, was in town the other day, to say how well he liked his new home in Potters Mills.

George Sharer, son of Jacob Sharer, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Last week his condition was very critical for several days, during which time his temperature was over one hundred.

Richer in information, more beautiful as to appearance and crammed fuller of entertainment, The North American's special annual base ball supplement, to be issued Sunday, May 16, will eclipse all three of its predecessors.

Dr. Thomas F. Hunt, dean of the school of agriculture, Pennsylvania State College, has been appointed a delegate to the seventeenth national irrigation congress, which will convene at Spokane, Washington, August 9th to 14th.

The other morning when William Stoner, near Centre Hall station, went to his barn he found dead in her stall one of his brood mares. He could assign no reason for her death, and thinks perhaps she was strangled as the halter strap was very taut.

It is dreadful to speak of it but the roads through Centre Hall are in a horrible condition. While it may be next to impossible to build such a road through the borough as a good roads enthusiast might desire, there might be some improvements made to remove the worst conditions.

One day last week John Breon, at Axe Mann, became very ill, and it was thought he had suffered a paralytic stroke, but later it was developed that he was simply suffering from the intense heat of the sun. In a few days he was able to be around again, and at present has apparently fully recovered.

More than 2,000 employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad were receiving pensions from the Company on January 1st, 1909, and the payments authorized to be made to them during the year of 1908 amounted to \$54,245.08. Since the Pension Department was established in 1900, the sum of \$3,445,793.77 has been paid to retired employees.

The barn on the James A. Keller farm, east of Centre Hall, is being given an overhauling by Carpenter John D. Lucas and assistants. The building will be resided and re-roofed, and several new sills supplied besides other improvements. The Lucas force of carpenters consists of John D. Lucas, Irvin Zettle, Levi Walker and John Knarr.

Among the business visitors from Boalsburg to Centre Hall recently was Prof. H. C. Rothrock, who is in the midst of school work just now, and is conducting the spring term of the Boalsburg preparatory school. He is keeping tab on the progressive movements among the higher school officials, and is much interested in the new school code passed by the legislature. Prof. Rothrock is a schoolman throughout.

This is a somewhat backward season but if there is any one who can beat these Centre Hall gardeners, let them speak out. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer and guests ate new tomatoes grown by Mrs. Meyer, and there remain a number of green tomatoes on the vine for near future use. W. Gross Mingle is also supplying his table with vegetables from a well-kept garden, onions and radishes being no longer a rarity with him.

In the pictorial supplement of Sunday's Philadelphia Ledger appeared pictures of the members of the various classes in the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, there being a total of two thousand, nine hundred and eighty-nine students. Among the graduating class is William Lohr, son of James H. Lohr, formerly of Centre Hall. The young man won a scholarship in the institution while attending one of the city high schools.