



PENNINGTON MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

The Burying Ground and Site of First Methodist Church in Penns Valley, East of Centre Hall, Again Made Presentable.

Wednesday morning, 23rd ultimo, opened with rain and until eight o'clock it appeared as though the Pennington Memorial exercises announced for that day would have to be postponed until another time, but by nine o'clock the clouds began to break away and a goodly number of people assembled so that by eleven o'clock the friends generally had arrived at the old church site.

After a brief conference it was decided to have luncheon first and begin the memorial exercises at half past twelve. The General Committee selected William H. Bartholomew, of the M. E. church, presiding officer for the day, and James A. Keller, secretary. Dr. W. H. Schuyler, of the Presbyterian church, opened the exercises with prayer. The singing was conducted by the M. E. church choir of Centre Hall, assisted by singers from other churches, and led by Prof. P. H. Meyer.

Rev. J. Max Lantz, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the formal opening, reading the ninth chapter of Proverbs from the historic Bible of the old church, the text from which Rev. Doolittle preached the dedication sermon ninety five years ago. The Bible used was the one from which the same minister read when a pastor of the Penns Valley circuit. Rev. J. Emory Weeks, of Millfield, was then introduced and spoke glowingly of the past, present and future of Methodism, paying a high tribute to the Penningtons and founders of the first Methodist church in Penns Valley, only twenty years after the introduction of Methodism in America. The address was replete with many interesting facts and he paid high tribute to these pioneers of Methodism in the central part of the state. The address would be well worth publishing if that were possible, and would be read with interest.

During this address, the attendance was largely increased until several hundred were present. Miss Florence Rhone followed Rev. Weeks with an interesting historical address which was published in last week's issue of The Centre Reporter. Miss Katie Moore, of Tyrone, followed Miss Rhone with a pleasing address, paying a tribute of respect to the Penningtons and early settlers of this valley.

Mrs. Flora Fleisher, of Philadelphia, wife of Isaiah Fleisher, read a paper expressing her appreciation of meeting with the friends on this historic occasion, and the interest taken in restoring this early landmark of the church. Her father was James Wesley Pennington and in his youth worshipped in the Pennington church.

Rev. Lantz then gave a brief history of the growth of the Methodist church in Penns Valley, and also expressed his appreciation of the restoration of this landmark of Methodism.

An interesting communication was read by M. A. Sankey from Judge R. A. Sankey, of Wichita, Kansas, giving many early reminiscences of the Methodist church in Penns Valley as he remembered it in his boyhood days, the Sankey homestead being a station on the circuit prior to 1830. He paid a high tribute to the noble character and heroism of the young men who entered the ministry and traveled the circuit from Aaronburg to Pine Grove Mills and beyond. He recalled with pleasant remembrance his association with these heroic young men of the ministry.

Dr. Schuyler followed with a few remarks expressing his appreciation of being able to be present on this occasion.

Hon. Leonard Rhone, who superintended the work of improving the cemetery, made his financial report to the meeting, giving a detailed statement of the money received and money paid for labor, which report was referred to the general committee.

The entire grounds were cleaned of stones, underbrush and rubbish, and leveled, the graves being filled up and re-marked with headstones. Every grave was decorated with an American flag, there being one hundred and eighty-two in all.

The cemetery is beautifully situated being surrounded by growing timber and is enclosed with a suitable fence and convenient gates. It is located about a half mile east of Centre Hall. A sign board has been erected at the entrance. The church site is distinctly preserved, the corners being marked with stones and the entire foundation filled several feet above the level of the surrounding ground. A very pretty temporary marker was then placed where the pulpit was located, with suitable inscriptions on the four sides.

A movement was inaugurated to erect a permanent marker on the church site, the Methodist church leading in the enterprise. Mr. Rhone pledged \$25.00 toward it and Rev. Lantz pledged him-

self to raise the balance needed for the purpose. If it is proper to mark important battle fields it is more important to mark the historic places in our country where the early christian churches were founded.

The people of the community are cordially invited to contribute towards this important purpose. Rev. Lantz, of Spring Mills, will be glad to receive your contributions, or you can send them to the Penns Valley Bank.

Mr. Rhone did his work well and commendation was freely expressed. Nothing was overlooked from the speaker's stand to the tables and seats grouped under the shade of the trees.

By resolution the general committee was continued to take care of the property.

A general feeling of good will and sympathy prevailed among all in attendance.

Probably the most interested person in the assemblage was the Mrs. Isaac Miller, of near Bellefonte. She is the daughter of Isaac Pennington, by his first wife Sarah Keller, and was the only descendant in attendance that day who had a mother or father buried there. Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Lizzie Moore, of Tyrone, and the latter's daughter, Katie, were also present. The latter two are daughter and granddaughter, respectively, of Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Many of the Reporter readers will recall Miss Mollie Campbell, and will remember her as a jolly school girl, a student in the Centre Hall Academy at a time when Centre Hall had the lead of Penns Valley towns as an educational center. She is the daughter of the late James Campbell, of Ferguson township, her mother being Mary Pennington. Miss Campbell is now Mrs. Proffitt, and lives in Denver, Colorado. She went west some years ago and "grew up with the country," locating first in Kansas, later in California, and finally settling in the place named above. Her husband now deceased, was a westerner. She has one son, a noble youth, who holds a position in the Union railroad station in Denver. While in this vicinity Mrs. Proffitt is spending the time with her nephew Robert Campbell, at Penns Cave, and other friends and relatives. Mrs. Proffitt was accompanied by a sister, Mrs. Josiah Williams, the wife of a retired groceryman, of Tyrone, and daughter, Miss Rose. Mrs. Williams, like Mrs. Miller, was one of the most enthusiastic supporters in cash and effort, to have the burying grounds put in their present condition. Mr. G. B. Campbell of Meeks Church, and daughter, Miss Bertha, also a brother of the ladies mentioned, above was present.

Mrs. Weeks, wife of Rev. J. Emory Weeks, and Mrs. Lantz, wife of Rev. J. Max Lantz, of Spring Mills, although not descendants of the Penningtons, took a deep interest in the ceremonies, and were pleased over having the old landmark properly preserved.

Mrs. Isaiah Fleisher, of Philadelphia, whose grandfather, Henry Pennington, rests under one of the mounds revived, took a part in the program of the day. She is the daughter of James Wesley Pennington and Mary Van Valzah, who many years ago moved to Philadelphia. Mr. Fleisher is a native of Potter township, and is a salesman and comes to Centre Hall occasionally.

Mrs. Sallie Kamp, of Lock Haven, a granddaughter of James and Rebecca Pennington Sankey, who frequently comes to Centre Hall and Potters Mills, the latter her old home, she being a daughter of John Wolf, of that place, took more than a passing interest in the occasion.

It was only within the past few weeks that Mr. and Mrs. William Brenen, of Altoona, learned that there was such a place as the Pennington cemetery, and they made it a point to be here. Mrs. Brenen is a daughter of Thomas Pennington, who for many years lived in Buffalo Run. Mr. Brenen is employed with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the Altoona Station, and is not worrying at all—so far as pertains to himself and family—over the present business depression in that railroad town, as he whisks through the country in his auto.

The seventh generation of the descendants of Robert Pennington, the elder, was alone represented by Master David Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lucas, of Potters Mills. There are at least three others in this generation, and perhaps more.

Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Bellwood, and Mrs. Margaret Hutchinson, of Bellefonte, both wives of descendants of the Penningtons, were present, and greatly enjoyed the occasion to which they contributed to make a success.

The old church was purchased by the Harpster brothers—Jacob and Samuel—

about 1863. The structure was razed, the timbers sawed into four-inch plank, and with it was constructed the dwelling houses for years occupied by the Harpsters in Centre Hall. The dwellings referred to are the two on the south side of the Reporter office, now owned by C. D. Bartholomew and D. A. Booser. Daniel Wion, a resident of Centre Hall, assisted in taking down the church. He was then living on the Harper farm in a house on the south side of the road, just opposite the present dwelling on that farm.

There are a number of people now living in this vicinity who attended the old church, and others who assisted in burying the dead there. Druggist J. D. Murray, about 1855, helped to excavate the nine-foot deep grave that holds the remains of Moses Felmeo, and with a pick chiseled the initials "M. F." on the headstone that marks the resting place of that well-known character.

Special Court.

Judge Clinton R. Savidge presided over the special session of court in Centre county which lasted only a day and a half. Over half the cases on the docket for trial were continued and those heard were as follows:

C. M. Bower, administrator of etc., of John Fetzer, deceased, use of C. M. Bower, now use of W. B. Mingle vs. Joseph M. Fetzer, three cases. Defendant confessed judgment in the sums of \$200, \$1,000 and \$17 54 respectively.

Frank P. Blair vs. the Glen Harris Lumber company, two cases, an action in ejectment. Verdict for the plaintiff in both cases.

George A. Beezer vs. the Borough of Bellefonte, an action in trespass. This case was brought by the plaintiff to recover damages on account of the filling up of Water street opposite his livery stable. After a jury was called and sworn the case was amicably settled. Mr. Beezer being allowed enough to compensate him for raising his stable to the present street level.

Ferguson School Teachers.

At a meeting of the Ferguson township school board the following teachers were elected: Pine Grove Mills grammar, Harry Walker; primary, Miss Johnston; Branch, Lillian Musser; White Hall, Samuel Homan; Pine Hall, Harry Rossman; Glade, Edna Ward; Kepler, Paul Martz; Baileyville grammar, C. H. Weaver; primary, Nancy Heberling; Centre, Alf Bowersox; Tadpole, Ralph Harpster; Gatesburg, Alpha Houser; Krumrine, John Homan. No selections were made for principal of the high school, or for Oak Grove and Marengo.

No Paper Next Week.

The custom in vogue in Centre county for many years to omit an issue during the week of July 4th, will be continued by the Reporter, consequently no paper will be issued from this office next Thursday.

July 15th, the Centre Reporter will again be issued and on that date the Pink Label will appear. If your label does not indicate that your subscription is paid one year in advance, you may wish to have it made read that way and can do so by forwarding the cash before July 15th.

Picnic in Fairmount Park.

The Centre county association of Philadelphia held their annual picnic at Belmont Mansion, in Fairmount Park, Saturday. The weather condition in the morning prevented a large gathering, yet there were about seventy-five present.

The officers elected were Roland G. Curtin, M. D., president; Ira D. Garman, vice president; S. Gay Mattern, M. D., treasurer; J. C. C. Beale, D. D. S., secretary.

Rebekah Officers.

Mrs. Mollie Moy, of Bellefonte Rebekah Lodge, installed the following officers of Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge, No. 263, at Centre Hall:

Noble Grand, Mrs. Carrie Meyers
Vice Grand, Mrs. Belle Whitman
Secretary, Miss Elsie B. Moore
Treasurer, Mrs. Annie Puff
Right Supporter to N. G., Miss Bristin
Left Supporter to N. G., Mrs. Minnie Barris
Outside Guardian, Mrs. Walker
Inside Guardian, Mrs. Tate
Chaplain, Mrs. Henney
Right Alter Bearer, Miss Thille Keller
Left Alter Bearer, Mrs. Lizzie Smith
Right Supporter to Vice Grand, Mrs. Crawford
Left Supporter to Vice Grand, Mrs. Alda Bloom

A Good Combination.

Have The Philadelphia Press served with your breakfast every morning. Order from your newsdealer or write to the Circulation Department. The Philadelphia Press is the great breakfast table paper of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland.

Married.

John E. Bubb, of near Colyer, was married to Mary E. Jordan, of near Potters Mills, on Wednesday evening of last week by Rev. Daniel Gress at the Reformed parsonage.

Requests to Lutheran Institution.

The Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary will receive a \$50,000 legacy from the estate of the late J. Harry Fritz, who died at Somerset recently. The will distributes an estate estimated at between \$80,000 and \$100,000, and the additional beneficiaries are as follows: American Bible Society, \$300; American Tract Society, \$1000; Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, \$200; National Lutheran Home for Aged, District of Columbia, \$500; Deaconess Board, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Baltimore, \$700; Treasurer Orphan Home, Loyville Farm, costing \$3500, and \$1000 for a chapel.

Local Option Before Church People.

It was with a view of bringing before the church people the justness of local option that Rev. F. A. Gaupp, of Du Bois, district superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Pennsylvania, appeared at three points—Spring Mills, Centre Hall and Tusseyville—in Penns Valley Sunday. The Anti-Saloon league is not a political organization, but it is aiming to induce church people to vote for candidates for office who have any connection with the making, interpreting or enforcing of liquor laws who are favorable to local option. This phase of the liquor problem was presented in a clear and forceful manner, and it is safe to say that none of his hearers differed with him on this point.

Another point brought out by the speaker was the revenue problem. The liquor forces everywhere, and in Centre Hall especially, have given the revenue problem much attention, and in some instances the narrow minded and penurious have been led astray. The actual figures show that the revenue received by Centre county is not sufficient to support the prisoners from this county who are serving in the western penitentiary. To support these figures another fact must be taken into consideration. Green county, with no license for thirty years, with a population almost as large as that of Centre, had but three prisoners in the penitentiary in 1908, against seventeen prisoners from Centre county, where license has been continually granted.

End of Missouri Zinc Co.

The interest of Centre and Clinton counties in the Missouri Zinc business terminated when Harry Keller, as trustee, sold at public sale the two plants, including all machinery, and the rights and title to one mine of the Pennsylvania Mining and Manufacturing company, near Granby, in that State, says the Watchman. The property was bought in by T. M. Stevenson, of Lock Haven, in the interest of the bondholders. It is hardly necessary to say that the stockholders will not realize one cent upon their investment while the bondholders who stood for the re-organization of the company will realize very little, notwithstanding the property was bought in their interest by Mr. Stevenson. The price realized at the sale was merely nominal, but as all the machinery is in a fairly good condition it is believed that more money will be realized by disposing of it now at private sale.

Potter Elects School Teachers.

The Potter township school board met at Centre Hill Saturday afternoon to elect teachers. The full board, composed of the following directors: J. A. Weaver, president; W. R. Neff, secretary; John A. Heckman, treasurer; A. C. Ripka, C. W. Slack and James Runkle, being present. The fifteen schools in the township were supplied from among the forty or more applicants. The teachers elected and the schools assigned them follow:

Tusseyville: Elmer Miller, Potter twp.
Centre Hill: Roy Decker, Hublersburg
Colyer: Wm. Heckman, Potter twp.
Fleisher's Gap: Charles Horn, Potter twp.
Cold Springs: Boase Brown, Potter twp.
Potters Mills Grammar: Wetzel, Rebersburg
Primary: Nellie Mingle, Akron, O.
Cross Lane: El. Merstinger, Potter twp.
Centre Hill: Bruce Ripka, Potter twp.
Egg Hill: Nerva Hoy, Hublersburg
Plum Grove: Ross Bushman, Centre Hall
Earlstown: H. C. Musser, Rebersburg
Manor Hill: Mable Arney, Centre Hall
Pine Stump: T. L. Moore, Centre Hall
Pine Grove: John C. Bailey, Centre Hall

The Housemans hold Rennon.

The Housemans, earlier in the history of Pennsylvania, formed a large percentage of the population about Pine Grove Mills, but now they have scattered to all parts of Pennsylvania, with Blair county as the center. The various branches of this family held a reunion at Lakemont park, near Altoona, and spent the day most delightfully.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected and the president is W. H. Houseman, foreman of the Juniata carpenter shop, and the secretary-treasurer is W. H. Houseman, Jr. Miss Ida Houseman was elected recording secretary and the executive committee is composed of Grant Houseman, J. A. Houseman and Mrs. Sheets.

Grove Meeting.

The members of the Evangelical Christian church, Rev. Bradley, of Bellefonte, officiating, will hold a Grove Meeting, in Moyer's grove, near Colyer, Saturday evening and Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to participate in these services.

The early haymakers found Saturday a bad day on which to cut grass, as rain followed Sunday and Monday, with just enough sunshine to bleach the clover.

From Illinois.

Each week of late we behold reminders of by-gone days—sketches from all conceivable sources in this broad country—signed by persons who began their career in old Centre county, but are now engaged in the pursuit of happiness and the rewards of faithful endeavors elsewhere. They still retain pleasant memories of the friends and former associates who still reside in their native state.

A few weeks ago the writer saw mention made of Mrs. Eveline McCaskey, of Plainfield, Illinois, now ninety-seven years of age and yet in full possession of her faculties. Many times have we enjoyed the hospitality of their always most hospitable homes, but we were more than pleased to learn that this venerable lady of ever generous impulse is still alive and well for her years. She was an inspiration among the young people of Sprucetown and Potters Mills forty odd years ago when the writer was a mere boy. It was through her kindly influence and her activity in the field of a Sunday School worker that many young minds were lead into nobler ways of doing and thinking. She is certainly kindly remembered by many of the Reporter readers as one of the best of souls.

We had a rather backward spring, as the saying goes, but since the middle of May crops have been doing fine. Corn is well along for the season, except on the low lands, where it is weedy and small, on account of wet weather. Last week it rained five days, and nearly five inches of water fell. We also had some very heavy rains in May. Corn on up lands is being worked for the fourth time and will soon be finished. A good stand of everywhere noticeable. Small grain and grass are very heavy. Barley and timothy are heading out. Fruit is scarce except berries which are a fair crop. Prices on all commodities of the farm are high. Corn retails at 80c; oats, 60c; barley, 70c to 75c; hay \$8 to \$10 per ton; eggs, 25c per doz.; butter, 25c per pound for dairy; pork on hoof is worth about \$8 per cwt.

Our city trembled from the throes of old mother earth, who must have had a bad spell of indigestion on the morning of May 26th. We fail to account for it in any other way. Yesterday we viewed with interest the partial eclipse of old sol.

J. M. STIFFLER,
June 18, Freeport, Ill.

From Holidaysburg.

These lines are from W. E. Hunter, for some years a resident of Altoona, but formerly from upper Penns Valley.

"I have recently moved from Altoona to Holidaysburg, where I have had a good position as signal repairman, and have charge of all the electro pneumatic switching plants or towers in Holidaysburg yards of the Pennsy. ever since the yards were opened three years ago. These yards were not used much since the hard times began a year and a half ago, but business is improving and we expect to be busy soon.

"I notice times are brisk in Centre county, where farmers are getting \$1.40 for wheat. I would gladly see these prices continue if it were not for the poor working men who must pay from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per sack for flour, and plenty of them do not have the money and consequently must go hungry. The country people do not see their conditions as we do living in the larger towns.

"I would not want to do without your excellent paper, and wish it success."

Wins With the News.

The Philadelphia Record, now entering upon the fortieth year of its acquaintance with the world, seems to have won its great prestige by a stubborn refusal to be dragged away from the simplest principle of journalism. Strange as it may seem in these days of vari-colored emanations from the printing press, the Record has never been able to disguise itself of the notion that the main duty of a newspaper is to print the news.

From its famous first page, which is patterned after by all newspapers throughout the land, to the last line of its last page, the Record is always check full of news—just simply news. And its country-side news, as well as its dispatches from afar, has the virtue of being reliable.

Catching a trout seventeen and one-half inches in length in a mountain stream is what makes a fisherman feel joyful without having his bait in a corked bottle. This good luck came to John Wilkinson, of Potters Mills, who knows all the ways of the speckled beauties. The trout (a rainbow) was found to weigh three and one-half pounds, and was captured in Laurel Run in the vicinity of the dam above Potters Mills. The measurements and weights are actual, and were made by Squire Carson.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

William Meyers opened his butcher shop at Spring Mills Saturday.

A six weeks course in music is being taken at Selingsgrove by Miss Mse Musser, of Millheim.

Miss Jessie Kerstetter, a nurse in the Bellefonte hospital, is at her home in Millheim on a short vacation.

Dr. G. A. Harter, of Maytown, transacted business at Coburn, his old home town, several days last week.

Postmaster John W. Stuart, at State College, purchased four thoroughbred heifers of the Goernsey breed from G. W. Ott for \$1,900.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Collins, of Waynesburg, and H. C. Johnson, of Tyrone, are visiting friends in the valley, guests of the Spring Mills hotel.

Mrs. George A. Young, of Winburne, last week, for several days was a guest of Mrs. Mary Reaick. Mrs. Young was a resident here a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Walker of Centre Hall, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. Vallimont at Pine Glen, who is seriously ill at this writing.

Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Booser went to Pittsburgh where they will remain with their son, Ralph Booser, and other relatives and friends for ten days or more.

An automobile line between Rebersburg, Millheim and Coburn is to be started July 1. Two automobiles, to carry sixteen passengers each, will be put on the line and make two trips a day.

Ward Fleming, who put in part of the past school term as principal of the Bellefonte High school, has accepted the position of instructor in mathematics in the Harrisburg High school for the next school year.

Mrs. B. P. McAlees, of Chicago, is with her mother Mrs. Rebecca Cummings, south of Centre Hall, at present, and will remain until August. Mr. McAlees is conducting an auto livery in Chicago, and remained in the west.

Progress Grange will hold its next regular meeting Saturday evening, at 7.30. A special program has been prepared, among the speakers being Prof. C. R. Neff, whose topic will be one of interest to agriculturalists and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Bible, of Altoona, spent several days with their parents in Potter township. Mr. Bible is chief clerk in the Brumbaugh general store. He thinks work about the shops is picking up, indicating that business is growing better.

It would be very agreeable to say and yet nicer to realize that the farmers are about to cut a fine crop of hay, but the truth is there is not more than a half hay crop in this immediate vicinity. There are some fields that are good, but the most of them are not.

Mrs. Domer Emerick and little daughter Beatrice, of Spring Mills, were in Centre Hall last week guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Emerick. They are visiting while Mr. Emerick is making a hand with the Hagen carpenters, who are putting up the dwelling house for L. L. Smith, in Centre Hall.

There are many more applicants for schools in all townships than the teachers needed, while two years ago it was difficult to secure enough teachers to fill the places. This condition is due largely to the scarcity of employment in the centers of industry, and again, to the increase in salary provided by the state two years ago.

Among the graduates of Pennsylvania State College was Harry P. Burkholder, of Centre Hill. He took a full course in Mechanical Engineering. While at the institution he gave his studies close attention, and there is every reason to believe that he will be heard of in the future in a manner to reflect credit on his Alma Mater and Penns Valley.

For a beginner on a farm to lose one of two horses is a serious blow these days when horse flesh is so high in price. That is the bad luck Roy Shaffer had, who last spring began farming on the Hanney farm, east of Old Fort. William Homan and Harry E. Fye, living in the same neighborhood as does Mr. Shaffer, also have had a hospital in their stables, and the result was one horse dragged out by Mr. Fye.

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