



### TALK BY DR. SURFACE.

Meeting to be held at Spring Mills, Saturday, in interest of Fruit Growers.

The importance of the fruit growing industry in Centre county is becoming so manifest, that steps are now being taken to interest all who are inclined to accept the up-to-date methods of orchard culture. Among the advanced steps soon to be taken along this line will be the establishment of township demonstration orchards in fruit sections of the county, which will be under the direct supervision of the state orchard inspector for the county. These orchards will consist of fruit trees of any kinds that the owner may wish to plant, and assistance will be given in the planting and pruning, and general directions as to cultivation and fertilization.

There will also be public meetings announced from time to time, when work will be taken up on older trees to show the methods of handling such. These public demonstration orchards have been the source of a great deal of good in many sections of the state during the past two years, and now Centre county will profit by the establishment of two or three in centrally located places. In Perry county the good effects of the work under the direction of the state division of zoology is now very apparent and the fruit growers of that county are organized for the purpose of creating a stronger public sentiment in favor of better orchard practices, and as a result better and cleaner fruit.

Centre county possesses excellent locations for the growing of all kinds of fruit that are grown in Pennsylvania. The fruits grown in our state excel in quality that produced in many other states in the Union. The fruit growing industry is a good business proposition for the young man, and it would be well to follow the good advice once given by a prominent eastern merchant, when he said: "To young men starting in life, I would say, find first the place where you desire to live, then go there—no matter where it is, go. Then select the work which gives you the greatest pleasure, and in which you are most interested, which is most absorbing to you—no matter what it is, do that and do it better than any one has ever done it before. Make it the supreme object. Never let the thought of money enter your mind, give all thought to that work which you are doing to perfect it and make it accomplish more than it has ever done before. The money will come, and you will not have to give it one thought."

The meeting of fruit growers, announced in last week's issue, will be held in the Spring Mills Academy building instead of C. F. Long's hall, and the time for convening is set for Saturday, November 20th, at 9 a. m. There will be two sessions, one in the forenoon one in the afternoon. The principal speaker of the occasion will be Dr. H. A. Surface, the state zoologist, whose interest in the welfare of the fruit growers of the state is well established through the many valuable bulletins which he has issued for the help of the farmers and fruit growers of the commonwealth. There should be a full house to welcome the professor, as his lectures are both interesting and instructive.

It is desired that as many as can should bring specimens of such varieties of apples as they have, being careful to select as nearly perfect as possible. The thought is to make up an exhibit from this county to the state horticultural association meeting in January, at Tunkhannock, Wyoming county.

### A Large Contract.

When Bitner and Murray, the enterprising druggists, first offered a 50 cent package of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and guaranteed to return the money if it did not cure, they thought it probable from their experience with other medicines for these diseases, that they would have a good many packages returned. But although the firm sold hundreds of bottles, not one has been brought back.

Bitner & Murray want every person in Centre Hall who has constipation, dyspepsia, headaches, or liver trouble to come to their store or send them 25 cents by mail and get 60 doses of the best medicine ever made at half the regular price, with their personal guarantee to refund the money if it does not cure.

To those suffering with dizziness, headache, poor digestion, constipation and straining, Dr. Howard's specific offers quick relief.

Your son or daughter, who is living away from home, would greatly appreciate the home paper if it once reached their reading table. Why not send the Reporter to them for at least a year as a gift? They would thank you fifty times each year for your thoughtfulness.

### Property Owners Liable.

The supreme court has decided that where a property owner has been notified to repair the pavement or sidewalk along his property or has actual notice or knowledge of their defective condition and he neglects or refuses to repair the same, such owner is liable for all damage that may result by reason of the defective and unsafe pavements. Furthermore, Judge O'Connor, of Cambria county, has ruled that any public officers whose duty is to see that a highway is kept in good order, that if such officers neglect their duty that they were responsible for damages.

The above is quoted with the view of impressing property owners of the importance of keeping side walks in proper repair. It is infinitely less expensive to rebuild side walks than to pay expenses for litigation, besides there is always a bad feeling left in communities where suits for damages are instituted, no matter what the result is.

### The Bradford Hunters.

Each season for many years back the Bradfords formed the greater part of a hunting party that scoured the Seven Mountains for deer and as a rule were successful in killing one or more deer and frequently a bear or two. This year the Bradfords are located near the Colyer farm, south of the village of Colyer, in the Seven Mountains. The party is well equipped for hunting, having a good hunting tent and other accouterments necessary for an expedition of this kind. The names of the hunters this season are: W. Frank Bradford, George W. Bradford, Clyde Bradford, William Bradford, Philip Bradford, John Coble, John Knarr, Charles W. Slack, J. Frank Smith, J. C. Kuhn, Dr. J. K. Hosterman, Maynard Meeker, Isaac Shawyer, William Toner and James Toner, with Miles Dippery as cook.

### Further Improvements.

The Gazette in speaking of the improvements at the court house, says: The County Commissioners awarded the contract for grading in the rear of the new addition to the court house to R. B. Taylor. The purpose is to dig back into the hill a distance of thirty feet to the depth of five or six feet. This is to let light into the vaults in the commissioners' office, the two closets, the janitor's room and the grand jurors' room. This contract will not take so much bombarding as was required in excavating the cellar. The greater part of the material will be loose ground that had been used in filling in at one time. After this has been done a neat terrace will be made where the excavation ends.

### For an Orphan Asylum.

All the Juniata Valley, including Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata counties, is to be embraced in a big charity combine, the object of which will be to support the Huntingdon Orphan Asylum. Five thousand people are to be organized and one dollar a year is to be asked from each one. Professor Emmert, the head of the orphan asylum, is the originator of the idea. The proposition was launched at the meeting of the Brotherhood connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

### Spring Elections Abolished.

Pennsylvania voters adopted all but one of the proposed amendments to the constitution, and as a result the election next February will be the last held in the spring of the year. The amendment voted down was the seventh, which proposed giving the legislature authority to appoint a commission to name election boards.

Majorities for the amendments follow: No. 1, 15,460; No. 2, 21,967; No. 3, 21,486; No. 4, 15,623; No. 5, 23,037; No. 6, 21,276; No. 7, 20,196; No. 8, 19,637; No. 9, 19,477; schedule, 5,611.

No. 7, relating to the appointment of election board officers, was voted down by a majority of 66,523.

### Hunters at Horse Shoe Bend.

Motherbaugh's Gap, west of Horse Shoe Bend, is the camp of a band of hunters composed of Rev. W. Rhoads, of Howard; Rev. J. R. Sechrist, of Belleville; H. F. Musser, William Lucas, of Centre Hill; Dr. Haines, J. M. Gilliland, Clouse Brothers, and Mr. Clark, of New Bloomfield, and William Smith, of Philadelphia. This party is composed of experienced hunters, and if they fail to kill they will blame the game for being too shy.

### License Court, December 15.

A regular license court will be held for Centre county, Saturday, December 18th.

The Centre county Pomona Grange is in session today (Thursday) in Grange Arcadia. As this is the time for the biennial election special interest is being manifested.

### THE LECTURE.

Ex-State Treasurer William H. Berry portrayed the Highest Standard of Citizenship as one Fighting Against the Evils of the Present Day.

The large audience who heard the lecture by ex-State Treasurer William H. Berry, of Chester, in Grange Arcadia, Thursday evening of last week, was exceptionally fortunate. Every one went away from the hall highly pleased, and carried with them encouraging thoughts.

The lecture was provided for through private subscriptions solicited by Rev. S. A. Snyder, of Centre Hall. The collection lifted after the lecture was added to a fund being accumulated to pay the expenses of a future lecture. Mr. Berry was paid only about one-half his regular charge, and but a small fractional part of the lecture's real worth.

Following is a brief outline of Mr. Berry's lecture:

The first part of the lecture was a lucid masterly exposition of the great aims of Christianity, the realization of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Man differs from all other created existences, so far as revealed, in that he is to attain unto his destiny by struggle. The angels were made perfect without their own cooperation, but man becomes perfect by toiling to this end under divine guidance and help. Governments in which the best and wisest men have ruled, the masses having no part therein, have never produced as good a citizenship as those in which all men have a good voice and civic duties. Hence America has the best citizens of any country in the world.

The great obstacle to advancement is self, selfishness being the root of all sin.

He appealed to the intelligence of his audience to say whether the best men they knew were not those who most completely forgot themselves in their efforts to promote the welfare of mankind. Christ the perfect man the speaker continued, was absolutely unselfish; he never allowed any self interest, advantage, or comfort to hinder his complete devotion to the welfare of his fellowmen. If we would be like him we must surrender self for the general good.

Christianity does not teach men to be indifferent to present ills because in heaven they will be perfectly blessed. Its aim is to establish the kingdom of God on earth; and this is to be done largely through the functions of government. Hence the Christian citizen's first duty is to wage an uncompromising warfare against all that is evil.

One of these evils is the rum traffic. Two parties are essential to the carrying on of the liquor business; the seller who wants money, and the buyer who wants fun, was Mr. Berry's opening wedge to the subject. It is not wrong to make money, nor to have fun; hence the public might not have any right to interfere, were it not for certain third non-participating parties who suffer intolerable evils from the money making of the seller and the fun making of the drinker. The liquor trade cannot prevent these evils to the state and to innocent men, women, and children; hence the trade must be abolished, just as the government closes up a slaughter house if its owner cannot keep its evil odors from annoying his neighbors and interfering with their health.

But the saloon may also be abolished because it makes its patrons less efficient agents in the warfare against all evils and in the effort to promote all that is good; also because he who would promote the general good through governmental channels must so frequently bow to the liquor trade in order to get office or exert political influence.

Prohibitory laws are not summary legislation because they do not attempt to say what a man shall eat or drink. They simply forbid the selling of that which injures the community, the weak and the helpless. There is no interference with personal liberty, for the citizen has liberty to do as he pleases only when his act works no injury to others.

His argument for no license was a strong one indeed, whose force can be appreciated only by those who heard his eloquent words and beheld his earnest delivery. The above synopsis gives only an imperfect idea of the discussion.

For want of time he was able to take up only one other evil, monopoly. He took the position that no monopoly was for the general welfare, that there were no good trusts. He showed that even in the hands of the best men monopoly becomes an evil by a vivid picture of the way in which the good Joseph used his control over the grain supply of Egypt. He had, however, to admit that as a monopoly "our John" completely eclipsed Joseph.

When a man is in trouble he is always full of sympathy for himself.

### TRAIN KILLS DEER.

On the N. Y. C. Railroad Between Hayes and Panther.

West bound passenger train No. 33, on the New York Central railroad, due at Castanea at 8:05 a. m., struck and killed a spiked buck, Friday morning, near the "hog back" tunnel, between Hayes and Panther. The deer came down from the mountain side and attempted to cross the track directly in front of the locomotive, when it was struck and hurled to one side. The train was stopped and the deer was placed on board and taken to Snow Shoe, where it was dressed and later was sent to the Bellefonte hospital, as the law provides that no one shall have a deer or venison in their possession before the opening of the season. When a deer or other game is killed accidentally out of season the same must be turned over to a charitable institution. As the deer was killed three days before the opening of the season the train crew were compelled to forego the pleasure of feasting on venison.

### Hockenbury-Spicher.

The marriage of William Harris Hockenbury, of Bellefonte, and Miss Carrie Agnes Spicher, of Centre Hall, was solemnized yesterday (Wednesday) evening, at the home of the bride's brother, James M. Spicher, at Cresson, where Miss Spicher has been staying since her return from the west. The ring ceremony was used, and the officiating minister was Rev. Dunlap, pastor of the Lutheran church, at Cresson. Only a few of the friends of the contracting parties witnessed the marriage, and this was due to the fact that the bride's father died recently.

Today (Thursday) the couple are expected to arrive in Centre Hall, and after a brief visit here they will begin housekeeping at Bellefonte.

### LOCALS.

Rev. J. B. Guiney, pastor of the Loganton Lutheran charge, has resigned and will go to Nebraska.

The farm is beginning to attract from the busy centers. The farmer is the only man who can afford to be independent.

Mrs. Marz, of Pine Grove Mills, was discharged from the Bellefonte hospital after having undergone very successfully the serious operation of having an eye removed.

John Garis, eighteen years old, ran across a wild turkey on Nittany Mountain, Friday afternoon, and succeeded in killing it. The bird was a plump one, and weighed about twelve pounds.

Miss Florence Rhone, of Centre Hall, secretary of the Pennsylvania State Grange Information Bureau, next week will open her office at State College. Miss Grace Smith will act as temporary secretary.

At one of the Williamsport private hospitals a tumorous growth was removed from Mrs. O. D. Eberts, of Martha Furnace. The lady is getting along nicely since the operation, and it is expected that she will fully recover.

The borough of State College is considering the proposition to still further extend its municipal boundaries and include the Musser farm lying next to the experimental station farm along the pike toward Lemont. The council is also considering a sewer system, the estimated cost of which is \$25,000.

Messrs. Al P. Krape and William Homan, of Centre Hall, joined the Zimmerman hunting party on Bakers Run, in the Allegheny Mountains. This party has been unusually successful as hunters, and no doubt will be able to bring a goodly supply of deer and bear meat home with them this season.

A tenant house on the Charles E. Yearick farm, three miles east of Jacksonsville, was entirely destroyed by fire. The house was occupied by Samuel Fravel and family who succeeded in saving most of their household goods. The loss on the property is about five hundred dollars, with no insurance.

Samuel J. Rowe, who for five years has been employed with the Power and Mining Company, of Cudahy, Wisconsin, is at home for the winter. He made several trips to the sites of the great dams being erected by New York City which will be one of the water supply sources for the city, and was awe struck with the magnitude of the undertaking.

About sixty gentlemen from Tyrone, Altoona, Bellefonte and Huntingdon have purchased for \$6000, the G. B. Lyon mansion property at Pennsylvania Furnace, Huntingdon county, which they will convert into a clubhouse, to be known as the Tyrone Country Club. The house is a very large four-story building, with about forty acres of land, situated along the Hill Spruce Creek, noted for its fine trout fishing.

### Preparing to Secure Lecturers.

After the lecture Thursday evening the chair requested all interested in future lectures to remain after adjournment. The object of the meeting, as stated by Rev. W. H. Schuyler was to enlist the aid of laymen to devise means to secure lectures in the future.

A number of persons remained, and after expressions on the part of several, the following were nominated a committee to act with the ministers: Dr. P. H. Dale, G. L. Goodhart, Dr. G. W. Hosterman, W. W. Spangler and S. W. Smith. What can be done depends entirely on the encouragement given the committee in a financial way. It takes more than wind to carry through a course of lectures.

The committee organized at a meeting held Saturday evening. The officers are president, Dr. W. H. Schuyler; secretary, Rev. S. A. Snyder; treasurer, W. W. Spangler. A resolution was adopted looking toward securing a lecturer for the month of January.

### Total Eclipse.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon visible throughout the United States on the night of Friday, November 26, or on the morning of November 27, as the eclipse does not begin until after midnight. The moon will enter the earth's shadow from the south west at 2:11 a. m., and totality will begin at 3:14. The total eclipse will last until 4:28, with the middle eclipse at 3:55. The moon leaves the shadow at 5:38 and the eclipse is over.

### Hunter Held in Bear Trap.

While he was hunting in the "kettle" of Seven Mountains, in Snyder county, Wednesday of last week, George S. Schoch, of Selingsgrove, was caught in a bear trap under a clump of bushes. He was found a prisoner after dark, seven hours later, asleep from fatigue, by his brother, John A. S. Schoch, and Donald Spangler, of Lewistown, and was extricated with difficulty.

His thick hunting leggings minimized injuries that were bad at the best.

### Transfer of Real Estate.

F. V. O. Houseman et ux to Lizzie Smull, two tracts of land in Miles twp., November 3, 1909. \$150.

Harry K. Smull et ux to F. V. O. Houseman, two tracts of land in Miles twp., November 2, 1909. \$150.

W. B. Turner et ux to John S. Askin, farm in Union twp., July 15, 1909. \$1000.

Adam Kerstetter et al admrs. to the Coburn Cornet Band, tract of land in Penn twp., June 27, 1903. \$18.

### Manor Hill.

Elmer Stump moved his household goods from this place to Bellefonte, on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Neff spent Sunday at the home of Ralph Rickert. Mrs. Maggie Swab returned home from attending the funeral of her uncle at New Berlin.

Most of the farmers are done husking corn. Messrs. Richard and Cloyd Brooks are finishing their crop with a power husking machine.

Harry Cummings and bride spent Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Cummings.

The sad news reached here of the death of Hunter Dunkle, who accidentally shot himself.

Thursday evening of last week the friends of Mrs. Alvin Stump executed previously laid plans and gave a surprise party for her, that being her fifty-sixth anniversary. The guests all enjoyed themselves very much, and did justice to the elegant refreshments served. After the festivities were over all returned home, but not before wishing Mrs. Stump many more such happy birthdays. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cloyd Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Arber Cummings, Mrs. Rebecca Cummings, Mrs. Fishburn, Mrs. James Swab, Mrs. George Searson, Roy and James Searson, Lila, Stanley and Francis Brooks, Paul Cummings, Fred Neff, Roxanna and Mary Kline, William Stump, Harry, Lester, Earl and Elsie Cummings.

### Smullton.

Quite a few of our people have already butchered, the heaviest porkers being those of Clayton Winters, who killed last Wednesday.

Stover, the photographer, is fitting up a room in his studio to be used as an enlarging room. In the future he will be able to turn out enlargements on short notice.

Several parties of this town have had Jacob Winklerbach to saw their wood with his gasoline engine and saw.

A. E. Strayer is at Woodward where he is painting for several parties in that town.

S. M. Campbell and wife, of Millheim, were pleasant callers at the Hill Crest Farm, as visitors of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Smull.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

License Court, December 15. A well will be sunk on the farm of Arthur Grove, east of Centre Hall, by A. P. Krape.

Mrs. Pearl Condo, of York, has been visiting friends in Centre county during the past week.

A heating plant, a hot water system, was installed in the residence of W. H. Stiver, at the station.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stewart, of Lock Haven, last week were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Potter in Centre Hall.

Much fall plowing has already been done in all parts of the valley. The two preceding falls were not favorable for this kind of work.

Monday afternoon, Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Bieber went to the home of the former's parents, near Milton, and will remain until Friday.

Anthony Knoff, of Oak Hall Station, a veteran of the civil war, will hereafter make his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Barton, in Pittsburgh.

It is Maurice A. Burkholder, of Altoona, and not Maurice Runkle, of near Centre Hall, that will become the tenant on the W. H. Stiver farm, near Potters Mills.

Merchant Thomas Meyer, accompanied by Mrs. Meyer and another lady, came to Centre Hall Sunday from Millheim and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer.

Lumberman B. D. Brisbin had a new roof put onto the porch to the front of his residence in Centre Hall. The carpenter work was done by Messrs. Fiedler and Stahl.

H. H. Fredericks, of Boalsburg, accompanied by his granddaughter, Miss Alida Rothrock, and Mrs. E. H. Williams, were in Centre Hall Friday of last week, and were among the Reporter's callers.

Monday afternoon, W. B. Shutt left for Wellington, Ohio, where he will remain until some time after the holidays, at about which time he expects to again go on the school ship Adams, to sail from Philadelphia.

Mrs. B. W. Garis, of Centre Hall, accompanied by her little daughter Anna, and sister, Miss Julia Sweeney, of Philipsburg, last week returned from Milton, where they visited Mrs. W. H. Snyder, a daughter of Mrs. Garis.

By a decision of the supreme court the Indiana county court is obliged to grant a license to a corporation to do a bottling business. The decision does not effect a retail license, and there is no law or decision of the courts where an individual who has been guilty of a criminal offense can hope to secure license.

The directors of the Grange Fire Insurance Company, of which D. K. Keller is secretary and G. L. Goodhart is treasurer, held a meeting in Bellefonte last week. The company has had an easy year, so far as losses are concerned. All losses have now been paid, and all indebtedness cancelled. That speaks well for the company.

Mitterling, the cow buyer, did business on the first floor, as the expression is sometimes made. He had a cow sale in the east on Monday, returned to Centre Hall on Wednesday, and Friday shipped almost two hundred sheep from Howard. Monday morning a car load of milch cows were shipped from the Centre Hall station and in the afternoon he followed them to arrange for their sale.

One of the hardest propositions ever struck by A. P. Krape, of Centre Hall, in his experience as a well-driller was on the farm of John White, at Axe Mann, where he just completed a well 207 feet in depth. There were but eighteen inches of clay on the surface, and one rock of a flinty nature was penetrated without an apparent break for a distance of one hundred and thirty-seven feet. But with all the hard work, the results are satisfactory, as a good stream of water was tapped.

After an absence from Centre Hall for a period of thirty-one years, Peter Durst returned to Centre county about ten days ago, and Thursday of last week came to town for a short visit among associates formed when a boy. Mr. Durst is now located in the vicinity of Alexandria, South Dakota, and is engaged in farming. While he is very well pleased with the country in which he has lived for a number of years, he has concluded to take his family and move farther west, where land is cheaper and opportunities better for men of his pluck. Mr. Durst was heartily greeted by his companions of the seventies. He is remembered as a young man of correct morals and industrious, and what is more has lived such a life to this time.