



POMONA GRANGE MEETS.

County Grange Members Assemble in Grange Arcadia—Elect Officers and Discuss Topics of Interest to Farmers.

The Centre County Pomona Grange held its fourth quarterly meeting in Grange Arcadia, Thursday of last week. There was a good attendance from the various Granges throughout the county, and a number of questions of special interest to members of the order were discussed.

A class of about twenty were given the Fifth Degree so that they will be in a position to take the Sixth Degree at the meeting of the State Grange at State College in December. Officers for the ensuing two years were also elected. They are as follows:

THE OFFICERS

- Master, Willard Dale
- Overser, A. W. Dale
- Lecturer, Leonard Ehone
- Steward, George W. Ginterich
- Assistant Steward, W. E. Grove
- Chaplain, G. L. Goodhart
- Treasurer, Frank W. Musser
- Secretary, D. M. Campbell
- Gate Keeper, Wallace White
- Ceres, Florence Marshall
- Pomona, Anna Dale
- Flora, Mrs. D. W. Bradford
- Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. D. A. Grove
- Insurance Auditor, M. A. Sankey
- Directors to Telephone Company, Leonard Rhone, John S. Dale, Willard Dale, D. M. Campbell, S. W. Smith.

The installation of the officers will take place in January, at Centre Hall. One of the topics that came before the body was the meeting of the State Grange, which will be held at State College, December 21st to 23rd. A program has been arranged, and printed below, which will be carried out as nearly as possible as to time.

STATE GRANGE PROGRAM.

- TUESDAY, 10.00 A. M. Opening of the Pennsylvania State Grange.
- Appointment of Special Committees.
- 11.00 A. M. The Worthy Master's Address.
- 1.30 P. M. Presentation of Resolutions. Officers and Committee Reports.
- 7.30 P. M. Program for Public Meeting.
- Music by Orchestra.
- Address of Welcome in behalf of Centre Co. Pomona Grange, by Hon. L. Rhone.
- Response by the State Master, Hon. W. T. Cressy.
- Address in behalf of the town, by J. T. Allman.
- Music.
- Dramatic Recitation, Miss Williams, Alderson.
- Address in behalf of the Penn. State College, by the President, E. E. Sparks.
- Response by the Secretary of the Legislative committee, John A. McSparran.
- Music.
- 10.00 P. M. Reception by Centre County Pomona Grange to delegates and visitors.
- 10.30 P. M. Luncheon.
- WEDNESDAY, 8.45 A. M. Reports continued.
- 1.00 P. M. Trips through the buildings, grounds and experimental farms of the Pennsylvania State College.
- 7.30 P. M. Exemplification of the Fifth Degree.
- 8.30 P. M. Conferring the Sixth Degree.
- THURSDAY, 8.45 A. M. Report of Special Committees.
- 11.00 A. M. Memorial Services.
- 1.30 P. M. Reports of Special Committees continued.
- 7.30 P. M. Reports of Special Committees continued.
- 10.00 P. M. Closing of the Grange.

Before the close of the meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The real estate owners are annually robbed of \$34,828,882—fifteen millions of this amount is being directly extorted from the farmers, and nineteen millions from the residents of cities and towns, (whether they be owners or tenants), and as it is this policy of the state that has driven away from the farms and the rural communities, according to the last census report over one hundred thousand people from twenty-two counties in the state; and whereas,

A movement has been started by the automobile owners and certain other personal property owners, to force upon the farmers, by intrigue with the township road supervisors, costly state roads at seven to eight thousand dollars per mile by either imposing still further excessive taxes on farms and homes or entangling upon them large volumes of county and township road bonds; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Centre County Pomona Grange, in regular session assembled at Centre Hall, Pa., this 18th day of November, 1909, that we enter our emphatic protest against either the county commissioners or township road supervisors entering into any such agreement with said combinations.

Resolved, that before there be any further agreement to construct costly township state-roads that we demand that the tax laws of the state be amended so that the automobiles, banks, corporations, bonds, mortgages, salaries, professions and all forms of personal property be taxed at the same mill-rate that farms and homes are taxed, and that said taxes be levied by each unit of government.

Resolved, that as the public roads are for all the people, therefore all the people and all business interests ought to be taxed for their construction at a uniform mill rate, as provided by the constitution of the state, to the end that the best interest of all the people may be served by the laws of the commonwealth.

LETTER FROM KALAMAZOO.

A Michigander Tells of Mt. Pleasant School House, and how Col. "Jack" Spangler was Initiated.

In your issue of October 2nd the writer was grieved to learn of the passing away of one of his pupils, Rev. G. W. Fortney, who attended school with his brothers and sisters at the old Pine Stump school. His father was living on the Major Neff farm, and the writer had his home with them during the school term. George, as we called him, was a bright student and was well liked by all his playmates.

In the early forties those of us living in the vicinity where Centre Hall is now located, had to attend school in Earlstown. About 1845 the "Mt. Pleasant" school house was erected one mile west of Centre Hall, on the Lingle farm, and "us kids" were happy. For a number of years the trustees had trouble in selecting teachers that would remain through the winter. In those days the teacher had to build his own fire, and in cold weather the stove, during the night, would climb on some of the seats and next morning the teacher would have to play freeze out until the larger scholars came to help him get it to its place. The writer fears that but few remain who attended school at Mt. Pleasant.

Before the German Reformed church was built in Centre Hall, Sunday schools were well attended in this same old school house. Likewise spelling and singing schools, the latter conducted by Prof. Sol. Meyer. The spelling schools were attended by members of the neighboring schools and sides were chosen to spell each other down. Cobbs speller was used, and there were some participants the "pronouncer" had to go outside of Cobbs before he could down them.

But those days have passed, and but few of us remain that can recall the events that took place in old Mt. Pleasant. The writer would be pleased to hear from any of his old schoolmates at that point.

In my former letter I mentioned about the initiation of the kids that came to Centre Hall to live. In the early part of the sixties, in the last century, John Spangler leased the Wiltner hotel property, and his son "Jack," as he was then called, was selected for the ceremony. David Rhinesmith was living on the McMinn farm, about one mile east on the Brush Valley road. Dave had a nice lot of pears on trees nearby his house. It was planned to have Jack go along for a mess of pears. Rhinesmith was on to the job, and had his guns loaded. When the party reached the trees, Jack and Charley Miller climbed the trees to reach the fruit and drop it down. Jack was in the height of his glory, when suddenly the guns commenced to crack. Miller called out, I am shot, and Jack left the tree with a leap, and made tracks for home at lightning speed. But he dared not to let up, as guns would crack at his heels every few moments. It was some time before Jack tumbled, but when he did he fell sore about it. But all newcomers had to be initiated, and no exceptions made.

HENRY DASHER,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

A Mount Pleasant school house is now totally obliterated. It was a log structure, and was located on the south side of the Brush Valley road, at a point opposite the log house on the east side of the Brush homestead.

Dr. Census to Feel Farmers' Pulse.
This is the heyday of the farmer, and old Dr. U. S. Census is going to diagnose him pretty carefully for fear that with ease comes evil, that is, the neglect of those essentials which have made his prosperity possible, even if it is not permanent, because he could not stand prosperity. Census taking every ten years is a tremendous task. It is the greatest single operation undertaken by Uncle Sam, with the exception of the Panama canal work and the assembling of an army in the time of war. The American census is the largest, costliest and probably most accurate of any taken by the civilized nations.

From Millheim Journal.
G. R. Boob, of Plymouth, arrived in town last Thursday evening and will spend a short time with his father, Nathaniel Boob.

G. O. Hosterman, of Boalsburg, visited friends in this section on Friday and Saturday. He came to be present at the Hosterman reunion near Aaronsburg.

Mr. William L. Searm and young son, of Baltimore, Md., arrived in Millheim on Saturday evening and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Hartman until Tuesday.

Mrs. S. A. Cole, of Plymouth, after spending a week with relatives and friends in this section, returned to her home on Monday afternoon. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Orvis Schull, and little daughter, who will spend several weeks with her.

CENTRE COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

At Spring Mills Saturday Afternoon—Talk by Dr. Surface, State Zoologist.

The meeting announced in the last issue of the Centre Reporter for those interested in fruit growing was held at Spring Mills, Saturday forenoon and afternoon. The meetings were attended by a number of prominent farmers in Penna. and Brush Valleys, but not by more than one tenth the farmers that should have been there. The meeting was open to all. No one could have failed to realize that the discussion of the subject of fruit culture by Prof. H. A. Surface, head of the State Zoological department, would be one full of instruction, yet but two score of people were in the hall. Those present were amply rewarded, and there was just as much enthusiasm as though the audience had been many more times as large.

PROF. SURFACE TALKS.
The opening remarks by Prof. Surface were devoted to giving the results in a financial way from some of the large orchards in various parts of the country.

The first of a series of points necessary to successful fruit growing, said the speaker, was the selection of a site for the orchard. There is not a square foot of surface in Pennsylvania, according to the statement of Prof. Surface, that will not grow fruit of some kind at a profit.

AIR DRAINAGE.
Air drainage is a necessary condition. By this is meant that the air must have free circulation where it is proposed to grow an orchard. Lack of ventilation propagates disease germs; is conducive to early frosts.

SOIL DRAINAGE.
Good soil drainage is another point to be considered in locating the orchard. If the soil is not naturally drained, tile draining will do. A drained soil is more loose, more fertile, more oxidized. A deep soil is more preferable for fruit growing, but if the soil is shallow—underlain with rock—use dynamite to loosen the rock before planting. Fruit trees will not grow if they stand in water. Soils that retain too much water should be sub-soiled.

Proximity to market is a point that must be considered when growing peaches, plums, pears, and the like, but does not enter into the question to as large an extent when growing apples.

PREPARATION OF THE SOIL.
The preparation of the soil should begin several seasons before the trees are planted. It is preferable to follow some cultivated crop—corn, potatoes and the like—followed by crimson clover and rye in succession, which should be turned down in the spring. These crops act not only as a cover crop and prevent freezing, the washing away of soluble nitrates, but furnishes organic matter, which is highly necessary. Plow deep. Prepare the soil similar to that for corn or potatoes, except to plow deeper.

SELECTION OF TREES.
Selection of trees is an important point. Apples, pears, quinces, and their like, should not be more than two years old. Peaches and plums one year old. The younger the tree is when planted the less the shock to it. Peach and plum trees should be but one year old. Trees of the same variety are not more hardy if grown in the north than in the south.

Varieties of apples were discussed but briefly. Leading varieties, according to the speaker's ideas, were York Imperial, Grimes Golden, Wine Sap, and Gayno. Prof. Surface argued in this way, that the man who wished to plant an orchard should plant for profit rather than to cultivate the taste of the public, consequently the varieties named were selected.

TREE PLANTING.
Planting of the trees, and previous care was given particular emphasis. When the trees are received from the railroad station, great care should be taken not to expose them to the sun and air. If received in the fall for spring planting, "heel them in." When planting is going on a mud bath would be beneficial to keep the roots from drying out.

Apples should be planted not less than forty feet apart, and peaches eighteen feet. The speaker, by illustration on the board, showed how an apple orchard could be filled in with other fruit.

To show the rapidity with which trees could be planted he gave his personal experience and method employed in planting an apple orchard of fourteen acres. This orchard was scored out and planted in one day by four men and two boys. Less than two per cent. of these trees failed to grow.

CULTIVATION.

For the first three years the orchard should have the same cultivation as that given a corn crop. Any cultivated crop may be grown between the rows of trees, but a sowed crop should be avoided, unless it is used for a cover crop only. For a cover, winter vetch, cow peas, oats and crimson clover, may be sown.

Apples will grow well in a sod if the soil is not impoverished by removing the crop. Cut the grass and spread it under the trees, and if the trees are not making rapid growth enough apply barn yard manure and fertilizers.

COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS.

The plant must have a balanced ration, so must the animal, and so must the tree. A comparison was drawn between an old tree and a hog, and a young tree and a pig. The pig must be fed differently from the hog, and so the young tree must be fed differently from the old tree. The hog will fatten on corn, the pig will thrive on shorts. Young trees should be fed thus:

- 1-2 pound nitrate of soda
- 1-2 pound dried blood
- 1-2 pound tankage
- 2 pounds potash
- 2 pounds acid phosphate
- 1 pound muriate of potash

For old trees the first part of this formula should be divided by two, and the latter increased by two.

PRUNING.

Prune when in leaf to check growth; prune when dormant to develop growth. Pruning should be to direct growth rather than to correct it. Keep the tree tops open to let in air, warmth and sunshine.

DISEASES AND INSECTS.

The fruit grower has two pests to contend with—plant diseases and insects. Insects may be divided into two classes—the chewing insects and the sucking insects. The first may be destroyed by spraying. Spraying is effective just in proportion to the completeness of the work. The sucking insects must be destroyed by insecticides.

BORDEAUX MIXTURE.

The well known bordeaux mixture is composed of the following ingredients:

- 3 pounds copper sulphate
- 4 pounds unslaked lime
- 50 gallons water

For codling-moth use the bordeaux mixture plus two pounds of arsenate of lead, or one-third pound paris green.

The talk included many other important formulas and subjects not reported in this sketch. Those who failed to take advantage of the opportunity to hear the discussion, have missed much information needed by the small fruit grower and farmer who has a small orchard.

ORGANIZATION OF SOCIETY.

One of the objects in calling this meeting was to organize a fruit growers' association, with a view of developing the fruit growing industry in Centre county. After a brief talk on this subject by Prof. Surface, D. D. Royer, of Rebersburg, was nominated temporary chairman, and C. T. Foster temporary secretary.

A permanent organization to be known as the Fruit Growers Association of Centre County was effected by electing as president, ex-Sheriff Cyrus Brangart, of Centre Hall; First Vice President, D. D. Royer, Rebersburg; Second Vice President, Prof. W. P. Hosterman, Penn Hall; Secretary, E. P. Shook, Spring Mills; Treasurer, J. J. Arnsy.

Executive committee, T. M. Gramley, A. Bariges, D. K. Keller, together with the president and secretary of the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the association at Spring Mills.

PERSONS PRESENT.

- Penna Cave—William Weaver, J. R. White, G. W. Tressler, Jacob F. Muser
- Coburn—Al Ahrens
- Aaronsburg—Robert Boob
- Centre Hall—Cyrus Brangart, H. W. Dinges, James A. Keller, John E. Rishel, Gardner B. Grove, D. A. Booser, J. J. Arnsy, S. W. Smith, Mingoville—Peter Hoekman
- Rebersburg—D. D. Royer, Jerome A. Moyer
- Madisonburg—Benjamin Lambert, A. E. Linhart
- Penn Hall—Prof. W. P. Hosterman, David Honney, Andrew Shook, H. H. Bachau, Miss Fisher
- Spring Mills—Dr. H. S. Branch, Hon. W. M. Allison, C. F. Long, T. M. Gramley, J. J. Zuber, Tibben Zuber, Mrs. C. E. Ziegler, Mrs. Charles Bachau, James Grove, C. E. Royer, James Kuntzely, E. P. Shook
- Farmers Mills—M. L. Rishel, W. F. Rishel, Mrs. W. F. Rishel
- Millheim—J. A. Gephart, Albert Bariges, Mrs. (Dr.) Frank Joseph H. Moyer, Joseph H. Moyer, L. R. Roeman

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The Vote in Penn.

The vote cast in Pennsylvania at the recent election for State officers, 811,179, is just 64 per cent. of the aggregate vote for presidential electors in 1908. The Republicans polled for their candidate for State Treasurer a little over 60 per cent. of the vote for Taft. The vote for the Democratic candidate was 68.5 per cent. of the total given for Bryan. This indicates somewhat greater activity in the opposition than in the party in possession. There is a difference of 41,000 between the highest and the lowest candidates on the Republican ticket and of 48,000 between the highest and lowest on the Democratic ticket, the variation being largely accounted for by local interests. The Prohibition vote is a nearly fixed quantity from year to year, but the Socialists mustered only about two-thirds of their vote of last year. The highest Republican candidate has a majority of 90,000 over all competitors and the lowest a majority of 35,000 over all. The Republicans polled about 55 per cent. of the total vote, as against 58 per cent. in the presidential year.

Yeager Swing Co. Reorganizes.

The re-organization of the Yeager Swing Company was effected and the following officers were elected: President, A. R. McNitt; secretary, Donald Potter; treasurer, Frank Crawford; general manager, Claude Cook; directors, Harry C. Yeager, of Bellefonte, E. M. Huyett, of Centre Hall, and P. P. Griffin, of Lock Haven. Ten thousand dollars have been placed in the treasury to begin business. The intention of the company is to at once begin the manufacture of the mission swings and furniture which met with such favor with the buying public. Work has been commenced on repairs to the plant and as soon as possible will be put into operation. With these men at the head of the concern the Yeager Swing Company will be safely managed, and in time become an important industry in the county seat.

\$45,000 Lumber Deal.

Mention was made on previous occasions of the extensive lumber operations about to be opened near Waddle Station, by the McNitt-Huyett Lumber Company, where the firm will soon begin to cut on a timber tract containing almost four thousand acres, the price paid for which was \$45,000, which sum was paid to the D. M. Bare Paper Company. The timber land is located in the townships of Ferguson, Patton and Half Moon.

The Hagen carpenters, a force of ten or twelve men, have been erecting dwelling houses, office, stables, etc., during the past month. The improvements are of a much better character than is usually the case at saw mills, and this is on account of there being no dwelling houses of any character in the neighborhood.

Gun Talks, Bear Escapes.

Had it not been for the balking of a gun in the hands of Clyde Bradford, one of the Bradford hunting party, a pretty little story could have been told, relating the incident of the killing of a bear that marched right up to him. The bear was wounded by another member of the party, and was keeping a watch on its foe, when it chanced to almost run over Mr. Bradford. To prevent being run down, Bradford tells, that he actually stuck out his gun in front of him to lead the bear in a more round about way.

The trouble was all caused by the firing pin on Mr. Bradford's gun being broken, and just then he wished he could have been within arm's length of an arsenal.

Terms of Office Lengthened.

The adoption of the amendments to the constitution and the schedule will have the effect of lengthening by one year the terms of two county officers, namely, A. B. Kimport, prothonotary, and W. G. Runkle, district attorney. Their terms will now expire the first Monday in January, 1912, instead of 1911. The election of their successors will, of course, occur in November, 1911.

At the 1911 election, taking it for granted that no vacancies will occur between now and that time, there will be no county officers elected in this county.

Alfalfa for the Hen.

If you are in the poultry business for eggs, feed alfalfa. Shipped in bales of eighty to one hundred pounds, at one cent per pound, f. o. b., Centre Hall. Sales for cash with the order.

S. W. SMITH,
Centre Hall, Pa.

Killed 300 Pound Bear.

James H. Holmes, of State College, who was out with a party of hunters, succeeded in bagging a 300 pound bear, on the nearby mountains. Sunny Jim is quite proud of his trophy.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Strunk are in Karthaus, Clearfield county, among relatives of the latter, and will remain for two weeks.

Are you reading the advertisements in the Reporter? If you are not doing so, you will not be able to discover the bargains afloat.

John B. Harper and his daughter, Mrs. Ada Runkle, Tuesday of this week, moved from near Potters Mills to Burnham, where Mrs. Runkle will conduct a boarding house.

Charles W. Casner, of Juniata, and Miss Est. M. Winkelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Winkelman, of Nittany, were married in the Lutheran church in Lock Haven.

A fat hog belonging to M. S. Fieldler, of Millheim, was found dead in its pen. The porker ate all its feed the previous night and it is thought it strangled. The hog would have dressed close to 400 pounds.

Charles Grimes, who lives in Miles township, about two miles from Millheim, is still able to work although over eighty years of age. He is a wagon maker by trade and one day recently pushed a new wheelbarrow, made by him, to Millheim.

The Eungard hay balers have been in this community baling hay for the farmers. The only alfalfa baled in the county was baled by them for S. W. Smith, in Centre Hall. The quality of the hay was very fine.

Wallace Keeler, aged sixty-six years, died in Bellefonte. He was born in Half Moon Valley, but for many years lived in the town in which he died. He was engaged as a laborer. Surviving him are four sons and one daughter.

Frank Latempo, the convicted murderer of Antonio Mszeczo, who occupies a steel cage on the second floor of the Clinton county jail, who was to have been hanged December 9th, has been granted a respite by the governor until January 4th.

Thursday morning of last week, M. A. Sankey, of near Potters Mills, saw a doe and two fawns browsing in the neighborhood of his barn, but when they scented his presence they galloped away at high speed. It was a pretty sight, according to Mr. Sankey's narrative.

Harry E. Bible, who for some years has held a position in the M. P. Brumbaugh general store, in Altoona, has accepted a position in the Gable department store. This is conclusive evidence that he has no intention of leaving Altoona in the spring to follow the plow.

Ex-County Commissioner W. A. Hannah, of Woodward township, Clinton county, who was afflicted with gangrene, was obliged to have his right leg amputated above the knee. He is past seventy-three years of age, but stood the operation very well, and since has been improving.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hosterman, east of Aaronsburg, was the scene of a gathering in the nature of a family reunion of the Hosterman children. All the brothers and sisters were there, and only a few of the nephews and nieces were absent. An elaborate dinner was served, and all enjoyed the day immensely.

Messrs. J. H. and S. E. Weber, who are preparing to handle a large number and complete line of farm implements next season, are putting out a sulky plow that is giving very good satisfaction. Two of these plows were placed on adjoining farms at Earlstown, the purchasers being Elmer Royer and Abner W. Alexander.

John B. Harper, Mrs. Ada M. Runkle and William McKinney, of Potters Mills, Friday of last week, attended a hearing in Bellefonte. Mr. Harper has filed a claim for a portion of the funds in the hands of the auditor, Harry Keller, Esq., who holds the proceeds from the sales of real estate and dower interests of the Peter Durst estate.

The Penns Cave Telephone Company, a branch of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company, is making provisions to double wire its line to a point at George F. Emerick's. This will give the company's patrons first class service. The wire is on the ground now, and work will be commenced as soon as experienced men can be secured to do it.

Harry Truckenmiller, of Zion, and family, who last March went west to the State of Washington with the intention of making that their future home, returned to Bellefonte last Tuesday. Mr. Truckenmiller says that although Washington is a fine state it can never take the place of old Pennsylvania and he felt like a prodigal in a strange land, so that he determined to return once more to Centre county to live.