

The Centre Reporter.

VOL. LXXXIII.

CENTRE HALL, PA., THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1910.

NO. 2.

GOOD FARMING CAMPAIGN

Is Being Undertaken by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Following up its campaign in the interests of scientific farming in the territory through which its lines run, the Pennsylvania Railroad company has undertaken, through its division freight agents, the dissemination of agricultural information. Cooperating with the State College of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, the railroad has prepared booklets which are to be sent to the farmers throughout the state.

On the farmers' special instruction trains and steamboats which the Pennsylvania railroad has been operating in the past two years, special stress has been laid on the introduction of alfalfa into this section of the country, and the first booklet which the company is to distribute deals with methods for the cultivation of that product. One booklet is entitled "Use of Lime on Land." A few facts on lime fertilization. The other one has for its subject "Alfalfa." These two subjects go hand in hand in view of the fact that the use of lime is essential to the cultivation of alfalfa.

In addition to the instructions for the application of lime and the growing of alfalfa, the Pennsylvania's booklets contain lists of shippers of agricultural lime, limestone, fertilizers, etc., for the use of agriculturalists.

In its educational campaign for good farming, the Pennsylvania Railroad is encouraging every movement which can in any way affect the prosperity of the rural districts. Special agricultural trains represent the first effort of the company in this direction; special steamboats are being operated from time to time, and the undertaking is being made to educate the station agents along the lines that they may become agricultural missionaries. In addition, the company has become identified with the good roads movement in the state of Pennsylvania. The issuance of booklets containing information for farmers is the latest step which the Pennsylvania Railroad has taken to increase the traffic in agricultural products originating on its lines.

From Kansas.

The Reporter is always glad to have a few words from its subscribers, when making remittance, or at any other time, bearing on the conditions of their particular section of the country, or any news items. These words are from J. A. Strunk, of Vernon, Kansas, and the readers who are acquainted with Mr. Strunk will be glad to read them:

If the three Centre county papers happen to reach our home at the same time, each member of the family makes an effort to secure the Reporter first. In it we get all the dear old home news, and therefore we could not get along without it.

We have had very cold weather here during the present winter. Ice on the ponds freezes to the thickness of nine inches, which is three inches more than at any previous time since we live in this state. We also had the longest cold snap in the same length of time. On New Year's day it was quite warm. The ground thawed to the depth of three inches.

The crops last year were fairly good in this section of Kansas. We had our best crop of corn on upland harvested in years. A land agent was here from Fredonia, this state, and offered to trade a mill property on my farm. When I called his attention to the fine crop of corn growing in my field, and compared it with that of my neighbors, he said the conditions were due to "Pennsylvania methods of farming." That, of course, is true to some extent, but our land is much better than it was when we bought it, and we also raise better crops than we did at first. Land values have increased fully one hundred per cent., and possibly more, since we came to Kansas.

Messrs. Bruce Crotzler and J. W. Clark were visitors here during last year.

Finest Pictures For N. A. Readers.

An unusual offer is being made to its readers by the North American in next Sunday's paper. Through the medium of a coupon the paper will give to art lovers the opportunity to secure a real photograph of Luke Fildes' celebrated painting "The Doctor."

Photographs have heretofore sold at high prices and have been luxuries available only to those of means. Through special arrangement with those who control the process by which these artistic works may be printed in large quantities, The North American will furnish copies of "The Doctor," on fine art paper, 22x28 inches in size, for ten cents in cash and a coupon cut from the paper for Sunday, January 30.

Liquor Licenses Granted.

The court on Friday granted all the liquor licenses applied for in Centre county, except two. The wholesale license asked by Frank Grebe, in Rush township, was refused, and the hotel license sought by J. W. Runkle, in Centre Hall, was held over.

Fruit Growers' Association Meeting.

Please keep in mind the date of the second meeting of the Centre County Fruit Growers' Association, which will be held at Spring Mills, January 29th. There will be two sessions, morning and afternoon.

There need be no question as to the future importance of the fruit growing industry in this county which is so well adapted to orcharding. We are apt to think that our way of doing things is good enough, when at the same time others have worked out far superior methods which could be applied here, and bring much better results than we are attaining. While there is much benefit derived from hearing papers read and questions discussed at these meetings there is also an opportunity afforded to come in personal contact with men who have made orcharding a life study and have worked out the problems that are baffling us.

Let me again give you the date of the meeting—January 29—and a most cordial invitation to attend the same.

CYRUS BRUNGART, President.

From Kalamazoo, Michigan.

In your issue of December 9th, 1909, I was highly pleased to hear from one of my old schoolmates, (now Hon.) S. E. Garver, who resides in Missouri. His letter was interesting to the writer, and brought back to my memory a number of names that were forgotten. Among those mentioned was Jacob Sprow, one of whose boys resides in this city, and is assistant athletic director in the Western State Normal School, located here. He speaks of going to school to Fred Jamison, who was the last teacher I had in public school.

Mr. Garver will also remember the following that attended school at that time viz.: Alfred, George and Enoch Sweeney, and their sister; the Fauber boys and girls, George Hess, Samuel and George Stover, John and William Horner, George and (now Rev.) John Harpster, Henry and Peter Feinle, Samuel Bruss and Samuel Shannon. Some have passed their allotted time here. The writer hopes to hear from those who are left through our old stand by, The Centre Reporter, or a personal letter addressed to Kalamazoo, Michigan, will reach me.

HENRY DASHER.

Transfer of Real Estate.

J. M. Neidigh's admrs. to Samuel Kreamer, tract of land in Hains twp., November 6, 1909. \$455.

J. F. Stover et al to Magnus T. Duck, tract of land in Spring Mills, February 18, 1909. \$1000.

C. W. Hartman et al extra. to S. G. Burrell, tract of land in Millheim, July 10, 1909. \$425.

G. C. Watson et ux to Abby Foss, tract of land in State College, February 27, 1908. \$400.

G. C. Watson et ux to Abby Foss, tract of land in State College, February 27, 1908. \$250.

J. Ewing et al to D. H. Ewing, lot in State College, September 17, 1909. \$4000.

W. L. Foster et al to J. H. Breen, lot in State College, October 21, 1909. \$300.

Jennie C. Reifenyder et al to S. E. Homan, December 14, 1909, tract of land in Millheim. \$480.

Alice R. Emerick to A. N. Finkle, tract of land in Gregg twp., March 9, 1909. \$50.

Sarah J. Grimm to Elias Confer, tract of land in Gregg twp., October 19, 1909. \$100.

A. B. Struble to Alice R. Struble, tract of land in State College, December 16, 1909. \$4000.

Mary B. Hoy et al to James H. Holmes, Jr., tract of land in State College, December 1, 1900. \$5500.

William H. Minnich et al admr. to Clyde Waite, tract of land in Miles twp., December 23, 1909. \$275.

John Knarr et al to H. A. Yeager, tract of land in Boggs twp., April 1, 1909. \$1250.

H. W. Orwig et ux to State College Water Co., tract of land in Harris twp., May 29, 1909. \$425 27.

S. G. Burrell et ux to J. H. Hartman, tract of land in Millheim, December 21, 1909. \$425.

J. C. Lingle et ux to Sarah Grimm, tract of land in Gregg twp. \$300.

Fannie S. Shultz et ux to Clarence Lyon, tract of land in Spring twp., June 1, 1909. \$200.

Clarence E. Long et ux to Wallace J. Walker, tract of land in Miles twp., December 16, 1909. \$2900.

David Lawyer et ux to Margan Boal, tract of land in Benner twp., February 29, 1893. \$325.

Read the Reporter.

DR. APPLE MADE PRESIDENT

Of Franklin and Marshall College, Friday of Last Week.

With the most notable exercises of their kind ever witnessed in Lancaster, Dr. Henry Harbaugh Apple was on Friday inducted into office as president of Franklin and Marshall College, from which he graduated not so many years ago. He succeeds Dr. J. S. Stahr, recently made president emeritus.

The exercises were held in Fulton Opera House and no detail of arrangement was overlooked to consummate an impressive ceremonial. The services were witnessed by a large assemblage of august educators and eminent personages in professional and business walks of life from a dozen states, in addition to a representative gathering of the citizens of Lancaster, clergy of the Reformed church, college students and alumni.

The academic procession proceeded from the First Reformed church and marched over several of the principal streets to the Opera House. Here the exercises were opened with an invocation by Rev. Dr. J. Spangler Kleffer, president of the Board of Trustees. George F. Baer, of Reading, presented Dr. Apple and formally inducted him into office.

Addresses were delivered, briefly, by Governor Stuart, Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Dr. J. S. Stahr, Dr. N. C. Schaeffer and Mayor J. P. McCaskey.

Among the spectators was Mrs. Thomas G. Apple, mother of the new president, who enjoys the unusual distinction of being both wife and mother of a president of Franklin and Marshall College.

Of Interest to Farmers and Wood Shippers.

The Oak Extract Co., of New Port, Pa., will advance the price of chestnut and rock oak wood, cut into four foot lengths for extract purposes, from \$2.75 to \$3.00 per cord, on January 16, 1910.

Brislin & Co. Sell Land and Buy Timber.

Brislin & Company, last week, sold the fifty acres along Indian Lane, formerly a part of the Bartges farm, to T. Frank Royer, of Potters Mills. Mr. Royer owns the Sweetwood farm, which adjoins the tract purchased.

The timber on the Grossman farm, recently purchased by James W. Raymond, was sold to Brislin & Company, who will cut it into lumber.

Valentine Cards.

You will find a fine lot of Valentine post cards on sale at this office. They are all new, and exceptionally pretty. The designs are striking, and inscriptions catchy. The regular two for five cards are sold at the rate of three cards for five cents, or fifteen cents per dozen. If you do not come to town, send by mail. The postage will be prepaid, and delivered to you at 12 cards for fifteen cents.

Glad They Were Not Used.

The last act in the Frank Letempo drama was enacted when Sheriff W. H. Klepper, of Clinton county, shipped the gallows back to Coudersport, Potter county, on which it was expected that Letempo would be hanged on the 4th inst.

These gallows were borrowed from Potter county for the expected execution, but as Letempo's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, the gallows were not needed.

Ribbons Taken By J. S. Meyer.

J. S. Meyer, Esq., the Penn township poultryman, has eleven ribbons to his credit, which were received at the poultry show at State College, during Farmers week. The premiums are as follows:

Plymouth Rock.....1st on cock
" ".....2nd on pen of Rocks
" ".....2nd on pullet
" ".....2nd on hen
" ".....3rd on pullet
White Wyandotte.....1st on cock
" ".....2nd on cockerel
" ".....2nd on pullet
" ".....2nd on pullet
" ".....4th on hen

Classis Committee Meets.

The executive committee of West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed church, consisting of Rev. Daniel Gress, Rev. W. D. Donat, of Aaronburg, and Rev. K. Otis Spessard, Ph. D., of Millburg, met in the Reformed parsonage, Centre Hall, the former two being present. There were three items of business transacted. Rev. Aaron Noll, of Allegheny Classis, was received into West Susquehanna Classis, and name placed on the ministerial roll. A call from the Montgomery charge to Rev. Noll to become its pastor at a salary of \$1000.00, was confirmed, and a committee for the installation, consisting of Rev. K. Otis Spessard, of Millburg, Rev. W. C. Rittenhouse, of Williamsport, and Rev. Samuel H. Steib, of Lock Haven, was appointed.

DEATHS.

JONATHAN KREAMER.

The following obituary notice on the death of Jonathan Kreamer is taken from "The Farmers Vindicator," Valley Falls, Kansas:

"Jonathan Kreamer was born at Rebersburg, Centre county, Pa., September 24, 1828, and died in Valley Falls, December 16, 1909, aged eighty-one years, two months. He was married to Miss Alice Strohecker, of Rebersburg, December 21, 1855, to whom four children were born, two of whom died in early childhood. The other two grew to full maturity, and died in Valley Falls; George, July 26, 1886, and Flora, September 12, 1888. Mrs. Kreamer soon followed her last child, dying December, 1888.

Mr. Kreamer after being engaged in business for a number of years in Pennsylvania, moved to Valley Falls with his family in February, 1879, where he resided till his death. He was for a short time engaged in the grocery business, but for the greater part of that time he lived in quiet retirement.

JOHN BERRY.

John Berry, for many years a prominent citizen of Loganton, and one of the best known residents of Sugar Valley, died at the home of his son, J. C. Berry, at Jersey Shore.

He was married March 11, 1847, at Tusseyville, this county, to Miss Catharine Morris, the eldest daughter of Daniel R. and Abigail Morris, who preceded him to the spirit world. Six children blessed the union, of whom four are living, namely: Mrs. Harvey Smith, of Johnsonburg; Mrs. Jared Karstetter, of Oregon; Mrs. Samuel Goodman, of Loganton, and J. Curtin Berry, of Jersey Shore.

He served in Company G, 210 P. V., during the Civil War. His age was eighty-two years, ten months. Interment was made at Loganton.

WILLIAM BOAL.

William Boal died Tuesday of last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Royer, near Potters Mills, at the age of eighty years. He was long a resident of Potter township, and for many years lived in the vicinity of Colyer. Interment was made Friday.

Beside the daughter at whose home he died there survive Mrs. William Lingle, of Colyer and Mrs. George H. Ripka, of Milroy. Mrs. Boal, nee Moyer, died some years ago.

Mrs. Samuel H. Diehl, widow of the late Samuel H. Diehl, of Bellefonte, died at the hospital on Tuesday evening of last week after an extended illness. She underwent an operation recently which for a time afforded some relief.

Deceased was born in Union county and was aged fifty-six years and eight months. Her maiden name was Miss Ellen King. Surviving is one son, Harry Diehl, of Bellefonte. The remains were taken to Laurelton on Friday, where funeral services were held and interment made beside her late husband.

Capt. W. F. Reber, of Philadelphia, died in his home at that city, Tuesday morning of last week, aged fifty-nine years. Interment was made at Bellefonte, Friday of last week.

Mr. Reber was court reporter during his residence in Bellefonte, and captain of Company B for a number of years. He held various clerkships at Harrisburg, and was prominent in the lodge of Masons. Mrs. Reber, nee Gertrude Butts, and two children survive.

Jerry Lee, aged about sixty years, died from the results of an injury, at his home near Hubersburg. He had eaten his supper and went to the stable and hitched his horse to a buggy, and was in the act of fixing the bridle at the horse's ear, when the animal struck him. He fell to the ground dead. Dr. Fisher was called and held an inquest, with the result that death was due to apoplexy.

Edith Louise, wife of Claude W. Smith, died at the home of her parents in Milesburg, following a protracted illness of eight months, from heart disease. Deceased was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Elias, of Milesburg, and was aged at the time of her death thirty-five years, four months.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Vonada, of Miles township, died Saturday, December 25, and was buried at Madisonburg.

Hazel Iona Stover, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Stover, of Haines township, died Wednesday, December 22. Interment was made at Aaronburg.

THE COST OF LIVING.

The High Prices of Commodities Is a Serious Matter.

A dispatch from Washington says the increased cost of living was the subject of a concurrent resolution offered in the house by Representative Hull, of Tennessee. It provides for a joint committee of seven members of the house and five members of the senate to investigate conditions and report upon them and as to what remedies may be affected through legislation.

The resolution sets forth that during the past twelve months there has been an advance in the prices of commodities of from eleven to thirty per cent., and during the past thirteen years of more than fifty-six per cent., which is entirely disproportionate to the increase in wages, making it difficult for millions of people to procure food, clothing and shelter consistent with their needs.

The resolution charges the Payne tariff bill with being a large factor in the rise of prices of necessities through permitting trusts to monopolize products and raise prices. By the terms of the resolution the committee is authorized to sit anywhere and administer oaths to witnesses.

Lustig Arrested.

About six years ago Morris Lustig came from Pittsburgh to Milroy and married Rhoda Mills. Last November the dead body of the woman was interred at Milroy, the certificate indicating that she had died from meningitis. Later suspicion was aroused that the woman had been poisoned in order that the husband might secure the \$3000 life insurance that had just been issued. Investigation was made, and it is said that the man had purchased strychnine a short time previous to the death of Mrs. Lustig. The body was exhumed, and it is now given out that traces of poison were found in the stomach, and following this came the arrest of the husband, who at the time was living with a woman he called his wife. Lustig conducted a night watchman service and a private detective bureau, in New York, when arrested. He and Mrs. Lustig also lived in that city at the time of the death of the young woman, who was but twenty-six years of age.

LOCALS.

A charter was granted the Elk Club in Phillipsburg.

William T. Kelley, of Bellefonte, succeeds the late John I. Potter as general freight agent at Bellefonte.

After the first of April, Mrs. Margaret E. Bailey, of State College, will occupy the house purchased by her two or more years ago, from John W. Neese, located in Centre Hall.

In a note from S. M. Goodhart, of Johnstown, these expressions are made: "Everything is moving along nicely in the Flood City. Business is very good, plenty of work for all, and good old fashioned winter weather."

Of course you have seen Valentine post cards, but not the kind being sold at this office at three cards for five cents. The designs are all new, and the prettiest ever offered. Sent by mail, post paid, at 12 cards for fifteen cents.

Miss Lizzie Stoner has resigned as one of the operators of the Bell telephone exchange in Millheim. She will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith to Freeport, Illinois, where she will spend some time with relatives living there.

Parties from New Jersey are reported to be negotiating with the owners of the Coburn canning factory to purchase or lease the same for the purpose of changing the plant into a creamery, according to a statement in the Millheim Journal.

The Howard Husler reports this item: Friday evening a lamp exploded in the bath room at the Hotel Howard and set the room on fire, when discovered it had gained great headway. Landlord McMurtre rushed up to the room and smothered the flames, and through his heroic efforts saved the building. The room is a total wreck; the damage is estimated at from thirty to fifty dollars.

Messrs. H. E. Lutz and W. H. Vonada will operate the Bald Eagle flouring mills after the first of April, having leased the same, together with a general store. The Bald Eagle Mills are located on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, near Tyrone, in Blair county. Mr. Lutz has been located in Centre Hall for a little over two years, and has been head miller in the Centre Hall flouring mills, owned by the Weber Brothers. He is both a good miller and a good citizen, and his departure from Centre Hall is regretted. Mr. Vonada is also an experienced miller, and is located at Jacksonville at present. For a few days last week, Mr. Vonada was the guest of his future partner in the milling business.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

W. B. Mingle, Esq., advertises for rent a good house in Centre Hall.

Frank D. Lee, of near Bellefonte, advertises farm stock and implements for sale on March 9. See sale register.

It was thirty-six years on January first that George W. Schoch purchased and assumed charge of the Millburg Telegraph.

If you have not broken that new resolution, keep it to the end of the year. It will be surprising the good that it will come from it.

For the past two weeks Miss Roxanna Brislin has been in Altoona, the guest of Miss Mary Mills, one of the public school teachers in that city.

E. B. McMullen is installing some new machinery in his roller flour mills, in Millheim, and expects in the near future to manufacture a very high grade of flour.

Sale bills, all sizes, printed at this office are neat and attractive. The price is low, considering the quality of the work and the number of bills printed. The cost of the bills include the notice in the sale register, notes, etc.

A thousand or more Valentine post cards on sale at the Reporter office. They are worth looking at, even if you do not wish to buy. They are selling three cards for five cents, or twelve cards for fifteen cents. Order by mail in dozen lots, and postage will be paid at this end.

H. J. Lambert just returned from one of his sales trips to the north. For the greater part of the time he was in Canada, as far north as Winnipeg. He speaks very flatteringly of the opportunities offered there, and especially in the rural districts, where the Yankee is so welcome.

One of the newest railroad presidents is Joseph R. Parrott, chief executive of the Florida East Coast System. His election to this office marks the fulfillment of a cherished dream of his boyhood. It is a fascinating story, as told in the January Human Life, of typical American pluck and persistence in going after the thing one most desires,—an Alger story from real life.

Messrs. D. L. Bartges, F. P. Floray and Edward Durst met at the Reporter office Saturday evening to audit the accounts of the secretary and treasurer of the Centre Hall-Linden Hall Rural Telephone Company, known as Branch Company, No. 7 & 8. The finances of the company were found to be in good condition, although extensive extensions of the line had been made during the past year.

Last Thursday night rain began falling, and Friday morning the trees, shrubbery, walk, roads, and everything exposed was covered with a coat of ice. The trees, shrubbery and grass presented an indescribably beautiful appearance, and when the sun shone the ice dazzled the eye. The coat of ice remained on the trees from Friday until Tuesday, by which time most of the trees were largely cleared from the crystal encasements.

Farmers are considerably alarmed as to the effect of several inches of ice that covers the wheat fields in all sections of Centre county, and probably a much wider scope of country. As a rule ice is detrimental to the wheat crop, but never heretofore, at least for many years, have the fields been covered so thoroughly as is the case just now, consequently they are wondering whether the results will in any way affect the yield.

The Milroy correspondent to the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel writes thus: Mrs. Amos Alexander still continues very ill. Her daughter Elizabeth, of Coburn, has been with her for some time past. . . . Miss Sadie Bottorf and Charles P. Rumer were Centre county visitors. Charles returned but Miss Bottorf will remain for several weeks. . . . Rufus Reack, son of W. O. Reack, after spending the holidays with his parents, has returned to Lebanon Business College, also R. G. Witeman to Philadelphia, where he is attending Temple University.

Messrs. Andrew F. Rote, of Farmers Mills, and William F. Fetterolf, of near Centre Hall, both progressive farmers, were callers at the Reporter office, Friday. They both believe that the best way to meet ends on the farm is to keep cows, make the best quality of butter, and market it for the cash. They have been manufacturing butter for some years, and next summer will add to their herds of cows. There is little doubt but that the best solution of how to have a surplus in the farm till on January first, is to engage in diversified farming, and keeping from eight to a dozen good cows.