



CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE.

First Quarterly Meeting of 1910 Held in Centre Hall Last Week—Large Attendance—Officers Installed.

Thursday of last week an enthusiastic Grange meeting was held in Centre Hall, in Grange Arcadia, it being the first meeting in the new year. The attendance was quite large, and represented all parts of Centre county. One of the principal acts performed was the installing of the officers, who will preside during the next two years. David K. Keller and Mrs. D. W. Bradford were the installing officers, and performed their parts very well. The officers inducted into office are—

Master, Willard Dale
Orator, Austin Dale
Lecturer, Leonard Rhone
Chaplain, George L. Goodhart
Secretary, D. M. Campbell
Treasurer, W. F. Musser
Steward, George W. Glingerich
Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. D. Grove
Assistant Steward, Nathan Grove
Gate Keeper, Wallace White
Cares, Miss Florence Marshall
Flora, Mrs. D. W. Bradford
Pomona, Anna Dale

Reports of the various business interests of the Centre County Grange was read by the secretaries and treasurers of the several corporations and associations. The secretary of the fire insurance company, David K. Keller, read his report, which indicated that the company was in better financial condition now than had been the case for some years. The losses during the past year were light, and all losses due had been paid.

The Grange Encampment Association reported that improvements on Grange Park had been made to the extent of not less than \$600. These were during the past year. The Association was short in funds several hundred dollars, owing to these improvements, but they had not expected to be able to cover the heavy expenditures from the receipts for one year.

The Patrons Rural Telephone Company closed its business for 1909 with a neat credit with its treasurer, James C. Gilliland. The number of telephones under its system has increased to a considerable extent during the past year. The Company has now become the collecting agency of the Bell Company, and for this service is paid a certain sum. The revenue derived from the service of collecting will be paid to the several stockholders who are using telephones, and this will give telephone subscribers through this system a cheaper rate of rental than can be secured in any other way. So much for the Grange movement in the telephone business.

The County Grange owns several shares of national bank stock in one of the national banks in Centre county; also shares of stock in the Bellefonte Building and Loan Association; the Grange Park, consisting of thirty acres, together with its improvements, and one or more shares in the several Branch Telephone lines in the Patrons Rural Telephone system.

The next meeting of the body will be held at the hall of Washington Grange, near State College.

Appended are the names of the members of the Order and the post-office addresses of the same who were in attendance:

- MEMBERS PRESENT.**
D. M. Campbell, Linden Hall
F. W. Musser, Bellefonte, R. 3
Hiram Thompson, State College
J. A. Hoover, Axe Mann
Mr. and Mrs. James Somers, Axe Mann
Benner Walker, Centre Hall
J. J. Arney, Centre Hall
Fergus Potter, Centre Hall
James A. Keller, Penn Hall
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Harvey, State College
George Musser, Mifflintown
A. O. Tyson, State College
Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Dale, Bellefonte
J. H. Roush, Madisonsburg
H. F. Bitner, Centre Hall
J. C. Gilliland, Oak Hall
Willard Dale, Dale Summit
L. E. Frain, Mill Hall, R. 1
J. W. Gobbie, Spring Mills
C. S. Bostorf, Colyer
C. W. Hettinger, Spring Mills
W. E. Grove, Bellefonte, R. 3
Wm. A. Rooker, Boalsburg
P. A. Auman, Spring Mills
Daniel Boob, Wingate
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baird, Centre Hall
Jacob Sharer, Centre Hall
A. J. Shook, Spring Mills
T. M. Weaver, Bellefonte, R. 2
J. A. Hoy, Zion
Mr. and Mrs. I. Kauffman, Bellefonte
Wallace White, Bellefonte
Jared Lytle, State College, R. 1
F. P. Florsy, Centre Hall
David W. Miller, Fine Grove Mills
Wm. R. Neff, Tusseyville
F. H. Swabb, Fine Grove Mills
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bartges, Centre Hall
David Grove, Lemont
Austin Dale, Oak Hall Station
Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Brooks, Centre Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Glingerich, Centre Hall
Mrs. Ellen Bierly, Mifflintown
M. A. Sackey, Pottery Mills
A. J. Shook, Spring Mills
J. A. Heckman, Centre Hall
Florence Rhone, Centre Hall
Miss Anna Durst, Centre Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tressler, Penn. Furnace
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brooks, Centre Hall
Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Neidigh, State College
Mrs. John S. Dale, Dale Summit
Mrs. Samuel Durst, Centre Hall
Bell Lytle, State College
Mrs. John White, Axe Mann
Mrs. R. D. Forman, Centre Hall
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From North Dakota.

It is at Bow Bells, North Dakota, where J. H. Mersinger, formerly of Potter township, now lives and tills the soil. In a note to the Reporter, Mr. Mersinger, among other things says:

In North Dakota, like it appears in all sections of country in the North, we are having an abundance of snow, and have been traveling on runners ever since the first of November. The snow comes and goes, but at present the depth averages about fifteen inches.

Considering the excessive dry weather last season, crops in this portion of North Dakota were very fair. The crops all started out nicely, but there was a lack of moisture to complete the growth of the plants and grain. On high ground wheat fairly burned up, and this greatly reduced the average yield of crop, bringing it down to possibly ten bushels to the acre. The price has been very fair, and at present wheat is worth \$1.01. During the greater part of the time since harvest, the price hung about 92 and 95 cents.

Oats were also damaged by the dry weather, and consequently yielded only about thirty bushels per acre. The flax crop was poor, and the seed is now bringing \$2.00 per bushel. The high price is partly due to the fact that little flax was sown the past season. Hay was a good crop, and yielded on an average a little over a ton to the acre.

On December twentieth, we realized our wish. There was born in our home on that day a boy, weighing ten pounds, so we have no kick coming, no matter how short the crops were. The birth of the boy much more than overbalances the shortage in all other things.

Farmers Keeping Tab.

The coming quiet rigid agricultural census will probably create in the minds of the farmers an appreciation of the fact that but few farmers give to the pecuniary aspect of their business the same close and careful study which the small shopkeeper or manufacturer bestows on this phase of his own affairs. While the habit of systematically noting the results in dollars and cents from each field is unquestionably growing, it promises to be a long time yet before the census figures reflect more than an approximate estimate—which is often mere guesswork—regarding the actual working of the soil which feeds us all. Farmers ought to understand the sound principle that farming is a business, like any other, and that the men who practice it need to know where they stand at a given date. This is true of some other states—notably in the richer portions of the west, where "scientific" earth culture has engaged the attention of many shrewd men who have found abundant profit in it.

From Mayburg.

We are pleased to say that a wave of salvation has struck this place. The meeting has been in progress two weeks, and thirty-four seekers have been at the altar. The people are stirred throughout the entire town. We are still looking for a greater victory; some have been gloriously saved and sanctified. A definite work is being done for God. This is seen by the earnestness manifested on the part of the seekers, and by the confessions and restitutions. Brother and sister Kuhn, of Grove City, are with us, and the Lord is blessing their labors. Sister Kuhn is one of our evangelists. The Lord helps her very much in preaching the word. God is able to build up the old waste places, and the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. We are encouraged to battle on.

A. J. HORNER, Pastor.
Mayburg, Pa., January 17.

Cemetery Association Meeting.

The members of the cemetery association connected with the Holy Cross Church, Georges Valley, will meet at the church Friday evening, February 4th, to discuss matters looking toward the improvement of the cemetery.

P. A. AUMAN, Chairman

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weaver, Axe Mann
Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Goodhart, Centre Hall
Miss Florence Marshall, Bellefonte, R. 3
Mrs. John W. Conley, Centre Hall
Leonard Rhone, Centre Hall
Mrs. Ellen Frasier, Centre Hall
Mrs. Rebecca Cummings, Centre Hall
Miss Lizzie Tyson, State College
Christ Keller, Centre Hall
Mrs. Cornelia Hassel, Bellefonte
Mrs. Lewis Marshall, State College
Miss Ella Dale, Oak Hall Station
Miss Minnie Grove, Bellefonte, R. 3
Mrs. J. E. Campbell, Linden Hall
Mrs. Samuel Corl, State College
Mrs. D. F. Poorman, Runville
Mrs. Ella Cartwright, Curtin
Mrs. Mary J. Goodhart, Centre Hall
Miss Eleanor Marshall, State College, R. 2
David K. Keller, Centre Hall
Harry W. Dings, Centre Hall

PREVENTING DISEASES.

Money Loss from Typhoid Fever Alone is Fifty Million Dollars, and Much of this is Needless.

That the leading thought and effort of the country nowadays are being concentrated more on the matter of preventing sickness than curing it is evidenced in many ways, though made specifically manifest from the fact that very recently one of the leading colleges of the country established a department of preventive medicine and hygiene, in which the "laws of health in relation to the prevention of the occurrence and the limitation of the spread of disease" in town and country will be taught. The state's efforts in relation to the spread of consumption or preventive as well as combative, and it is now considered to be much more important that the people know how to prevent the contagion than to cure the ailment. There is a whole lot being said these days about the "needless" diseases, and while all that is being said cannot be generally agreed with, yet much of the doctrine has about it the element of wisdom. For instance, statisticians declare that the money loss in this country, from typhoid fever, in a single year, is three hundred and fifty million dollars, and typhoid fever is declared to be one of the sicknesses that can be kept down to a very low average if the people are educated to a condition of knowing what to do and appreciating the importance of doing. All this agitation and education is serving to exemplify the old saying that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

LOCALS.

The nomination of Robert D. Peck for postmaster at Lock Haven was sent to the senate.

Mrs. Elmira Moyer offers for sale her house and lot at Tusseyville. See advertisement in another column.

G. W. Ward, of Allegheny, purchased the Edward Bubb property in Pine Grove Mills, the sum paid being \$600.

Tuesday evening of last week a number of people from Centre Hall and surrounding country enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. George Heckman, east of town.

Bristin & Company are cutting the timber on the Raymond tract and are having it hauled to Centre Hall for sawing. Most of the heavy timber is cut into railroad ties. The lighter sticks are used for lagging.

Mrs. L. Ray Morgan, of Phillipsburg, for several days last week was the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. W. Smith, in Centre Hall. Mrs. Morgan, before coming here, attended the Gilliland-Stuart wedding, at State College.

Aaron Detwiler, of near Spring Mills, was a caller Saturday morning to arrange for the printing of his sale bills. His sale is advertised for March 1st. After the sale he will move to near Colyer, and engage in growing poultry.

John B. White, who lives on the White homestead, near Penns Cave, will hold public sale February 24th. The farm was sold to Isaac Smith, and his son-in-law, Wilbur Lucas, will become tenant on it after Mr. White vacates the same.

Improvements contemplated on farms near Centre Hall, during the coming summer, are these: William Homan will erect a large straw shed, and Albert Spayd will add a section to the main part of his barn and also erect a straw shed. The latter is on the farm formerly owned by the Lytles, at Earlstown.

Friday evening the west bound train was stranded at Spring Mills owing to the shaky condition of the bridge over Sinking Creek, just this side of Spring Mills station. The passengers were entertained at the Wood House, but they concluded it was the best accommodations ever enjoyed in a "Wood" house. The next morning the train went on to its destination.

Cops, the humorist, was unable to appear at Centre Hall Friday evening of last week, owing to illness. He was sick in bed at Northumberland. He was also obliged to cancel his engagement for Saturday evening, at Aaronsburg. Arrangements are being made to secure some one to fill the place at some future date, but at present nothing definite can be announced.

A valuable booklet is being issued for free distribution by the Waverly Oil Works Co., of Pittsburg. This booklet contains 100 pages, and in addition to telling all about oils of every kind, it has about 70 pages devoted to tables and matters of general information, much of which is entirely new. A postal card request addressed to the Waverly Oil Works Co., at Pittsburg, will bring one of the books promptly.

From Illinois.

Under the date of January 14th, J. H. Jordan, who lives near McConnell, Illinois, writes the Reporter that that section is experiencing a winter the like of which has not been had since 1888. Mr. Jordan says:

It may be of interest to tell you what kind of weather we are having in Illinois at this time. We are about snowbound on both the public roads and railroads. On the level the snow is about three feet deep, and the drifts are very high. No mail was delivered over the rural routes yesterday nor today, and but one train reached us from Freeport today, and none from the north. While there is much too much snow, the weather is not nearly as cold as it was on the 6th instant, at which time the thermometer registered twenty-eight to forty degrees below zero. We have not experienced the like since 1888, during which winter sleighing lasted until April, and snow was seen in May.

Coal and wood for fuel has been difficult to secure, and in some instances this condition worked a hardship to some people. For a while oil was scarce, but now there is plenty of it to be had.

Much of the corn remains unhusked. This, of course, is due to the depth of the snow. As sales corn is selling at from eighty to ninety cents per bushel.

There is little or no frost in the ground, and this may be the means of bringing us very good crops next season, so we must not complain too much.

\$100,000 Fire at Lewistown.

Fire of incendiary origin practically wiped out the finishing department of the Mann Tool Company in Lewistown, Sunday evening. The blaze was first discovered in the carpenter shop in the west end of the plant and quickly communicated to the paint shop, where turpentine and oils added fuel to the flame, thence through grinding, polishing and other finishing departments. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Party at Pleasant Gap.

Wednesday evening of last week a party of young people from Centre Hall and vicinity drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reish, at Pleasant Gap, and spent the evening there most pleasantly. Those present were: Vera Weaver, Vera Homan, Margaret Mitterling, Sarah Reish, Lena Bressler, Bertha Sharer, Miera Gettling, Myrtle Zeigler, Margaret Korman, Erma Dutrow, Viola Sharer, Roy Korman, George Sharer, John Homan, Newton Luack, Bruce Weaver, Ralph Zeigler, Douglas Brooks, Herbert Garis, Andrew Garver, Willard Garver, David Lauck.

Pike School House on Fire.

The Pike school house, near the old toll gate, west of Spring Mills, in Gregg township, made a narrow escape from being burned a short time ago. Miss Mary Bartges, daughter of Robert Bartges, of Penn Hill, is the teacher at this point, and on leaving the school room on the Friday evening of the fire, Miss Bartges asked her father to investigate conditions on the attic. This was suggested by a peculiar odor noticed during the day, but Mr. Bartges failed to discover anything wrong at the time. Saturday morning following, about ten o'clock, some of the members of the Cleveland Eungard family noticed smoke issuing from crevices in the school house. The telephone was brought into service, and soon neighbors congregated at the school house. When the doors of the building were opened the interior was ablaze, but the flames were soon extinguished. Investigation showed that the fire had originated from the flue, communicated to the ceiling, and then to the floor. About one fifth of the ceiling and floor had been burned away, and the chimney and stove had dropped into the cellar.

You can get a dozen Valentine Post Cards for five cents, at the Reporter office. By mail five cents per dozen, post paid at this end. Every one of these cards are appropriate to send to any one. Nothing vulgar in the bunch.

Linden Hall.

Mrs. Milton Sweeney, of Missouri, arrived here on Tuesday afternoon of last week for a visit among former friends. Mrs. Sweeney was formerly Miss Annie Keller, of near Centre Hall. It is twenty six years since she and Mr. Sweeney left this section to make their home in the west. Mr. Sweeney is a representative from the American Federation of Labor, and will arrive here in a few days to visit his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sweeney. Emmet Brooks returned Tuesday from a three weeks visit with his brother, Joe Brooks, at Pittsford. Mrs. Snyder, of near Centre Hall, is at the home of her son D. E. Snyder.

DEATHS.

J. M. ALTERS.

James Monroe Alters died as his home in Bellefonte at an early hour on Tuesday morning of last week, of tuberculosis of the bronchial tubes, after an illness of some months.

He was born at Spring Mills and was about fifty-five years of age. Eight years ago he, with his family, moved to Bellefonte and have lived there since. Up until his late illness he followed the occupation of a stonemason. He was a member of the United Evangelical church, and a good citizen in every way. Surviving are his wife and the following children: Thomas H., Mrs. Frank Young, Ella, Ruth, and Grace, all of Bellefonte. He also leaves three brothers and sisters: Joseph, of Bellefonte, Mrs. Thomas Kennelly, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Susan Greenleaf, of South Dakota, and William, of Altoona.

Mrs. Catharine Shuey, widow of Felix Shuey, died at the home of her son-in-law Adam Krumrine, at State College, aged over seventy-four years. Her maiden name was Garbrick and was born near Bellefonte, but for many years she and Mr. Shuey lived on the Shuey homestead, near Shiloh. The following children survive: George Shuey, on the Shuey homestead; John Shuey, also living at Shiloh; Mrs. George W. Tressler, of near Penns Cave; and Mrs. Adam Krumrine, at State College, at whose home the mother died.

Interment was made at Shiloh, Rev. J. I. Stonecypher, pastor of the deceased officiating. One brother, Amos Shuey, of Bellefonte, also survives.

MRS. MALINDA B. ARMBRUSTER.

Mrs. Malinda B. Armbruster, widow of George Armbruster, died at the home of Miss Lizzie Keen, in Millheim, Wednesday of last week of heart disease, aged seventy-seven years. She leaves to survive one sister, Mrs. Mina Evans, of Williamsport, and one brother, W. H. Reifsnnyder, of Millheim. Funeral services were held Monday forenoon, conducted by Rev. B. F. Bieber, of Centre Hall, assisted by Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, and interment was made in the Union cemetery in Millheim.

Mrs. Margaret Cronemiller died on Wednesday of last week at her home at Houserville, after a protracted illness with infirmities due to her advanced age, she being 72 years and 7 months old. She is survived by two sons and three daughters. The funeral was held Saturday. Rev. S. A. Snyder, of Centre Hall, pastor of the United Evangelical church officiating.

John Long, a retired farmer of Porter twp., Clinton county, died at the age of seventy-nine years. He is survived by his wife, one brother Joseph H. Long, of Flemington, and two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Krape, who makes her home with her son John M. Krape, at Mill Hall, and Mrs. Royer, who lives in the west.

George Vaughn, aged eighty-eight years, died at the home of his son Thomas Vaughn, at Sandy Ridge. He followed lumbering for many years.

Transfer of Real Estate.

A. L. Paul, et ux to James Metzger, et al, January 12, 1910, in Liberty twp. \$500.

A. D. Lingle, et ux to D. F. Heckman, January 3, 1909, in Gregg twp. \$200.

Susan R. Reighard to Anna R. F. Lynch, December 2, 1909, in Penn twp. \$1.

Bellefonte Trust Co. gdn et al to D. G. A. Harshberger, April 26, 1907, in Worth twp. \$150.

Wm. Minick, et al to Jennie Minick, December 17, 1909, in Aaronsburg. \$40.

Rachel Spotts, et bar to Harry Geist, October 11, 1909, in Union twp. \$400.

Nella S. Scott, et bar to Wilson Wellington Feidt, tract of land in Ferguson twp., January 11, 1909. \$800.

E. E. Smith, admr. to Stewart W. Ripks, tract of land in Gregg twp., December 20, 1909. \$800.

Mrs. Wealthy A. Wood to Nora S. Scott, lot in Ferguson twp., January 11, 1910.

Pianos and Organs.

The Lester pianos are used and endorsed by all the leading musical conservatories and colleges in the U. S. The Stevens piano organs are the latest achievement in modern organ construction.

Pianos and organs sold on easy payment plan. Write for catalog.
C. E. ZEIGLER,
Spring Mills, Pa.

Read the Reporter.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Some local wags has prophesied a dry spell about the first of April.

Rev. Daniel Gress was in the Pittsburg district the beginning of last week.

Hastings Gates, son of Charles Gates, who has been ill for some months, is now at a Mont Alto Sanitarium.

Charles F. Cook was nominated for school director over Henry C. Quigley, Esq., at the Republican primaries in Bellefonte.

Jacob F. Musser and son Clarence Musser, of near Penns Cave, are hauling a car load of coal with which to burn a pit of lime.

The Woman's Home Companion is a big midwinter magazine, filled with love stories, bright ideas, and timely and original articles by well known people.

David K. Keller, Monday morning, went to Clearfield county to adjust a fire loss for the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which Company he is the secretary.

E. M. Grover has changed his location to Landen, Wyoming, and is now connected with the United States Weather Bureau, at that point. He was formerly at Denver, Colorado.

Two organs were sold recently by Prof. P. H. Meyer. One to Mr. and Mrs. William Houser, of near Pleasant Gap, for their daughter, and one to Mr. and Mrs. James Raymond, near Centre Hall, for their only son.

E. M. Huyet purchased a car load of lime from the White Rock quarries and had the same shipped to Centre Hall, this week. The lime was hauled to his farm by Perry Luse, William Laird, Daniel Callahan, Howard Slabig, and others.

Friday of last week one inch of rain fell. There was a great amount of water everywhere in low sections. The station end of town had an unusual amount of water in it, the section near the station being flooded to the depth of some feet.

Irvin Burris will move from the W. H. Stiver farm, near Potters Mills, to the J. Q. A. Kennedy farm, west of Centre Hall. Morris Runkle will become tenant on the Grenoble farm, near Spring Mills. He now lives on the farm recently purchased by William G. Rossman, of Pleasant Gap.

One of the largest hogs in Gregg township was killed recently by P. A. Auman, of near Spring Mills. The weight of it was five hundred and seventeen and one-half pounds. At present pork prices the sum realized on such a large porker would pay the running expenses on the farm for a considerable time.

William H. Neff, Sr., one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Howard, celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday anniversary recently, remarks the Hustler. Mr. Neff is hale and hearty and doing business with his sons, who are undertakers. In his time he has buried over three thousand people and today is around as spry as ever.

In the course of a few months Dr. P. H. Dale expects to leave Centre Hall and locate at State College, at which place he purchased the good will of Dr. John Robinson. Dr. Dale came here, which is his place of birth, upon graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and has met with great success. He expects to secure some one to take up his practice at Centre Hall before leaving.

Mr. and Mrs. William Baird, who live very comfortably a short distance south of Centre Hall on a farm, Wednesday of last week, entertained a number of their friends from Pleasant Gap and vicinity. They were: Mr. and Mrs. William T. Rossman, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Keller, Mrs. Joseph Tressler, and grandson Harold Spicher, Mrs. Thomas Williams, Mrs. Martin Keller, Mrs. William Roseman, Mrs. James Eckenroth, Mrs. Clayton Gettling.

Hereafter Arthur G. Cumings will believe less than ever that the early bird gets the worm, or at least he will not believe it gets them all. Mr. Cumings was thrown out of a farm, owing to the sale of the Dr. H. F. Bitner farm, on which he lived, to Martin Keller. For a while he thought he would have to give up farming, since he was unable to secure a farm to his liking, but finally he was offered the Wolf farm, now owned by J. K. Moyer, near Rebersburg, and he has now leased the same. The place he rented is one of the most desirable farms from all view points in that section. Mr. Cumings is a striding farmer and he cultivates the soil in such a manner that it sort of feels under obligations to him to yield good crops.