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FARMER'S INSTITUTE.

Sessions Largely Attended, Estimated Number Being 3000—Too Much Tomfoolery

The Farmers Institute is over, and now for the comments. It is to be regretted that The Centre Reporter is honor bound to make mention of the fact that there was much tomfoolery. What should have been a season of instruction to the farmers in this community turned out to be a sort of vaudeville, with the skirts omitted. No intention to reflect on Miss Lovejoy, the only female speaker on the program. What has already been said on this subject and what will be said in these columns expresses, in cold print, what has been said by many intelligent farmers who attended the institute.

A series of incidents, some of which could not be controlled, led up to the making this institute a farce instead of a school of the best instruction.

In the first place one of the lecturers assigned here was taken from the field to fill an appointment under Dr. Surface. The institute was thus shorn of a man who no doubt would have been capable of giving instruction. The local committee itself, of which the writer was one, is, although innocently, in part to blame for not placing Mr. R. P. Kester on the program for two of the important sessions. The committee understood that Mr. Kester held such a relation to institute work that he would be at liberty to speak on all subjects on the program, but it appears that was not the case, and to Mr. Kester the committee frankly admitted its error.

On the subject "The Education We Need" Mr. Kester gave a splendid talk. He at once convinced his audience that he was thoroughly acquainted with his subject. Mr. Kester talks only when he has something to say worth telling, and if his policy would have been adhered to by some others on the field there would have been ample time for the discussion of all topics selected by those who could do so.

The subjects relating to corn and potatoes were important ones, but the methods of the development of the first and the culture of the second were not the best and latest accepted methods. They were almost directly opposite to the methods taught during Farmers Week, at Pennsylvania State College, at which time the best instructors are brought before the farmers.

The recommendation to cut alfalfa after the dew is off, and in a few hours after, when it begins to wilt, rake it up," if followed, would mean all kinds of trouble, unless the crop had been let become over-ripe.

The Reporter would not have the reader believe that Farmer's Institutes are a failure. Quite the contrary. Some of the best instructors have been at Centre Hall, and the institute held at Boalsburg, Friday and Saturday, is said to have been one of the best ever held in that place.

Miss Lovejoy gave two very instructive talks on the subjects, "The Financial Responsibility of the Home Maker" and "Modernizing the Old Farm Home."

"Poultry Keeping on the Farm," was a subject admirably handled by Prof. Homer W. Jackson, of Pennsylvania State College. Mr. Jackson, like Mr. Kester, talked business, and dropped many good points in the half hour allotted to him. The keeping of poultry in houses where no pretense is made to keep them warm, but out of draughts and from excessive cold, was no doubt new to many in the audience, but not to those acquainted with the poultry business as conducted by the most successful poultrymen. The most profitable place to keep poultry, Mr. Jackson said, was on the farm, because eggs and the birds could be produced cheaper there than anywhere else, on account of the natural conditions found on the farm.

At each session there was vocal music by a class of some twenty singers. The sessions were attended by no less than two thousand people, many of them remaining for two or more sessions. The local expenses were \$21.00, leaving the State a balance of \$4.50 of the amount appropriated for that purpose. Of course, the lecturers were not paid out of this sum.

It is regretted that Hon. A. L. Martin, director of Institutes, was not able to be here, as his presence would have lent dignity and interest.

The Hooven Mercantile Co.

The Directors of the Hooven Mercantile Co. have declared the regular quarterly dividend, number 77, of 1 1/2 percent, on the preferred stock and 1 percent, on the common stock, payable on March 1st to stockholders of record February 17th. Checks will be mailed.

It is better to have the kernel to eat than to turn up your nose at the nibbling of the bark.

VITAL CENSUS QUESTIONS.

How the People are to Answer the Enumerators.

The character of the questions concerning color or race, age at last birthday, conjugal condition, number of years of present marriage, the number of children born, and the number of children now living, to be asked by the enumerators in the Thirtieth United States Census, beginning April 15, next, is clearly explained in the printed instructions to the census-takers, which have been prepared by the United States Census Bureau. All the questions relate solely to conditions existing on the "Census Day," which is April 15.

As to age at last birthday of the person enumerated, the enumerators are cautioned that this question calls only for the age in completed years at last birthday. Therefore, a person whose exact age on April 15, is 17 years, 11 months and five days, should be returned simply as 17, because that is his age at his last birthday. In the case of children not two years old, the age should be given in completed months, expressed as twelfths of a year. Thus, the age of a child three months old should be entered as 3/12, a child seven months old as 7/12, a child fifteen months old as 13/12, etc. If a child is not yet a month old the enumerators are to enter the age as 0-12. A child who is a year old on the 17th of April, 1910, should nevertheless be returned as 1-12, because that is its age in completed months on April 15. The enumerators are told to take particular pains to get the exact age of children.

If the person was born outside the United States, the enumerator is to enter the country (not city or district) in which he was born.

The inquiry as to the number of children born applies to women who are now married, or who are widowed, or divorced. The answer should give the total number of children that each such woman has had during her lifetime. It should include, therefore, the children by any former marriage as well as by her present marriage. It should not include the children which her present husband may have had by a former wife, even though they are members of her family. Still-born children are not to be included.

The question concerning the number of children now living refers only to the children which the woman herself has had. The enumerator is required to include all of these children that are living, no matter whether they are living in his district or somewhere else.

The Hagens will be Busy.

The Hagens, contractors and builders, of Farmers Mills, are looking forward to a busy season next spring and summer. Harvey D. Hagen was a caller on Monday, and through him it was learned that the Hagens Brothers, and a number of assistants, next spring will erect a house and barn for J. Miller Goodhart, near the Pike school house, west of Spring Mills; a new dwelling house in Centre Hall for W. J. Mitterling; make a number of improvements to the Aaron Long property purchased by H. D. Rossmann, which property is located near Penns Cave; and they may also erect a dwelling house for Daniel Heckman, of Spring Mills, on the Linsig property located about one mile east of Spring Mills, on the Coburn road. And then, of course, there are many improvements being considered by farmers and townspeople not yet contracted for, a part of which work they naturally have a right to expect.

Conf. Back.

Thursday evening of last week, Frank J. Confer and Miss Florence M. Buck, both of Millheim, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage, at Spring Mills. The young people are very well known in and about Millheim, where they have lived for a number of years. About the first week in March the couple will take up housekeeping at Millmont, where Mr. Confer is employed in a box factory.

McClintic-Treasurer.

Rev. Daniel Gress, Wednesday afternoon of last week, at the Reformed parsonage in Centre Hall, united in marriage William McClintic and Miss Bertha I. Tressler, both of Linden Hall. The young people are very well and favorably known in the locality in which they live, and they have the good wishes of all.

There are only a few of the fifty or more newspapers that come to the Reporter's exchange desk, that in any shape or form favor the liquor traffic, but on the contrary, more than ninety percentum of the newspapers in Central Pennsylvania—Republican, Democratic or Independent—published in towns of less than fifteen thousand population, print a very great deal of matter opposed to the liquor traffic.

UNITED EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE

Meets at Williamsport, March 3rd—Body of 130 Ministers.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical church, will meet in sixteenth annual session, in St. John's church, Williamsport, Thursday, March 3rd. The board of examiners will meet on Tuesday evening and organize for the examination of junior preachers.

Rev. M. Fosselman, the pastor of St. John's church, will arrange for the entertainment of the conference members. The conference is composed of five districts: York, Carlisle, Lewisburg, Williamsport and Centre, each superintended by a presiding elder. There are 105 ministers, serving as many separate fields. These, with the supernumerary and those holding supernumerary relations, will aggregate a total of about 130. Each charge is entitled to a lay delegate, whose privilege in the conference is well equal to those of the pastors. Of the 105 ministers in active service, twenty-two are natives of York county.

The following ministers serve appointments in Centre county:

MINISTERS IN CENTRE.

J. F. Hower, Bellefonte
J. F. Bingman, Nittany
H. A. Spook, Spring Mills
J. B. McLaughlin, Rebersburg
N. J. Dubs, Mifflinburg
S. A. Snyder, Centre Hall
C. F. Garrett, Millheim

Rev. Garrett, of Millheim, will be obliged to move, he having served his present charge four years, which is the time limit.

W. H. Lucas, of Centre Hill, has been elected lay delegate from Centre Hall charge.

The conference sessions will be presided over by Bishop W. F. Heil, D. D., of Highland Park, Chicago. Important matters to be considered are the election of both ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference, which is held quadrennially, and which will convene in Canton, Ohio, in October of this year; also, the election of a presiding elder, to fill the office made vacant through the election of Rev. J. F. Dunlap, D. D., as president of Albright College, at Meyers-town, this state.

LOCALS

Miss Mary Grimm, of Bellefonte, for a few days was the guest of the Misses Geiss in Centre Hall.

E. L. Auman, of Millheim, was in town several days last week, looking after the interests of a stock feed company whose product he is handling.

Thursday and Friday evening a second coat of ice covered the trees. There was a fall of an inch of sleet and rain, which covered the soiled snow and again made the earth look snow white.

Calvin Osman and daughter, Miss Hattie Osman, of Glenn Iron, are members of the orchestra in that place. Both are well known in Centre Hall, where the latter received instructions in music.

Now, in all candor, who misrepresented the subject of the Chase lecture? Was not the lecture just what it was represented to be by the people in sympathy of the lecture course, or was the theme that predicted by the knocker. The knocker may answer.

Harry M. Allison is back to the Spring Mills flouring mills, as chief miller, succeeding J. H. Meyer, who will locate in College Corner, Butler county, Ohio. Mention of Mr. Meyer's trip to that point with a view of locating there was made in these columns two weeks ago.

The voters of State College borough continue to have greater confidence in the ability of men to conduct the public schools than in women. Mrs. Mary O. Foster was defeated for the office of school director in that borough by three votes. It was a very good run, but not quite good enough to do business on.

From newspaper reports it is learned that in some counties more than fifty percentum of those who were applicants for census enumerators were unable to correctly fill out the blanks when handed them at the examination. In most districts there were many applicants in excess of the enumerators needed, and this fact will leave enough capable men and women to fill the position.

A. J. Weaver, school director and farmer of Potter township, was one of the Reporter's callers Saturday. Mr. Weaver, Tuesday of this week, went to Reading to visit his son, Wallace W. Weaver, who is a railroad man, and from there will go to Philadelphia to spend a short time with his brother, N. S. Weaver. A short time ago the latter Mr. Weaver suffered a paralytic stroke, from which he never fully recovered. Of course, Mr. Weaver while in Reading, will attend the conference of the Evangelical Association church which meets in that city.

DIXIE JUBILEE SINGERS.

Will be here Monday evening, March 7—Seven Colored Artists.

Ferguson's Dixie Jubilee Concert Company will be in Centre Hall, Monday evening, March 7th. At the lecture Saturday evening no definite announcement could be made, but on Monday the time noted above was fixed. The Dixie Company is composed of seven cultured colored artists.

The Coit Lyceum Bureau, of Cleveland, Ohio, through which the troupe is being secured, in speaking of the Dixie Singers, has this to say: Ferguson's Dixie Male Quartette have for many seasons stood at the head of the list of colored male quartettes in America and, without a doubt, represent the highest type of the college-bred cultured negro vocalist. Their sweet mellow voices "blend like a perfect instrument;" their music possesses a wealth of harmony, richness of tone and volume that is seldom equaled by any quartette, white or colored; their rendering of difficult classical music has been a marvel to many audiences, while their clever comic selections and pure rollicking humor have made warm friends among Christian and cultured people everywhere. In support of the justly famous Dixie Quartette the management presents again the celebrated prima donna, Neale Gertrude Hawkins-Buckner, soprano, with other noted artists. The members of this now popular company have been assembled from what have been stars in other similar companies, retaining our own best talent; all this without regard to cost and with great care as regards high musical excellence and moral rectitude. We have no hesitancy in announcing the Dixies as the leading colored concert company of America.

The admission remains the same as for the lectures—general admission, 20 cents; reserved seats, 30 cents; children under fifteen years, 10 cents.

No general admission tickets will be sold until the doors are thrown open for the concert. It will not be necessary to argue the case, but if you want to be sure of admission and a seat, it is not too early to buy a reserved seat now. All the seats in the hall will be offered for sale as reserved seats, and there is little doubt but that all can be sold as such.

The chart will be found at Kreamer & Son's store.

Reporting in Fort Hurley.

While in Fort Hurley, Harry Toner will have ample time to repent for having stolen a pocketbook containing some fifty dollars, an over coat and a pair of gloves from his employer, Frank Bartley, a Bellefonte liveryman. Bartley and Toner slept in the livery barn, and one night last week Toner discovered Bartley had a good sum of money in his pocketbook, and while the latter was sleeping soundly, Toner left the stable with the wad. The owner soon learned of Toner's disappearance, and also that he had taken with him property that was not his. The telephone was brought into service, and a dispatch was sent to Snow Shoe Intersection to watch an approaching freight train. Toner was found a passenger on the freight bumpers, was taken into custody, and brought back to Bellefonte, where he was placed in jail.

Transfer of Real Estate.

H. W. Ingram, et ux to Sarah Ingram, January 10, 1910, in Union twp., land.

T. B. Budinger, et ux to Clarence Supply company January 20, 1910, in Snow Shoe twp., land. \$3500.

Christian Reese, et ux to Charles Reese, December 12, 1908, in Taylor twp., land. \$1600.

Andrew Lytle, ex. and trustee to John I. Markel, February 5, 1910, in Ferguson twp., land. \$450.

George W. Farnaler, et al to W. H. Williams, et al, February 2, 1904, in Worth twp., land. \$1800.

W. E. Hurley, sheriff to Alfred M. Lee, February 2, 1910, in Phillipsburg, land. \$261.40.

Note from Kansas.

Under the date of February 15th, Miss Margaret Keller, daughter of Mrs. Henry Keller, of Kansas City, Kansas, writes thus:

We are having a cold wave through this section at the present time, but we had the most of our cold weather during the month of December. January and February, up to within a few days ago, have been very pleasant. We always enjoy reading the good old Centre Reporter, which gives the news concerning our friends in the east.

Everybody's for March opens with a new serial, "A Successful Wife," anonymous. Who the writer may be, probably is one of the mysteries of authorship which seem lately to have become fashionable in the literary world.

Benner's No License.

Mount Union is a thriving borough of a thousand or fifteen hundred inhabitants, in Huntingdon county. If that town would have fenced itself when license was first cut out, the enclosure would have to have been enlarged a number of times up to the present. The Republican, the leading newspaper in that borough, commenting on an editorial printed in the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel, has this to say:

"The Daily Sentinel of Lewistown has an exhaustive and well written editorial in Monday's edition on the relative conditions in Lewistown under license and without license. The article is conservative and keeps safely within the truth, and yet proves conclusively that the town and Mifflin county is better without license. That is the experience in Mt. Union. For twenty years and more we have had no license. We have not been training a new crop of drinkers, and our old drinkers have largely died or have reformed, and we are glad to say, have generally reformed. One of the effects of no license is to create a sentiment in the minds of all that drinking alcoholic beverages is an injurious and a bad habit. The custom has few or none to apologize for it. The young men learn to look upon the habit as an undesirable vice. The churches and the schools and the newspapers are left free to do the work they ought to do, and they are not handicapped by the easy gold of the licensed saloon. The saloon should go everywhere."

All Cash Road Tax.

Without giving the law a trial, voters in the townships of Benner, Howard, Half Moon and Patton petitioned the court and were granted the privilege to vote on the question whether or not the operation of the law should be reversed and the road tax worked out. In the townships of Benner and Howard the majority of the votes cast were in favor of working out the road tax, and the townships Half Moon and Patton voted to keep the present law in force, which, of course, means cash road tax. While the majority of the votes cast in the townships of Benner and Howard were for a work tax, the law says that in order to reverse the present operation of the law, a majority of all the voters in the district must support the measure, and unless the courts decide to the contrary, all the townships in the county will pay a cash road tax, until a majority of all voters in a district vote against the proposition at some future election.

Chief Clerk Duncan Promoted.

The Washington, D. C., Evening Star, of 18th instant, has this to say of a former Spring Mills resident: D. Wallace Duncan, of Pennsylvania, chief clerk of the office of the auditor for the Post Office Department, has been appointed assistant superintendent of city delivery by the Postmaster General, at a salary of \$2,000 a year. Mr. Duncan has been employed in the auditor's office a number of years and has won his way by efficiency and merit to his present position. For ten years he was chief of the book-keeping division, where he was instrumental in causing many improvements in the method of settling postmasters' accounts and revising the form of reports, pay rolls and blanks. He has always had the respect and confidence of the officials of the Treasury Department and goes to his present position well equipped for its duties.

From Illinois.

DEAR REPORTER:—On the 12th of this month was my birthday, and I now feel that the Centre county people have not forgotten me, for on that day I received just sixty-eight cards from my old friends in that county, and eighty-eight cards from my friends in my home county of Stephenson. Now, the only way that I see to repay all is for me to invite you all to come to see me, in Illinois, and if you do not do that, I will be obliged to pay you all a visit some time in the future. Many thanks to you all. Very truly yours, J. H. JORDAN, McConnell, Illinois.

Government out of Printing Business.

The post office department has made a new ruling of local interest. Hereafter it refuses to issue stamped envelopes with the addresses of the senders printed in the upper left hand corner. Such envelopes in the past have been printed by the government for private houses at a low cost. This will shear postmasters of one of the methods of doing dirt to the local printer. Some postmasters, although they secured little or no compensation, canvassed business houses for this class of work, and it was this pernicious activity on the part of many postmasters that led the department to discontinue the custom.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The home of William Dunkle, in Central City, was destroyed by fire. The loss was about \$2500.

Dr. George Groff, professor of organic science at Bucknell University, became ill while lecturing Thursday, and died Friday.

Mrs. William Kreamer, of Millheim, fell on the side walk and seriously injured her arm. She suffered great pain for several days.

In addition to those from the lower end of Penna Valley who will make the west their future home, is C. S. Haines, of Haines township.

Mrs. Edward Cunningham, of near Linden Hall, has been ill for some time, and last week Mrs. Samuel Gingham, who is a sister, helped to take care of her.

Township Auditors H. F. Musser, John E. Rishel and John B. Fortney, together with Town Clerk J. J. Jordan met Tax collector R. B. Treaster at the Old Fort on Saturday to audit his accounts.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCormick and Miss Caroline McClaskey, all of Pottery Mills, were guests on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Silver, of Centre Hall.

To prevent scarlet fever becoming epidemic at the institution, West Chester State Normal School closed for a period of two weeks. During the absence of the students the school buildings will be thoroughly fumigated.

Judge James A. Beaver and Mrs. Beaver, some time in May, will make an extended tour through Scotland and other European countries. At Edinburgh Gen. Beaver will attend the international missionary conference to which he is a delegate.

The Watchman thinks the trolley line between Bellefonte and State College will be built within a year. That is good news, but if State College is to ever become a town of any great importance it must also have the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad built through it.

Just across the Centre county line in Clearfield county, in Hawk Run, there was a conflagration that wiped out of existence about \$9000 worth of property. The McCartney hotel, owned by Martin Ransack, the Empire house, owned by James Long, and two stables, were consumed.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tressler, of Houserville, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a few days ago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tressler are quite active, and none of the large number of children, grand-children and great grand-children enjoyed the occasion more thoroughly than did the aged couple.

The educational train sent out by the Pennsylvania State College, will stop at points between Tyrone and Mill Hall today (Thursday). There is no tomfool connected with this school on wheels. The instructors talk business to the farmers, give them actual and the much needed instruction they are seeking. All praise to the school on wheels.

Part of the State road to be built in the borough of Bellefonte will be constructed of asphalt-macadam in order to lessen the expense to the borough so that the indebtedness of the borough will not exceed the limit permitted under the law. Had the whole of the road been contracted to be built of brick, as originally planned, the expense to the borough would be about \$12000. By using asphalt-macadam for a part of the road, the cost is lessened considerably.

Richard Maxwell Lapham, a youth of fifteen years, died in a New York city hospital, from tubercular meningitis which followed measles. The young man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson Lapham, now living in Plattsburg, New York, and he is also survived by a sister, Diantha. The Lapham family will be remembered by residents of Centre Hall, having boarded at the Centre Hall and Old Fort hotels during an extended stay in this valley, and while here Mr. and Mrs. Lapham and the children made many friends.

Dr. and Mrs. P. W. Leitza, of Portland Mills, returned from their western trip, whither they had gone with a view of finding a suitable location in which to make their future home. They looked over a number of towns in the middle west, and also farther toward the Pacific coast, and now they have a number of places in mind when a time comes that will be suitable for a change in location. Dr. Leitza has been very successful in his present field, but he, like many others, is not satisfied with present conditions, but is looking forward to better things.