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POTTER-TW. FARMER LEAVES HOME

Friday Morning for Bellefonte, and Falls to Return—A Woman said to be Mixed Up in the Case.

Arthur M. Grove, a young and well-to-do farmer, living east of Centre Hall, left his home Friday of last week for Bellefonte, to which place he said he was going to purchase a pump to be used in a two hundred-foot well recently drilled on the Grove farm. He told Mrs. Grove he would telephone back to his home on reaching Mr. Garbrick's, where he expected to make the purchase. As the hours passed by Mrs. Grove became anxious to know whether or not her husband had reached the destination for which he had apparently set out, so a telephone message was sent to Mr. Garbrick. The reply came back that Mr. Grove had not been at the Garbrick place of business, and further inquiry at hotels and stores revealed that he had not been seen in the county seat.

When the train returned in the afternoon without Mr. Grove being a passenger, speculation began. Mr. Grove had not been in the habit of going to Bellefonte by train, although he makes the trip frequently. In fact, it is said, he had not been on a railroad train as a passenger since he was a boy, and this fact at once led the suspicious to suspicion.

Incidents of the day began to be coupled, and in a short time a completed story was spun. No story is really good without a woman in the case, and so with this, a woman was sought for and found. Mr. Grove boarded the train at Penns Cave station, less than a mile from his home, and at Centre Hall a Miss Floray was a waiting passenger, with suit case in hand and a ticket for Altoona. She boarded the train, but no one has any definite knowledge that the two pre-arranged the trip or whether their meeting was by accident.

The girl, for she is less than nineteen years old, is a resident of Centre Hill, where her parents live. For a part of the time, last summer, she was employed as a domestic in the Grove home.

There are many stories afloat, and they are, of course, largely the product of fertile minds. One rumor is that Mr. Grove sold all his grain and left with a good supply of cash, and that he borrowed money on his real estate to add to his funds. He and his sister, Miss Annie Grove, own the farm on which he lives, which would make it comparatively easy to secure several thousand dollars, if he chose to do so. Another story, in which some of his relatives believe, is that his mind became unbalanced on account of his prolonged ill health, and that he either committed suicide or is wandering about aimlessly.

Mrs. Grove, who is said to be in delicate health, and the four children have been kindly assisted in taking care of the stock by neighbors.

The Spring Mills Academy.

The well-known Spring Mills Academy, founded by the late Dr. Wolf, will open this year on April 11th, to continue for a term of eight weeks. The object of the school will be to train teachers for better work in their profession to prepare pupils for college, and to extend to pupils of all grades the opportunity of furthering their education and strengthening themselves in those branches in which they find themselves weak. The school will be under the supervision of Prof. J. Calvin Bright, who, with several able assistants, will be able to impart instruction to all that desire to take advantage of this course. Prof. Bright, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, has taught two successive winter terms and conducted a successful summer Normal at Hubersburg.

The terms will be reasonable. Write to Prof. Bright, Hubersburg, Pa., for further information, or call Hoy's store, Hubersburg, by phone.

After Senatorship.

Three former representatives in the general assembly have aspirations toward the Republican nomination for state senator in the thirty-fourth District, to succeed George Blumling, Democrat, of Clearfield.

They are Philip E. Womelsdorf, of Phillipsburg, Centre county, who served in the House at Harrisburg in the sessions of 1895; Joseph Alexander, of Clearfield, who served in 1897, 1899 and 1901; and Fred R. Scofield, of Dubois, member in the 1903 and 1905 sessions.

Dimeling will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself, and will be opposed by John F. Short, editor of the Clearfield Republican, which paper is Democratic in politics.

Easter cards by mail, at fifteen cents per dozen. Delivered right into your mail box, the cost of carriage paid at this end.

COURT NEWS.

Summary of Court News for the March Term, Including Sentences.

William Denny pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery and will be sentenced later.

In the case of the Commonwealth against William Moran, of Bellefonte, charged with larceny, waived the finding of the grand jury and plead guilty. This is the case in which Moran was charged by several Bellefonte liverymen and private individuals with the theft of horseblankets. Sentence was pronounced on two charges—maximum sentence in each case three years, minimum sentence nine months to the penitentiary, costs of prosecution and a fine of one dollar in each case.

In the case of the Commonwealth against Harry Foner, charged with the theft of a sum of money and other articles by liveryman Frank Bartley, the defendant plead guilty to larceny. Sentence, pay fine of one dollar, costs of prosecution and to the Reformatory.

The next case tried was that of J. A. Miller vs. M. Kocher, civil action to recover money claimed due him as his landlord's share of the crop grown on his farm in Ferguson township in 1908. A verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$27.00.

Joseph Spear plead guilty to the charges of desertion of his wife and desertion of his child. Sentence, to pay the costs of prosecution and \$2.00 per week for the support of his wife and child.

Commonwealth vs. Margaret Reebel, assault, prosecutrix Annie Davy. The case was from Liberty township and was practically a neighbor's fight among the two women. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and put one-third of the costs on the prosecutrix and two-thirds on the defendant.

Oscar Ostrander plead guilty to the charge of selling liquor without a license and furnishing liquor to a minor. Sentence suspended.

Henry Gordon plead guilty to the three counts in an indictment charging him with entering an office building with intent to commit a felony, larceny and receiving stolen goods—sentence in both cases to a fine of one dollar, costs of prosecution, to the penitentiary for the maximum term of three years and the minimum term of nine months.

Commonwealth vs. George F. Gray and Irvin G. Gray, aggravated assault and battery, prosecutrix Elmer Meyers, of Julian. A verdict of guilty was returned against both defendants. A counter suit for assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery was brought by the Grays against Mr. Meyers and he also was found guilty. Both Grays and Meyers were each sentenced to pay a fine of twenty dollars and costs of prosecution.

Commonwealth vs. H. C. Hall, assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery; prosecutrix, Thomas Mostyn. Both parties are employees of the Pennsylvania railroad company and the action was the outcome of an altercation at the tower at Oscoda Mills. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, the prosecutor to pay one-third of the costs and the defendant two-thirds.

The grand jury ignored the bill against James Reish, landlord at Pottery Mills. He was charged with selling liquor to men of intemperate habits.

The jury in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Darb Swisher, returned a verdict of not guilty, and divided the costs.

The jurors were all discharged on Thursday noon, and court adjourned until Saturday morning when it took up the question of the election contest from Benner township on the vote for the payment of road tax by work submitted on written argument.

Joseph Gordon plead guilty to the charge of larceny, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1.00, costs of prosecution and to the Reformatory.

Burdine Butler, who was convicted at a previous court of malicious mischief, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$25.00.

B. P. Schwarz, who was convicted some time ago of larceny, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$50.00.

SECOND WEEK.

The first case for trial was John A. Daitley vs. Robert Cook, a suit brought to recover a balance on sum lumber furnished by the plaintiff to the defendant, the defendant alleging that the lumber was not required, and that the plaintiff owed him on a book account, which plaintiff denied. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$14.32.

J. C. Cochran vs. J. A. Hoy, appeal, settled.

Jacob B. Lucas vs. J. W. Wagner, appeal, settled.

Mary Ellen Lown, executrix of Eva H. Ström, administratrix of Jacob Ström, deceased, being an action to recover on a judgment; rule granted to show cause and in the meantime the case continued.

EULOGY ON DR. WOLF.

[Delivered at the Salem Reformed Church, Penn Hall, March 3rd, 1910, by Rev. Daniel Gross, pastor Reformed Church, Centre Hall.]

In the words of one that has gone before—
"Here lies a great good friend."
But no, the friend does not lie here. The friend has departed, the friend is gone. It is only the tenement of clay that lies before us, wherein our good friend dwelt so long.

About seven years ago when I came into this community as pastor, it was my privilege and pleasure to meet, for the first time, and enter into friendship with the great good brother and friend whose departure we now mourn. Though in years we were unequal, there was a kinship in certain lines of thought and feeling which bound us together as very close friends, and a very profitable friendship it was to me. Many were the words of good kind counsel that came to me in the beginning years of my christian ministry from those now silent lips. Such friendship as I experienced with this good kind friend, only will reveal the true character of a noble soul. His presence was attractive and elevating. His conversation instructive and interesting, cheering and inspiring. There are men who, when they extend the hand for a friendly grasp, and look into the eyes of another, see a noble and splendid, and who without conscious effort, stir up every god-like element in your soul. You can see kindness and goodness, and fraternal feeling in that splendid countenance, and the influence goes to the very depths of your being. It is something you cannot get away from, it is something you cannot forget, it is something you have received into your life for good. You have such a man in the spirit of prayer, aglow with sacred ambitions. It is a blessing to spend an hour or two in their home. These qualities we have all found in our departed friend. We may say of Dr. Wolf, that he was a great, good, kind friend.

In the few years that I have known Dr. Wolf I have known him best as a friend and as a devoted worshiper in the sanctuary. His character of personality was past, as a pastor, I knew him not. He was in his declining years already when we met, but his friendship, his kindness, his goodness, me thinks, must have been ripening every year. He grew in grace as he grew in years. He was every whit a great good man. His unswerving integrity; his devout and unostentatious piety, made his rare character and noble personality stand out in life-long bonds. All honor to such a faithful, useful, conspicuous career.

To speak of Dr. Wolf's life career might be interesting and instructive. Of his early career as a teacher, as the head of an academy, as a professor in his alma mater, as a pastor, as a superintendent of the public schools of Centre county, but of his life career we all know. His character of personality was past, as a pastor, I knew him not. He was in his declining years already when we met, but his friendship, his kindness, his goodness, me thinks, must have been ripening every year. He grew in grace as he grew in years. He was every whit a great good man. His unswerving integrity; his devout and unostentatious piety, made his rare character and noble personality stand out in life-long bonds. All honor to such a faithful, useful, conspicuous career.

Dr. Wolf was a very hopeful man; he had a spirit of hopefulness, which filled him with constant good cheer, which served to brighten the life of all around him. Even during his last two or three feeble years this same spirit of good cheer was always with him, and it was a great uplift to a sad and depressed heart to meet him and greet him. In common conversation I always found that he had unwavering faith in the supremacy and triumph of the good. With this buoyant spirit of hope and good cheer he passed the years up to the very end. His religion was not an occasional impulse, but a permanent living principle. It imparted dignity to his countenance and weight to his character. Seldom has death gained a richer trophy. Ah, no; death has not gained, but life has gained the victory. The crowning glory of his life was to be found in the beauty and grandeur of his christian character. His life was pure and simple without guile. Faults he had as have the rest of men; we do not mean to say that he was without sin, for there was only one such, but there was in him an honesty of purpose and a consistent devotion to principle which made him a brother beloved among all who knew him. A great character is always a true friend. Dr. Wolf's friendship was deep, but very quiet—he loved men but seldom said so in words. He was unobtrusive, but true as steel. Fond of company and conversation, he gave many hours of his life to his friends; he enjoyed having his friends come to see him, especially during his late years. He was a great reader, a man of remarkable memory; he had much varied information, an unusual store of correct and ready knowledge in many departments of literature, and so he was a very entertaining friend, a friend to all a great good, kind friend. What a blessing it is to any community to have such a friend; how it moulds the character and life of a community to have in it

one great towering personality, filled with kindness and goodness, love and friendship. Oh! a community feels the influence of such a personality and such a friend for more than for his own period of activity, for more than a generation; yea, for unnumbered generations. Children's children will tell of this great good friend, and more than that—they will unconsciously, perhaps, live out some of these principles of friendship, of kindness and goodness in their individual lives. We have heard many say that Dr. Wolf was a great good to this whole community. He did not need to go to the city to become a useful man among his fellows. Some of the brilliant young men of today imagine they must go to the city to do great work and great good, but Dr. Wolf did great good in the simple country life. A great character comes into closer contact with the youth and the common people in the country life than in the city life. Oh, the good men, and middle aged men today in the educational life, in the ministry, in every department of life, who look back upon Dr. Wolf as their inspiring power, and character, as the moulding force of their character and life!

Dr. Wolf had many friends, but few or no enemies. The only way to have a friend is to be one. That's the secret to Dr. Wolf's many friends. He was a friend. What a blessing such a friendly man is.

We are told that destiny is determined by friendship, fortune is made or marred by our friendships: Witness David and Jonathan, with love surpassing the love of women; witness Dante and his deathless love for Beatrice; witness Tennyson and his refrain for Arthur Hallam; witness the disciples and Christ, with love as strong as death. Plato found the measure of greatness in a man's capacity for friendship. All the great ones in history stand forth as unique in the passion of friendship. Friendship cheers like a golden sunbeam, charms like a good story, inspires like a brave leader, binds like a golden chain, guides like a heavenly visitor. Beyond all wealth, honor, or even health, is the attachment we form to noble souls, because to be one with the good, the generous the true, is to become in a measure, good generous and true ourselves. He that walketh with wise men shall be wise. One talent may be perfected in solitude, but a great character in the stream of humanity. Men's wisdom or ignorance and many things, it has been said, is caught as men take diseases, one of another; therefore, let men take heed of their company. Oh labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called friendship.

This great personality that has gone out from among us, was a great teacher and preacher like his life among men. He did not need always to go to the desk or pulpit to teach or preach, but his character, his personality, his kindness and goodness and friendship, taught great lessons and preached powerful sermons.

As a teacher, Dr. Wolf inspired his pupils with his kind personality. When Philip of Macedonia wished a teacher for his son, who afterwards became Alexander the Great, he chose Aristotle, and the influence of Aristotle's personality was shown in Alexander's subsequent career. It is a law of life that a teacher can reproduce himself. In this is the hope and joy of a noble life; the embodiment of a personality whose none dare affront radiates and sheds light forever. The teaching of morals, goodness, friendship, kindness, and selfless abilities makes a symmetrical character. In contact with such personality, such a life is an inspiration.

Regarding the ministry as the highest object of a student's ambition, Dr. Wolfe won many to service at the altar who are bright and shining lights in the church. He has become an inspiration and an uplift to a great band of noble men and women scattered all over this country. Such was his personality and inspiring power. What was it that brought the teachers, and ministers, and physicians, and friends a thousand miles, when word was sent out that a reunion would be held to the honor of Dr. Wolf? Not the knowledge he had imparted, not his intellectual instruction, but his personality, his kindness, goodness, friendship—this was the drawing power. He was a friend to all, in the big things, in the little things. Why, he would remember his friend's children with tokens of love on their birthdays, on the important festival days of the church year. A friend in all things.

But there is another characteristic in our departed friend which I regard as more important and prominent than all others—his intense attachment to the church, and especially that branch of the church to which he was immediately connected. But he was not bigoted. He could discern denominational imperfections. He did not consider his particular church the only church. He was liberal in this respect, as becomes a broad minded man. Dr. Wolf had the oldest membership in the West Susquehanna Classis. Many times did the church confer on him high honors as president of Classis, delegate to Eastern Synod, and to General Synod many times. He served on many important committees in church work. And as president of Classis, I speak in the name of Classis, when I say that his charming presence in the meetings of Classis will be greatly missed. While in late years he did not speak much on the floor of Classis on account of physical weakness, yet his very presence was an advocate of peace and harmony, and added dignity. He was a splendid, instructive and entertaining speaker on any subject. He was an authority on constitutional questions, and parliamentary rules. His relation to the brethren is seen in the fact that frequently they went to him for advice and counsel on all manner of interests. But all this has ended. We as brethren of Classis, shall miss his imposing presence and help. His work

"BUG TRAIN" HERE SATURDAY.

Prof. Surface and Three Assistants Speak to Fruit Growers at Centre Hall Station.

What has been termed the "Bug Train," passing over many sections of Pennsylvania, was at Centre Hall station Saturday morning. The object of the traveling school is to give out information on fruit growing—planting, cultivation, pruning and spraying. The chief speaker was Prof. H. A. Surface, economic zoologist, who covered the four points named above. Other speakers were Mr. Foster, Mr. Fox and Mr. Bower.

Four booklets were distributed bearing on planting, cultivation, pruning, and spraying, and those who could not attend the session of the school Saturday morning can procure the booklets from their nearest railroad agent.

There was a good attendance at Centre Hall, and although not all of them were directly interested in fruit growing, the great majority had an interest to a greater or less extent. Those present were:

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| E. S. Wiser | W. D. Strunk |
| Chas. Stump | W. F. Bradford |
| Frank Greiner | Samuel H. Gross |
| A. L. Duck | J. T. Potter |
| Wm. McClellan | Maynard Meeker |
| J. E. Dauterman | C. Brangart |
| C. P. Long | A. F. Krapp |
| Clyde Bradford | C. W. Booser |
| H. C. Shirk | Robert Meyer |
| J. A. Osman | B. H. Emerick |
| J. C. Kuhn | W. D. Strunk |
| C. D. Keller | B. D. Bristin |
| W. A. Alexander | G. W. Bradford |
| A. C. Ripka | J. B. Showers |
| W. H. Kelig | W. H. Meyer |
| W. H. Dinges | C. E. Wagner |
| B. F. Zeish | W. F. Colyer |
| W. W. Spangler | J. W. Conley |
| W. A. Kries | Samuel Durst |
| R. D. Foreman | W. H. Durst |
| Rev. W. H. Schuyler | N. B. Shaffer |
| Frank Decker | J. L. Decker |
| Jacob Lee | Thomas Hosterman |
| Benner Walker | D. A. Booser |
| J. F. Thomas | J. J. Arney |
| H. F. Korr | J. A. Wetzel |
| H. F. Bittner | S. W. Smith |
| W. H. Baird | Frank P. Floray |

Runaway Horse Causes Injuries.

Last Thursday, Mr. Gilmore, drove to Rebersburg and hitched his horse to a post at the postoffice, leaving his wife and a small child seated in the vehicle. The horse frightened, tore loose and ran away, going but a short distance until the occupants were thrown out of the vehicle. The child received some injuries on its face, but the mother was not hurt.

At the home of Samuel Bierly, writes the Rebersburg correspondent, the horse pulled to the side of the road, and tore off a hitching post and porch post. Leaving the buggy at this point the animal stood on, passing Robert Smull and Mrs. Levi Fulmer. The latter became frightened, jumped off the buggy, and received an injury to one of her lower limbs.

Joe Lesher Dies.

Joseph Lesher, editor of the Selinsgrove Times, and one of the best known men in a couple of counties, sold that paper last week to Marion School, a bustling young Democrat, who will operate it in the future. Joe in turn purchased the Huntingdon Monitor, the official organ of the Democracy in Huntingdon county, and immediately took possession of the plant.

The old brown earth is visible again, and most of us are very glad to see it.

is done. His great soul has gone beyond us, and entered into the life to come, and we can imagine the other great souls gathering around him to give him welcome. A choice and beautiful spirit has gone out to God. We cannot rid ourselves of the unspeakable sense of bereavement. I do not say that Dr. Wolf is dead. That would be correct, even scriptural, for our Lord it is said that he died, but I prefer to say that he has passed into life immortal, the deathless life, the beautiful life beyond. But we are still one in Christ Jesus.

The saints on earth and all the dead
But one communion make;
All join in Christ their living head,
And of his grace partake.

One kind, good friend will be missed in the home; be missed in the social life of the community; be missed in the two Sunday schools of which he has been superintendent of so long; his inspiring presence will be missed in the church service, in the meetings of Classis, and sessions of Synod; missed but not forgotten. This is the consolation of all who loved him. His spirit is not wholly gone away, but will ever live, and witness and guide and influence our life.

Here then is our joy and abiding comfort. We go now to the grave, but the grave has no voice of cheer. Our Lord made it a holy resting place for his people, but if you want peace and comfort you must look up—

"Lift up the heart, and the eye and the love;
Oh, lift up the soul to regions above."

We are all mourners today. We shall miss our friend more than words can tell. We wonder where he is, what his employments, enjoyments, friendships, and companionship in the presence of the King; but we do not know, and no one there is to tell. All we can do is to continue to dwell in our earthly Jerusalem, and wait for the Lord, while we still wonder and love and work and worship.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Just in the midst of the sale season. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Segner, of State College, will make Illinois their future home.

Well there is one thing sure, and that is there won't be a trolley strike in Centre county before harvest.

Penns Creek has been declared to be a trout stream. So there you have it, and those who fish should be guided by this decision.

Miss Estie Ocker, who is a teacher in the Lutheran Sunday-school, in Lewisburg, entertained the girls in the class at her home, one evening last week.

Boyd K. Lucas, who has been in Pittsburg during the past year, will now be found in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and is employed with a merchant tailor in that city.

Keep in mind the Easter cards at fifteen cents per dozen. Sent by mail, post paid at this end. These cards are worth twice the price asked for them. Every card is appropriate, and pretty as can be.

The State College Times says Jacob Weber, who has been suffering from paralysis, is improving, and that hopes are now entertained for his recovery. Mr. Weber is a brother of J. H. Weber, of Centre Hall.

Millburg people who come to Centre Hall are telling that L. V. Musser is building up a fine hardware trade. Mr. Musser is the son-in-law of W. H. Meyer, and his many friends here are greatly pleased over his success.

Prof. J. Calvin Bright will open the Spring Mills Academy, April 11th. The announcement appears in this issue. Mr. Bright has a good reputation as a school man, and is a worthy successor to the notable former teacher in this academy.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace White, at Axe Manr, Miss Pearl Rankie was enabled to take to their home a number of her associates in Centre Hall, Thursday evening of last week, and spend the evening in a way altogether pleasing to the young people.

Horses, cows, young cattle, sheep and hogs are bringing top prices at public sales, yet little, if any more, than they might be bought for privately. Good farm implements are also selling at good prices; in fact, almost as much as new implements could be bought for if paid in cash.

Business is booming at the Huyett saw mill, west of Centre Hall. The timber is being cut into lumber, and the tree tops into fire wood. A large number of people are taking advantage of the opportunity to get wood so near town, and many of them are cutting a sufficient amount to last for one or two years.

The cost of living is low enough if the bill of fare is made up of potatoes. They can be bought at almost any price. Merchants in some towns are offering a bushel of potatoes as a prize with every bill of goods bought amounting to \$5.00 or \$10.00. Last fall the tubers sold readily for from seventy-five cents to a dollar per bushel.

The spring term of the Lock Haven State Normal School will open April 4th. As the school is now practically filled, those who apply early will have the best chance of being accommodated. This excellent school, besides maintaining a first class course of study for the training of teachers, also has departments of Music, Education, Art and Business. It has a well selected library in charge of a capable librarian. Write for a catalog.

A pretty Shetland pony has found an owner in Richard Brooks, west of Old Fort. The little animal is the idol of Lila and James, the two little children of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, and has also won the favor of Charles Coldren, its chief caretaker. The pony is about six months old, weighs ninety-seven pounds and is thirty-one and a half inches high. It is black in color, and has long fine hairs, falling over its side from a part along the back bone. It is a well bred animal and was purchased by Mr. Brooks at a sale in the east.

The road supervisors now have an opportunity to show the traveling public what they know about road building. There is no shifting the responsibility under the present law; the road building now may be charged up, whether it be good or bad, to the supervisors. By a judicious expenditure of labor and money, the roads may be very much improved, but just to the extent of the capacity of officials who have the work under their supervision. There should be no criticism until the supervisors have had a fair chance to show their ability or lack of ability in road construction.