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NORMAL SCHOOL COURSES REVISED.

One Year is Added and Carnegie Foundation Unit Plan Adopted.

The new course of study for the State Normals was announced from the Department of Public Instruction by the Board of Principals of State Normal Schools. The new course will comprise four years, one year longer than at present. The unit plan as proposed by the Carnegie Foundation is the basis for the revised curriculum. The scope of the new order of things was explained in the following statement issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Schaeffer.

"In 1911 and 1912 students will be graduated on the basis of the old course, in 1913 by either course, and in 1914 and thereafter only in the new course. The board has announced that approved high schools throughout the state will be recognized on the following basis:

"Graduates of the first-grade high schools and city high schools listed by the state Department of Public Instruction shall be recommended to the state Board of Examiners for entrance to the third year without examination by the faculty, being conditioned only in such subjects as have not been satisfactorily completed.

"Graduates of second-class grade high schools will be admitted to the second class year without examination. Graduates of approved third-grade high schools will be admitted to the first year on the same conditions.

"Residence in the Normal School for the last two years is required of all candidates for graduation, excepting that graduates of four-year courses in colleges approved by the state College and University Council may be graduated after a residence of one year.

"Students from high schools will be admitted to the present course in the fall of 1910 on the basis heretofore established, and the regulation for the admission of high school graduates the third year of the new course will be formulated at a meeting in November and announced next year."

Transfers of Real Estate.

Howard Wilson et al to D. S. McNitt et al, tract of land in Gregg twp., April 9, 1910. \$5600.

Emanuel Corman et ux to H. E. Corman, tract of land in Walker twp., April 9, 1910. \$1600.

G. W. Hoesterman et ux to W. A. Alexander, tract of land in Centre Hall, April 1, 1910. \$1350.

A. H. Hoesterman to H. M. Hoesterman, tract of land in Harris twp., April 1, 1910. \$1500.

W. L. Foster et ux to R. D. Gilliland, tract of land in State College, March 11, 1910. \$450.

P. H. Meyer et ux to W. G. Rossmann, tract of land in Potter twp., March 31, 1910. \$4000.

John T. Bailets et ux to H. A. Ellis, tract of land in Boggs twp., December 29, 1906. \$1247.20.

W. H. Thompson et ux to W. H. Johnstonbaugh, tract of land in College twp., March 31, 1910. \$12,350.

J. A. Keller to Christ Keller et al tract of land in Potter twp., March 30, 1910. \$7000.

Samuel F. Spayd et al to Albert H. Spayd, tract of land in Walker twp., February 17, 1910. \$725.

Martha E. R. Keller to Ira G. Robinson, tract of land in Howard twp., March 26, 1910. \$1050.

F. W. Crider et ux to Solomon H. Lohr, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp., April 1, 1910. \$1800.

Mary E. Wetson et al to Thomas G. Wetson, tract of land in Taylor and Halfmoon twp., April 1, 1910. \$4212.

John P. Taylor to W. H. Durst, tract of land in Potter twp., April 1, 1910. \$2500.

Wm. Thompson, Jr., et ux to A. F. Markle, tract of land in College twp., March 3, 1910. \$1272.50.

Laura Peters et baron to T. V. Stevens, tract of land in Union twp., April 1, 1910.

Albert H. Spayd et ux to Henrietta Davering, tract of land in Walker twp., April 1, 1910. \$3700.

Laura A. Lee to Calvin F. Emery, tract of land in Centre Hall, March 31, 1910. \$1700.

Joel Struble's exrs to Anna Corman, tract of land in Walker twp., March 18, 1910. \$2905.

Class Meetings.

A meeting of the executive committee of the West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed church met at Spring Mills, last week. Among the business of local interest transacted was to receive the Rev. Elias Faust, from the Mercersburg Classis, and to confirm a call to become pastor of a Nittany Valley charge, with residence at Howard. A committee of installation, consisting of Rev. H. I. Crow, Dr. A. M. Schmidt and Rev. Daniel Gross were appointed.

The date of the meeting of the annual sessions of Classis has been changed from May 18th to May 11th, at Middleburg.

Meek-Valentine.

A wedding ceremony of interest to the many friends throughout Centre county of the contracting parties was quietly solemnized in St. John's Episcopal church on Wednesday morning of last week, at eight o'clock, when George R. Meek, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray Meek, and Miss Ellen Downing Valentine, daughter of the late Jacob and Mrs. Valentine, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The impressive service of the Episcopal church was used and the ceremony was performed by Rev. John Hewitt. The bride and groom were attended by John M. Shugart and Miss Bertha Laurie. The other witnesses to the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray Meek, parents of the groom. Following the wedding the bride and groom drove to Snow Shoe Intersection, where they boarded the train for a short wedding tour to western cities.

The bride is an accomplished and attractive young lady, a member of one of Bellefonte's oldest families and a popular social leader. The groom is one of the representative young business men of this community and has for a number of years been identified with his father as associate editor of the Democratic Watchman, in addition to which he holds a responsible position with the Centre County Banking Company. The many friends of the young people unite in extending congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous matrimonial voyage, in which the Gazette heartily joins.

The above is taken from the Keystone Gazette. The Reporter also extends its congratulations.

More Farm Figures.

The department of agriculture has just issued some more figures regarding the increase the last twenty years in the value of wealth produced on farms in the United States. The figures show this increase to have been \$6,300,000,000 in the period from 1889 to the close of last year. In 1889 the value of the wealth produced on farms in the United States was \$2,460,000,000, ten years later it was \$4,717,000,000 and last year, according to the estimate just issued, it was \$8,760,000,000. The general healthfulness of farm animals in the United States on April 1 was very nearly the average of preceding years, according to the department of agriculture. Horses and sheep were slightly lower in condition; cattle slightly lower than a year ago, but above the ten year average, and swine were better than their condition of both a year ago and the ten year average. The losses of horses from disease during the year were twenty per thousand; of cattle from disease, twenty-one per thousand; of exposure, seventeen per thousand; of sheep, not including spring lambs, about twenty-seven per thousand; from exposure the losses were heavier than usual, being forty-six per thousand. The losses of hogs from disease were lighter than usual, being forty-four per thousand.

Removing Loose Stones.

The Bellefonte Motor Club forwarded to supervisors a copy of an act providing for the removal of loose stones from the highway during the months of May, June, August and October. There is no doubt but that the road authorities are acquainted with the general provisions of this act, but the Reporter will call attention to a few points that may be misunderstood, viz:

The loose stones must be removed from all roads during the months of May, June, August and October. The performance of this work during April will not relieve the supervisors of the requirement in May.

The stones may be removed by contract or by laborers hired by the day or month.

The penalty for neglect is ten dollars, one-half of which may be claimed by the informer, and the other half goes to the road fund.

W. C. T. U. Anniversary.

The first anniversary of the W. C. T. U. in Centre Hall was fittingly celebrated Friday evening, in Grange Arcadia. The organization has a good membership, and its adherents are active in the work. The president, Mrs. S. A. Snyder, made an address in which she spoke of the scope of the work of the order. An interesting program was rendered, most of the participants in which were the members of the L. T. L., which organization has a large membership.

After the program numbers were rendered, light refreshments were served, and then an hour was devoted to social chats.

Prompt relief in all cases of throat and lung trouble if you use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pleasant to take, soothing and healing in effect. Sold by Murray and Bitner.

166,000 Attend Institute.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, A. L. Martin, made public preliminary figures of the attendance at farmers' institutes and movable schools of agriculture held during the past winter showing that 166,000 persons attended the lectures.

This is 4000 in excess of the attendance during the season of 1908-1909, although the number of days during 1909-1910 was four less than the preceding year.

Luther Royer Purchased Farm.

The Wilson farm, recently purchased by the McNitt-Huyett Lumber Company, east of Old Fort, was purchased by Luther Royer, of Spring Mills, formerly of Centre Hill. Mr. Royer is an experienced farmer, and last spring had one of the largest stock sales in the county, the greater part of which was raised by him on the Burkholder farm at Centre Hill, where the sale was held. He will not be able to get possession of his purchase until next spring, at which time he and Mrs. Royer will again resume farming.

Will Only Lead to Evil.

The worst habit that boys can fall into is that of loafing on the streets at night. It is then that they cast their lot in slippery places, when at any moment they are likely to fall from grace. All good and noble lessons taught them by their mothers are there counteracted and nullified. They learn nothing that is good—but everything bad. The boys who spend their evenings in the sacred precincts of home with good books for their companions are the future hope of this republic; they will fill our legislative and congressional halls, and sit in judgment upon men and measures, while the boys who run the streets will fill our penitentiaries, almshouses and lunatic asylums. Parents who are responsible for these broken laws of decency will have broken hearts and bowed down heads in the awakening years that will inevitably follow.

The Brouse Oleo Case.

The Brouse oleo case heard before Squire Musser in Bellefonte is of more than passing interest to farmers. The National Government has placed a tax on colored oleomargarine, but the laws of Pennsylvania prohibit the sale of colored oleomargarine. It is not denied that the oleo sold by the Bellefonte groceryman resembled butter in color, and for such a product there is no law in Pennsylvania under which it may be sold. The makers of the oleo contend that the coloration is the natural result from the combination of ingredients used in its manufacture, and that no coloring matter is added.

The case has been carried to the supreme court, which court will be asked to decide whether in Pennsylvania oleo, resembling butter in color, may be legally sold.

The Pure Food Department was represented by former Judge John G. Love and Mr. Brouse by John Blanchard, Esq.

Appeals.

The county commissioners, accompanied by Clerk Decker, sat at the Old Fort, Friday of last week, to hear appeals from the judgment of assessors. There were few complaints, considering the tender spot the assessor touches.

It is a fact that many tax payers would rather be unjustly taxed than to make complaints at these appeals, because there is scarcely a chance for remedy unless the assessor acknowledges error in some shape or form, which will not be done except under pressure. The assessor simply exercises his judgment in placing the value on a given piece of property. However conscientious an assessor may be his judgment may be questioned by others of equal judgment and of no less conscience. The assessor's power to act does not add an iota to his judgment. If there were fixed rules for placing values on property it would be different, but so long as assessments are made on judgment alone, assessors should not complain when exceptions are taken to their work.

To browbeat taxpayers into submitting to inequalities of taxation is of long standing, but the taxpayer himself is to blame. The system of valuation is wrong. No one man should have the power to value his neighbor's property, nor should the board of county commissioners whose chief function is not to place values on property, be asked to sit as appeal judges. There should be a board of revision.

Diarrhoea should be cured without loss of time and by medicine which like Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy not only cures promptly but produces no unpleasant after effects. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by Murray and Bitner.

FROM LOWER HARRIS.

Road Master Swabb Builds Roads and Agent Lee Interests Farmers in Alfalfa and Lime.

Roadmaster William Swabb is endeavoring to build roads in Harris township by the use of the split log drag, and applying the latter day wisdom in preparing the roads for that well-known, simple road building machine. Ditches are being constructed, and when rock are encountered they are removed by the use of explosives. Breakers are also being done away with, and the under drain substituted. All this in preparation for the split log drag.

With the limited amount of cash available, Mr. Swabb thinks, the only way to secure fair roads during the twelve months of the year, is to provide ditches, in other words drainage; under drains instead of breakers, and use the split log drag to prevent ruts and mud puddles.

Quite a few farmers around Linden Hall are going to profit by the free distribution of leaflets issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on the subjects of alfalfa and the use of lime on land. These leaflets were distributed by J. C. Lee, agent at Linden Hall. Mr. Lee has been very active in interesting the farmers in his territory on the above subjects, and he has also secured a very low freight rate on agricultural lime, which enables the farmers to have their lime shipped to them in car load lots at about the same price that they could burn it themselves. The result is farmers are taking advantage of this low rate and the railroad company also profits by it. The railroad company is at all times willing to co-operate with the farmer on all kindred subjects, for the reasons that when the farmer profits the railroad company will profit also.

LOCALS.

Work on the state road through Bellefonte has been commenced.

Al. Krape laid the foundation for a concrete walk in front of his residence. The Shaffer-Hazel reunion will be held on Hecla Park, Saturday, August 13th.

R. D. Killian, of Lewisburg, formerly of Centre Hall, just finished the operations on a large tract of timber near Beech Creek. Within a short time he will commence cutting on a second tract in the same locality.

The old style board walk is too expensive for any one to construct. Concrete is much cheaper, when all is done. A two inch walk is ample in thickness, and can be constructed at but a slight cost in advance of a board walk.

Merchant Emanuel Smith, at Pottery Mills, declares the person who stole a halter and chain from him has had it long enough, and should now return it in order to save the trouble and expense of resorting to legal means to get it.

An effort will be made during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Williamsport, in May, to have the headquarters of the order changed from Philadelphia to Harrisburg. The central location and a less cost for maintaining will be the argument used towards securing the necessary change in the constitution.

The building boom at State College continues. Some forty houses are under contract and will be erected during the coming summer. Last year about the same number of new dwelling houses were built. In addition to the building of the houses mentioned, a large number of walks will be built of concrete.

Elmer C. Hettinger, one of the thriving farmers along Sinking Creek, was in town the latter part of last week, but hardly took enough time to close his pocket book before his team responded to "git up." George A. Hettinger, a brother of the former, who this spring moved from near Boalsburg to the Grove farm, along Sinking Creek, was also a brief caller at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gingerich expect to make a trip to Kansas, and are planning to leave Centre Hall by the first of the month, and will be absent for five or six weeks. On their way west they will stop in Allegheny, with Harry Swabb; at Cleveland, Ohio, with Harrison Kline; at Toledo, Ohio, with Harvey Houtz; and at Longford, Kansas, with Thomas Bilger. Of course, these are only a few of the stops now contemplated.

Rev. Edwin H. Leisenring, D. D., pastor of the Lutheran church at Middleburg, died last week. Interment was made at Middleburg Friday. Dr. Leisenring, some years ago, was pastor at Lewisburg, and is a well known minister in Lutheran circles. His age was fifty-nine years. The minister died in the pulpit, just having concluded a funeral sermon over the remains of Mrs. H. E. Shaffer, whose life he held up as an example for true christians to follow.

State Grange Platform.

The legislative platform of the State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry has been completed. Roughly, the platform contains two planks—equalization of taxation and the initiative and referendum.

These planks are subdivided into several subjects. The first includes relief of real estate from taxation by increased state appropriations for local purposes, payment of the minimum salary of school teachers for the minimum term and the taxation of all classes of subjects uniformly. The second plank demands application of the local option principle to all local government as well as to the liquor question, and also a specific law permitting the people to vote directly for United States senators.

This platform is a condensation of the main planks in the platform adopted last December by the State Grange when it met at State College and by the state Board of Agriculture at its session in Harrisburg last January.

The word has been passed to the grangers to put all candidates upon the rack and to whet the scythes for such candidates as are opposed to what the grange wants.

A Novel Introduction.

Dr. Howard Company have entered into an arrangement with Murray and Bitner's store, by which a special introductory offer will be made of 25 cents on the 50 cent size of their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia.

So remarkably successful has Dr. Howard's specific been in curing constipation, dyspepsia and all forms of liver trouble, that Murray and Bitner will return the price paid in every case where it does not give relief.

Murray and Bitner have been able to secure only a limited supply, so everyone who wishes to be cured of dyspepsia or constipation should call upon them or send them 25 cents, by mail, and get 60 doses of the best medicine ever made, on this special half price introductory offer, with their personal guarantee to refund the money if the specific does not cure.

Rain Fall for April.

During the whole of the month of March there was no precipitation except one-half inch of snow, and several traces of rain, the latter less than one hundredth part of an inch. April did better, as will be noted from the following, showing the dates on which the rains fell and the quantity in decimals of inches:

Dates.	Inches.
4	.15
5	.42
15	.20
17	.33
18	1.20
19	.56
20	.15
21	.15
22	.10
24	1.74
25	1.82
26	.57
Total	6.89

Stock-Treasurer.

Saturday evening, at the United Evangelical parsonage, at Centre Hall, by Rev. S. A. Snyder, George Boal Slack, of Farmers Mills, and Miss Sarah Anna Tressler, were made man and wife. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slack, and the bride a daughter of J. Wesley Tressler. Congratulations.

LOCALS.

Ridgeway had a \$500,000 fire early Saturday morning. The fire was in the central part of the city.

The United Evangelical parsonage is being repainted, the color being white. The brush is being piled by Daniel Daup.

Monday morning W. W. Spangler started on a trip to Lock Haven and Williamsport, where he is visiting among relatives.

Rev. B. F. Bieber, Monday morning, went to Watsonstown to join his wife and daughter who have been visiting there during the past few weeks.

Helen Van Pelt Smithgall is the name of a nine and one-half pound baby that arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. P. Smithgall, at Austin. Mrs. Anna Spangler, the great-grandmother, was notified of the event by telephone a few hours after the birth of the child.

Messrs. E. E. Bunner, of York, and Boyd A. Musser, of Scranton, were in Centre Hall for a short time Wednesday of last week. Mr. Bunner is the senior of the brokerage firm of E. E. Bunner & Co., who have offices at York and Sunbury, and Mr. Musser is a former county clerk of Centre county, but is now doing business for the York Bridge Company. The gentlemen were met at Millheim by James Corl, in an automobile. They remained in Bellefonte until Wednesday morning, returning over the local branch railroad.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

No man doubts your word if you speak well of him.

Many hundred rods of wire fencing are being erected this spring by the farmers in Potter township.

The chancier hat proves that not only must city folks look to the farmyard for their living, but also for their styles.

In Centre county there are located 75,790 of the 916,569 acres of forest lands owned by the state in twenty-six counties.

The Tressler saw mill was moved from Sinking Creek to the J. Q. A. Kennedy timber tract, west of Centre Hall, last week.

Potatoes are a drag on the market. They are selling locally in very small lots at twenty-five cents per bushel, and the man willing to purchase is looked upon as bestowing a favor.

The May number of The Ladies' World not only keeps up its excellent reputation, but is, we think, the best issue of the publication that has yet appeared.

Oval, in Nippenose Valley, has an epidemic of measles. In one night about twenty-five children were taken ill. The disease was spread by a child, affected with the disease, attending school.

George B. Weaver, of Rebersburg, who is past eighty-eight years of age, is confined to bed for the greater part of the time. His condition, however, is not worse than it has been for some time.

The Sherwin-Williams paints are sold by Reack, the furniture dealer. If you want to brighten up your furniture you can get a preparation especially made for that purpose at the Reack store.

The Selingsgrove Times has this to say: Clarence E. Tool, of Freeburg, has made such a decided hit as a school teacher in Millheim that he has been engaged to conduct a normal school there this summer and has been also re-elected for another year as principal.

Think of it! In a congressional district in New York, normally Republican by 6000, a Democrat, running on a tariff reform platform, was elected by a majority of more than 8000. And his name is Havens—the first Democrat to be elected from that district in twenty years.

The state forestry department had a crew of eighteen men at work last week under the supervision of Prof. George H. Wirt, of the Mont Alto Forestry Academy, planting white pine and white ash seedlings in Poe Valley, in the Seven Mountains. These are a part of the two hundred thousand white pine trees, mentioned in these columns a few weeks ago, the department purposes planting in various sections in the Seven Mountains.

A dinner was recently given at the Union League, Philadelphia, in honor of Alexander J. Hemphill, of New York, at which twenty-one guests sat. They represented interests worth three billion dollars. Mr. Hemphill is a brother of the late Clement Hemphill, of Centre Hall, and was recently selected by J. Pierpont Morgan to be president of the Guaranty Trust Company, the largest trust company in the world, with a capital stock of \$20,000,000.

Last week Mrs. Mary Shoop returned from the Pittsburgh district where she had been visiting during the past three months or more. Her longest stay was with Mrs. Ellen Miller and her daughter, Mrs. Richard Custer, who live at Munhall, and of her good treatment there she cannot express herself strong enough. Mr. Custer has been advanced to the position of superintendent in one of the Munhall steel works, and being equipped with an automobile, the Pittsburgh district was viewed by Mrs. Shoop from it.

Every time a Pennsylvania railroad official looks westward while making the curve at Lemont, it is taken to indicate that the L. and T. is to be extended via State College to Tyrone. Recently some of the road officials side-tracked a private car at Lemont, and hobbled with the Pennsylvania State College officials, and this again set in motion the story that State College would be made a station on the Pennay. There is no doubt but that this very thing will happen within a reasonable time. State College and the institution located there is becoming too important to be ignored by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which is always on the lookout for business. Penns Valley, at all points, would also be largely benefited by the extension of the road to Tyrone, and consequently every move in that direction will be applauded.