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I. O. O. F. ORPHANAGE.

To Have New \$10,000 Building—A Few Statistics.

One hundred delegates from twenty-four counties, comprising the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Orphanage Association, in which 40,000 members are directly interested, among which are the members of the Order at Centre Hall, met at the orphanage grounds at Arters, near Sunbury, Monday, of last week in annual session.

It was decided to build a \$10,000 school building as the present structure is inadequate. President E. C. Wagner, Girardville, reported that in the past six months the late Henry Koener, of Milton, bequeathed \$900 to the home and that Port Augusta encampment, Sunbury, gave \$146.23 to the general fund.

There are seventy-two boys and forty-one girls at the home. Five lodges joined the corporation since January. The cost of maintenance for the home since January was \$597.13 and \$70.481 was expended for maintenance and insurance.

These officers were elected: President, D. W. Stroh, Sunbury; first vice president, F. C. Haney, Scranton; secretary, S. B. Hillard, Watsonstown; assistant secretary, H. I. Romig, Beaver Springs; treasurer, Robert Davis, Mt. Carmel.

The local activities at the orphanage are as follows: Crops planted—oats, 14 acres; Canada peas and oats, 2 acres; wheat, 8 acres; rye, 10 acres; corn, 10 acres; potatoes, 12 acres; grass, 14 acres; truck, 2 acres; total acreage planted 92. Stock on farm—cows, 12; bull, 1; horses, 4; hogs, 13; chickens and fowls, 350.

Examination Fakes.

The civil service examinations being held throughout the country to which candidates for the position of fourth class postmasters are invited to take, are little less than a farce from start to finish. No matter how high a mark an individual might make at the examinations, his case would be hopeless without the political backing of the congressman in the district or the recognized patronage dispenser.

The civil service examinations are no test of real ability, and never interfere in giving a political favorite a place. If the favorite makes a complete flunk at the examination, he is given an opportunity to fill out his blanks at his home, where he can have all the assistance he can secure. This method has been employed in civil service examinations in this locality not long since, and no doubt is the rule. Of course, if the applicant is undesirable, errors are marked against him, and his opportunities are reduced to one trial.

No matter how good a law is enacted, there are always some men whose duty it is to enforce them, who have no conception of right, and will not hesitate to drop to the lowest level and perjure themselves simply to give some one whom they fancy a temporary job, even if it is worth but a few dollars, and well earned at that.

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Murray and Bitner, the enterprising druggists, are advertising today for fifty men and women to take advantage of the special half price offer they are making on Dr. Howard's celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia, and get a fifty cent package at half price, 25 cents.

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Beach Twp. Teachers.

The school board in Beach township elected the following teachers:

- Black Moshannon, Lena Waugh
- Pine Glen, Bertha M. Taylor
- Munson, Primary, Bessie McCord; Grammar, Kathryn Eisenhauer
- North Phillipsburg, Primary, Mame Fiegal; First Intermediate, Margaret Allen; Second Intermediate, Chas. H. Knapper; Principal, Zoe Meek
- Point Lookout, Primary, Netta Gunther; Grammar, Arle Stimler
- Park, L. R. Crum
- Reece, Nora Hamer
- Klondyke, Ruth Lukins
- Tower Primary, Anna Bowers
- Escondido, Primary, Goldie Swift; Grammar, Mary D. Cooney
- Sandy Ridge, Primary, Bertha Hessong; First Intermediate, Bessie Glover
- Ocoola Heights, Mary F. Files

EDITOR SUES AN EDITOR.

Label Suit Grows Out of Allentown Convention Charges.

After the Allentown convention Matthew Savage in the Public Spirit denounced the convention and the ticket, alleging Mulvihill influence and Penrose domination. In several issues subsequently he demanded a third ticket. Wednesday of last week the Public Spirit came out strong for the Allentown ticket, and in squaring itself, charged John F. Short, editor of the Republican, who is also against the Allentown ticket, with having gone to Philadelphia during the primary campaign and gotten Berry money and with using it for private purposes and not as intended to be used.

Short has had a warrant issued for Savage's arrest charging malicious criminal libel. The case will come up for trial at the September term of court. Savage, since the publication, and upon learning of the contemplated action alleges that his information came from Senator George Dimeling, who is a candidate for re-election in this district. Dimeling and Editor Short are bitter enemies.

Transfers of Real Estate.

W. H. Bartholomew et al to Charles D. Bartholomew, May 14, 1910; in Centre Hall, \$1750.

Levi L. Wance et ux to George B. Shaffer, March 27, 1908; in State College, \$1510.

J. I. Thompson et ux to Grant Meyer, June 9, 1910; tract of land in Harris twp., \$100.

W. E. Hurley, sheriff, to Sarah Foreman, May 28, 1910; tract of land in Centre Hall, \$900.

W. L. Foster et al to Andy Lytle, Nov. 9, 1908; tract of land in College twp., \$800.

Susan Whipple to T. G. Cronover, April 1, 1910; tract of land in Harris twp., \$1400.

Ives L. Harvey et ux to Centre Brick & Clay Co., June 18, 1910; tract of land in Curtin twp., \$1.

John B. Bean, et ux to Sandford Stonebrake, Jan. 31, 1910; tract of land in Taylor twp., \$65.

W. L. Foster et al to Chas. F. Hartsock, Aug. 3, 1908; tract of land in College twp., \$700.

Mrs. Lida Leech to Theodore D. Boal, June 13, 1910; tract of land in Harris twp., \$300.

L. L. Smith et ux to R. D. Foreman, April 1, 1910; tract of land in Centre Hall, \$1010.

Chas. R. Norris et ux to Mary C. Jackson, March 28, 1907; tract of land in State College, \$1290.

Judson P. Welsh et ux to Milton H. Kestler, et al, June 17, 1910; in State College, \$7800.

Dora E. Fisher to James Stere, March 10, 1910; tract of land in Union twp., \$46.

David Slagle et ux to John P. Ishler, June 29, 1910, in State College, tract of land, \$2100.

Centre Brick & Clay Co. to Ives L. Harvey, June 18, 1910, in Curtin twp., tract of land, \$1.

J. S. Baumgardner et ux to Thomas Foster, et al in State College, June 13, 1910, tract of land, \$1.

W. L. Foster et al to Miss M. Snyder, August 14, 1909, in State College, tract of land, \$1.

W. A. Alexander et ux to Anne E. Slack, April 1, 1910, in Centre Hall, tract of land, \$1117.50.

C. E. Lyons et ux to Sarah Davy, June 18, 1910, in Spring twp., \$295.

John Kiss et ux to Barbrice Deane, April 3, 1908, in South Phillipsburg, \$125.

L. H. McMullen et al to Nittany Country Club, June 13, 1910, in Walker twp., \$1.

David F. Kapp et ux to Thomas Foster, et al in Ferguson twp., April 18, 1910, \$1.

Solomon Lingle et ux to J. O. Eisenhuth, July 5, 1911, in Coburn, \$1000.

John R. Eckley et ux to Henry Heaton, November 29, 1909, in Boggs twp., \$30250.

S. E. Schenck et ux to F. Ethel Schenck, May 9, 1910, in Howard twp., \$450.

F. W. Grebe to Adam Magee, June 29, 1910, in Phillipsburg, \$4000.

J. C. Smith et ux to W. F. Colyer, April 30, 1910, in Penn twp., \$300.

Jane E. Coburn to B. F. Stover, November 5, 1907, in Haines twp., \$536.

W. D. Custard et ux J. C. Sheffer, July 1, 1910, in State College, \$5000.

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LARGE CROPS THE RULE THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Completes 'Swing Around Circle' and Finds General Conditions Favorable.

Close study of crop conditions in every county in the state during a systematic "swing around the circle" leads Deputy Secretary of Agriculture A. L. Martin to say that the farmers throughout Pennsylvania generally could not well wish for more satisfactory showings.

In acreage and yield nearly everything is above the average. The only field crop that is at all dubious is corn. This staple has not yet completely recovered from its tardy start, due to the backward season, but conditions are encouraging, and Deputy Secretary Martin is of the opinion that favorable weather during August and September will mean a normal crop of corn. Early frosts may work havoc, however, or other conditions may materialize during the next sixty or eighty days that will destroy much of the crop.

Apples, too, will not be up to normal this year, but other fruits, berries and garden truck have all been prolific. Big apple crops can be looked for, says Mr. Martin, only in the southeastern part of the state and in the fertile Cumberland valley. Through the remainder of the state the crop may be fair, except in the western counties; late frosts in the country radiating from Pittsburg spelled death to the apple blossoms there.

The wise sheep raiser is holding his wool for better prices. Up to the present time the buyers are offering only about two-thirds as much as they offered one year ago for exactly the same grade of fleeces.

Deputy Secretary Martin's crop survey has occupied much of his time for the last three or four months, roughly speaking, and for the last three weeks he has been systematically gathering up the loose ends. His reports from most of the counties are the result of personal visits and observations; from other districts he has careful reports from reliable agents.

"Wheat is an excellent crop," he said, and I expect to see the yield to be at least ten per cent. above the normal. The crops all matured well and the grain is now threshed generally speaking. Some of it has been baled to the mills. I am somewhat dubious about the price the farmer will receive, however. He ought to get at least \$1 per bushel, but I don't know that he will. Last year every county paid more than \$1, and the average price over the state was \$1.10. I hear that in some sections the buyers are offering a few cents less than a dollar, but that is scarcely fair to the farmer. The average yield in the state last year was eighteen bushels of wheat to the acre, and I expect to see the average this year somewhat higher.

"Oats, too, will witness a substantial advance; in fact, I think that this crop will be twenty per cent. greater than usual. Last year the average yield of oats was twenty-six bushels to the acre. This year's crop shows every promise of doing as well or better, barring adverse conditions which the future may hold.

"Hay is excellent. The crop will be at least ten per cent. above normal. This is due to the increased acreage planted with alfalfa and clover. I don't recall a year so generally excellent for clover. It is fine, and the farmer will reap the benefit.

"Pennsylvania, as usual, leads the entire country in rye production. No other state approaches us in production of this grain.

"Conditions are also good for buckwheat, another crop in which Pennsylvania stands first in point of production and likewise in quality. Farmers are now seeding their fields with buckwheat, and all indications point to a crop above the average.

"Corn is the one backward crop. I do not want to be an alarmist, and see no occasion for being one, in connection with the corn crop, but, nevertheless, I cannot be as optimistic about it as about the other cereals. The acreage is good—excellent—better than usual. For the last two weeks corn has been growing by leaps and bounds. But you see the corn practically stood still for three weeks during May and June, when the late spell of spring weather struck us. The result was that the first cultivation came along just at the time of the wheat harvest. Many farmers could scarcely give their corn fields proper attention for lack of time. Two more cultivations are due. Without desiring to discourage anyone, I can only say that the corn is not in the best of condition, but that favorable weather until the end of September will give us a good crop.

"The yield of berries this year was great. Strawberries, of course, were

not of the best quality, because they ripened with little or no sun, and thus few of them had the proper amount of natural sugar. The quantity was good, however, and so was the quality considering adverse conditions. The yield of raspberries and blackberries was tremendous and the quality good.

"The apple grower in the southern part of the state between the Delaware river and the Susquehanna is going to get a fine crop. So is the Cumberland Valley orchardist. In other sections of the state I can scarcely predict anything but a fair yield, and for the western part of the state all I can say is that the apple blossoms were blighted by a late frost."

Mr. Martin says the agitation about the high cost of living is reflected upon the farms, and many farmers are economizing because of apprehension, even where no immediate necessity for such care exists. One of the apt illustrations of the effect of high prices is found in the farmers not painting their buildings this year.

"The farmer who is having his barns and other buildings painted this year is a rarity," said Mr. Martin. "Why," they say, "we have to pay \$1.00 a gallon for linseed oil. We'll just let our painting go for a year or so."

Fifteen years ago the farmer could get his oil for forty or fifty cents per gallon. When it touched seventy-five cents he stood aghast; now he has postponed painting operations.

Mr. Martin says that most of the Pennsylvania wool growers are holding their wool for better prices. "A year ago we got thirty cents a pound in Lawrence county for the best grade of unwashed merino," he said. "Today we are offered twenty-one cents for the same kind of wool. The same holds true in other counties. The grower can scarcely be blamed for holding off. Delaine wool, of course, brings a little better price, if straight Delaine."

Common Red vs. Alsike Clover.

Many farmers have resorted to sowing alsike clover. The hay from this species of legume is superior, for cattle and horses, to that of the common red clover. The alsike clover is also easier to grow than the common red, and is more likely to give a crop during the second year. The root growth of the two clovers—alsike and common red—are entirely different. The pronounced tap root is absent on the alsike plants, making it more of a surface feeder, and consequently not quite as beneficial to the soil as the common red. The general make up of the two plants is about the same, and both are about equal in fertility when ploughed under—green or dead. The greatest drawback to the alsike is the fact that it will make but one growth in a season.

The advantages and disadvantages of the two plants—

Alsike—advantages: Easily grown; quality of hay superior; will grow good crops second and third year; is not objected to on the market in baled timothy.

Disadvantages: Will not grow more than one crop in one year; does not have the tap root and consequently cannot feed on the lower soils.

Common red—advantages: Its long tap roots obtains food for the plant in the undersoil not cultivated and is therefore largely beneficial to soil in various ways; two crops can be grown in one year, the second may be used for hay or seed, owing to conditions.

Disadvantages: Hay not as desirable for stock; more difficult to obtain a "catch"; objected to on the market when mixed with timothy.

Taking all the advantages and disadvantages of these clovers into consideration, the conclusion is reached that where common red clover can be readily grown, alsike and common red clover seed should be sown in proportions of about one to five, and where it is difficult to grow the common red clover, the proportion should be reversed.

Goes to Wilkes-Barre.

The next Christian Endeavor Convention will go to Wilkes-Barre. The convention at Franklin adopted a resolution favoring local option. The attendance at the gathering was quite large, and great enthusiasm pervaded every session.

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DEATHS.

Last week brief mention was made of the death of the mother of Irvin V. Musser, of Millburg, formerly of this place. Below is reprinted an account of the lady's death taken from the Bucyrus (Ohio) Evening Telegraph, date of July 9th:

Mrs. Matilda (Vore) Musser, widow of the late J. D. Musser, died this morning at her home in Ocoola, the cause of her death being heart trouble. She had been falling in health for nearly a year and she grew perceptibly weaker and the failure of her strength was steady and sure.

Funeral from her late home in Ocoola at 1:30 o'clock, Monday afternoon, services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Kunert, of that village. Interment in the Nevada cemetery.

Matilda Vore was a native of Centre county, Pennsylvania, and was born March 12, 1839, her age at death being twenty-one years, three months and twenty-seven days. In 1859, she with her husband came to Crawford county and settled on a farm near Ocoola, where she has resided ever since. Her husband died nine years ago. To this union were born six children, they are: Clayton, of Anderson, Indiana; Edward, of Highmore, South Dakota; Grant, of Wellsville, Ohio; Timothy, of Ocoola; Irvin, of Millburg, Pennsylvania, and Marcella, wife of Prof. G. N. Neible, of Sycamore, Pennsylvania. She also leaves two brothers and three sisters; viz: A. M. Vore, residing in this city; Lewis Vore, of Havana, Kansas; Mrs. Kate Fralick, Mrs. Mary Pittman and Mrs. Alice Moore, all residing at Havana, Kansas, are left to mourn the departure of a kind and loving sister.

Mrs. Musser was a life-long member of the United Brethren church. She was humble and unpretending, but sincere and earnest, and she lived every day the religion she professed. She had a wonderful memory and had been a great reader. She was pure, faithful and noble in her character and life, and exerted an influence in her community. Her life was prolonged beyond three score years and ten, and was crowned with honors and love.

Mrs. Vore was born in Haines township, in the vicinity of Aaronsburg, where, early in the history of that section, that family name was prominent. —EDITOR.

John Huff, father of Dr. S. M. Huff, coroner of Centre county, died suddenly on Monday morning of last week after only a few hours illness with acute indigestion.

Deceased was born in Union county, and was sixty-six years of age. He was a carpenter by trade and worked at his occupation in Laurelton and at Lamar until about six years ago when he moved to Millburg. He was an old soldier of the Civil War, a member of the Methodist church, and a man much respected in the community in which he lived. He is survived by his wife, his son, Dr. Huff, and one daughter, Mrs. F. M. Crawford, of Bellefonte.

Jeremiah L. Smeltzer died at his home at Clyde, Illinois, aged sixty years. He was born in Spring township, this county, and is survived by a widow, nee Miss Sarah K. Smith, of Howard, and two children, Carrie and Lawrence, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Yearick, of Howard, and Mrs. Minnie Custard, of State College. Two brothers also survive, Albert, of Pleasant Gap, and Wesley, of Iowa. During the Harrison administration he was postmaster at Clyde. At the time of his death he was engaged in the coal and wood business.

Mrs. William Walter, after an illness of several months, died at her home, at Woodward, last Thursday morning at the age of fifty-five years. She is survived by her husband and two children—Mrs. Elmer Smith, of Millheim, and Miss Telma, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday morning.

After the bad odor is eliminated from the automobile, the machines may become popular in Centre Hall. A town that prides itself in being clean the whole year 'round can't afford to lose its reputation by having a lot of stink wagons rustling over its streets at all times, although it manages to endure the punishment inflicted by touring cars, etc., passing through it. With a view of reducing the stink to the minimum, the town council has not passed a speed ordinance.

Clarence McCormick, son of Hon. John T. McCormick, of State College, is superintendent of a large farm in Northumberland county. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The order of the day—pleases. These hot days call for moderation in everything—work, play, eating and drinking.

Professional office seekers, and some others, are said to be grooming for the Bellefonte post office. Some of these aspirants have had office of some kind during almost their whole life.

A ninety year young great-grandmother, a Mrs. Houser, presented a crisp five dollar bill to a pair of twins that came to the home of Frank Kline, at Pine Grove Mills.

Nathan N. Keener, dramatic reader and literary entertainer, of Pittsburg, will give one of his dramatic recitals in the Lutheran church in Millheim, Friday evening. Admission ten and twenty cents.

Since the wheat has been cut, the majority of the fields show an almost perfect set of clover. This indicates that with moderately favorable weather conditions, there will be another good hay crop in 1911.

Centre countians now residing in Blair county have organized themselves into an association of which George Smith, of Altoona, is president, and Roger Bayard, of Tyrone, was made secretary. A picnic is contemplated, the date and place of which will be announced later.

A stray shot, supposed to have been fired from a Flobert rifle, struck Miss Flora Love while walking on the streets, in Centre Hall, and knocked a button from her shirtwaist. The bullet evidently was traveling with considerable force, and but for the fact that it hit a button, might have inflicted injury.

That you can quote a man best by using his own words is illustrated by the misstatements made in some of the local papers when the editors rewrite local events with a view of hiding the scissor-act. The whole truth of the matter is that if you want the local news from the south side of Centre county, the columns of the Reporter must be resorted to.

During a recent thunder storm lightning struck the gable end of the Penns Cave house and did slight damage. The telephone was also torn up. The dwelling house of Samuel Gettig, postmaster at Madisonburg, was also struck by a lightning bolt. The chimney was first hit, and from there the fluid ran along the stove pipe to the stove and from there to the cellar. The Gettig family had just finished their supper, and had gone to an adjoining room, which accounts for none of them having been stunned.

William Burd and family as well as William Snavely and Mrs. George Bechtel, of Penn township, will long remember their experience of July 4th. Mr. Burd was passing along the road in the vicinity of Aaronsburg in a two-horse spring wagon and the others named were passengers with him, when a boy lighted a large fire cracker which exploded near the horses' heels. The animals took fright, ran down an embankment, where the party were all thrown from the vehicle. Mr. Burd had several ribs cracked, but the others escaped with bruises. One of the horses was also pretty badly injured.

Tobias Wetzel, who is farming in Nittany Valley, while driving his cattle out of a rye field into which they had broken, was attacked by a large black snake. The snake wrapped around his left leg and all the efforts of Mr. Wetzel to dislodge it proved futile. He called his dog to assist and finally the dog tore it loose. The snake got away from the dog and escaped. Mr. Wetzel started for home but found that his leg was so numb from the pressure of the snake that he could hardly walk. Mrs. Wetzel, who was at the house, noticed that there was something wrong and started to meet him, but before she came Mr. Wetzel had fainted.

Mrs. Smith, wife of Dr. C. F. Smith, accompanied by her only daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) John Thomas, both of Indianapolis, arrived in Centre Hall, last week, and are dividing the time between the homes of Peter Smith, of Centre Hill, and Howard, the former home of Mrs. Smith. Dr. Smith is expected east in a short time, and will make his first visit to his father in six years. His practice and business interests in Indianapolis are quite extensive, which accounts for his very limited number of trips to his old home since locating in the middle west. Dr. Thomas, who graduated from a medical school about two years ago, will take charge of the practice of his father-in-law during his absence. He was the youngest student in his class, but secured the best averages in the final examinations. He is a son of Senator Thomas, one of Indianapolis' most prominent citizens.