

PUBLIC GRANGE MEETING.

Officers of Progress Grange Installed Thursday Afternoon.

The installation of the officers of Progress Grange, on Thursday afternoon, was made the occasion of an open meeting, which was largely attended. In addition to those not members of the order who were present, a number of Granges in Penna and Nittany Valleys were represented, as well as two prominent members of the order in Clearfield county, namely, Messrs. Peter Gearhart, of Clearfield; and E. H. Harmon, of DuBois, who were here to adjust matters pertaining to insurance with David K. Keller.

The installing officer was Hon. L. Rhone, who was assisted by Mrs. D. W. Bradford. On being conducted to their desks a number of the new officers made a few appropriate remarks. David K. Keller gave a brief history of Progress Grange, which was organized in 1874. But four of the charter members survive. Prof. C. R. Neft spoke briefly of the benefits of the Grange as an educator, and Dr. W. H. Schuyler pointed out the way in which the order might cooperate with the church and the school. His suggestion seems to have taken root, and action will no doubt follow. Rev. B. F. Bieber, also spoke of the good that comes through the order, and Dr. A. G. Lieb, master of the Spring Mills Grange, related the present active condition of that Grange, and predicted that in the future the order would again assume its position in the front ranks of the Grange in Centre county. Willard Dale, Master of the Centre County Pomona Grange, in a few chosen remarks, urged all those present who were fourth degree members to enter the next higher fold—the County Grange—and those not members of the order to join the subordinate Granges, and further requested a full attendance of the County Grange at its meeting in Centre Hall on the 19th. Carl Auman, Bessie Brooks, and Mrs. B. Gardner Grove helped to make the session interesting by reciting poems.

After this period, light refreshments were served, and an hour was devoted to social chat.

Swap Land.

John C. Rossman and Benjamin H. Emerick made a land deal. Both own lots that years ago belonged to the Emerick farm. Early in the sixties the Emericks sold Dr. Peter Smith the farm now known as the Arney farm, and about an equal number of acres on the opposite side of the Arney farm lane. Dr. Smith sold the east portion of this land to the late Jacob Dingee, and a portion of this has passed hands a number of times since, the present owners being Mr. Rossman, Mr. Emerick, and Mrs. Flora O. Blairfoot.

Mr. Rossman owned the section lying next to Conley's road, and Mr. Emerick the portion next to the Brush Valley road. The latter conceived the idea that he would like to own the seventeen acres to which Mr. Rossman held title, and consequently a deal was made, giving Mr. Rossman the thirteen acres owned by Mr. Emerick and boot in cash.

It is Mr. Emerick's intention, so it is said, to acquire the M. M. Condo property and move his barn onto it. This feature of the transaction, is, however, only in the formative state.

A Correction.

Bert Allen, who is now in Media, writes the Reporter that the statement made saying he had been arrested in Delaware county for vagrancy, is incorrect. The item was reprinted from some eastern paper, and while the names were the same it did not refer to Boalsburg's Bert Allen. The Reporter is very glad to say that these are the facts.

During the past year an item appeared in one of the Pennsylvania papers to the effect that Frank Allen had died in a small house, where he had lived alone. It was thought this was Frank Allen, of Boalsburg, but investigation proved that the man who died then had been a resident of the community for many years. This incident is recalled to show that names oftentimes are confusing, and that the name which appears in print is not always owned by the person the reader has in mind.

Witman-Schwartz Co. Will Entertain.

The Witman-Schwartz Co., wholesale grocers, on the 17th instant, the day of the inauguration of Governor-elect Tener, will entertain their many customers who will attend the inauguration ceremonies at Harrisburg. In the evening the guests will attend an opera, and later luncheon will be served. There will also be other entertainments. Cards in this district have been sent out by Charles A. Shunkwiler, the manager at Lewistown.

CROP STATISTICS.

Increase in Acreage in State Over 1909.

Figures gathered from the bureau of statistics of the United States department of agriculture, and from other sources indicate an increase in staple farm crops in both Pennsylvania and the United States.

The total acreage in Pennsylvania in 1910 was 8,384,000, while in the preceding year it was 8,181,200. In the United States it was 239,343,800 in 1910, and in 1909, 230,605,300. The yield was \$20.56 and in 1909 it was \$19.19.

There was an increase in the acreage of the number of bushels of shelled corn in the state, the total for last year being 1,586,000 and in 1909, 1,525,000. The total production in the state last year was 65,026,000 bushels. The average farm price on December 1 was fifty-nine cents.

There was also an increase in the production of hay, oats, potatoes, rye, tobacco and wheat. The number of tons of hay produced last year in Pennsylvania was 3,212,000; the number of bushels of oats, 998,000; the number of bushels of potatoes, 320,000; rye, 380,000 bushels; pounds of tobacco, 33,000; and bushels of wheat, 1,556,000.

The total farm crop value in the state on December 1 is given as \$172,362,500, and of the United States \$3,478,417,773.

The Week of Prayer.

The opening week of the new year has been observed all over the world, for many years, by all Evangelical churches, under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance of the World, which select and announce the topics and texts for the week. The week was observed by union services of all the churches in Centre Hall, substantially according to the program previously printed in the Reporter. Although the weather for more than half the evenings was about as unfavorable as it could be, the attendance and interest were better than for many years; and many are the favorable comments heard everywhere. A new feature this year was the union choir which added greatly to the interest and profit of the meetings, and won much praise for its excellent music.

The collections, for the eight evenings amounted to \$19.10. Deducting \$1.75 for expenses incurred, the balance \$17.35 goes to the American Bible Society. Each church will receive credit for a contribution of \$3.47 to this great institution which aids all the churches in their various enterprises.

Support Anti-Saloon Cause.

Rev. G. H. Sawtelle, of Altoona, spoke on Sunday in the Lutheran church at Spring Mills, in the morning, and in the afternoon at Tusseyville, in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League. Rev. Sawtelle is working under Rev. J. P. Patch, of Altoona, district superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. His argument was clear and convincing, his subjects being "A Repressed Republic" and "Conservation of Our Resources." The attendance at both points was large, and the interest was shown by the liberal manner in which a response was made for funds to aid the cause. The Spring Mills congregation contributed \$10.45, and Tusseyville, \$38.50.

Logan Grange Installs Officers.

Friday evening the officers of Logan Grange, at Pleasant Gap, were installed in the well appointed hall of that Grange. The installing officers were Hon. Leonard Rhone and Mrs. D. W. Bradford, and after that work had been performed a number of short addresses were made. The officers installed were these:

- Master, Thomas Weaver
- Overseer, A. C. Grove
- Lecturer, Mrs. Blanche Musser
- Steward, Edward Summers
- Asst. Steward, James Summers
- Chaplain, E. K. Keller
- Treasurer, Israel Kauffman
- Secretary, Norman E. Dale
- Gatekeeper, Jerry Donovan
- Care, Mrs. W. White
- Pomona, Mrs. Emanuel White
- Flora, Mrs. Thomas Weaver
- Lady Asst. St., Mrs. John S. Dale

Jewelry Store for Sale.

The jewelry store of the late G. W. Boshman, in Centre Hall, is offered at private sale. There being no other jewelry store for miles, this offers a good opening for sales business and repair work. All jewelry, watches, silverware and clocks are offered for sale, and any goods wanted which is not carried in stock will be ordered promptly. Any one having work at the store for repairs will please call for it at once.

D. ROSS BUSHMAN.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a very valuable medicine for throat and lung troubles, quickly relieves and cures painful breathing and a dangerous sounding cough which indicates congested lungs. Sold by Murray & Bitner.

REV. S. C. STOVER INSTALLED PASTOR.

Brief Sketch by John F. Zeigler.

The church has a place to fill in the rural community that can be filled by nothing else. Too often the church has not kept pace with other rural institutions, and extremes of denominational rivalry have, in many localities, fomented strife instead of promoting peace and a united fellowship of the spiritual assets of a community. Rural needs in religion are as distinct as rural needs in education. The country church should not be a mere imitation of the city church but the nucleus of a religious power giving life and impetus to the city churches in the same degree that the pure and vigorous young manhood and womanhood growing from the country into the city is the salvation of the "Twentieth Century city" in a commercial and industrial sense.

The great need of the Protestant church in the country is a great big light in the pulpit; a preacher who preaches because his soul is on fire with the eternal truths of religion. Only a pastor big enough to unite a community on essentials of religion, in which all orthodox denominations agree, and charitable enough to ignore the petty differences of creeds, can hold a pastorate for twenty-one years and continue to be a dynamic force in the community.



REV. S. C. STOVER.

We refer to the Rev. A. A. Black whose resignation as pastor of the Boalsburg Reformed church took effect last July. As a citizen he was awake to needs of the whole community, and in the pulpit he was a tower of strength. His theology was not antiquated but as edifying as his personality was impressive. But we must not dwell upon the past "He must ever up and onward who would keep abreast of truth."

In this interim the joint consistory of the charge did not open their pulpits to a parade of oratory, but carefully looked about them for a pastor fitted both by training and experience to fill the vacancy; and a brief writup of the Rev. S. C. Stover, whose election and acceptance as pastor of the Boalsburg Reformed charge has been noted in former issues; is the real intent of this article.

To be a success in one line of work is a criterion for another vocation. The country school house has been a stepping-stone for more professional men than any other institution. His scholastic career began at Rock Hill school house near Linden Hall in 1880-1881. D. T. Wieland, deceased, was the director and he gave him the school because he liked the appearance of the young man. He was then familiarly known as "Charlie," and he must surely have been a disciplinarian for he had sixty-two pupils enrolled. The rod for that term was an unknown quantity. He was a boy among his boys, and he mastered Algebra and Grammar to such an extent that he could make a recitation interesting. He was very apt in penmanship and drawing and one year took first prize at the Centre County fair. That he had in him the making of a noble and useful man was recognized by everybody. He taught two terms of public school in other parts of the valley besides.

But we must not forget his lineage, for many of his manly qualities were inherited. He is a product of Penna Valley for he was born at Farmers Mills and his parents were John and Eva Margaret (Weaver) Stover. By trade his father was a tailor. Both parents were members of the Lutheran church and devoutly religious. While conducting family worship his father was stricken with apoplexy which caused death. This made a deep impression upon the boy. Both Lutheran and Reformed ministers often visited their home and on one occasion one of them called the boy to himself and said, "Charlie, some day you will be a minister." He never forgot this suggestion. The boy had a true sense of reverence. He was naturally of a retiring disposition but his mind was active and although he did not attend public school till eight years of age he soon surpassed boys older than himself. Like so many children

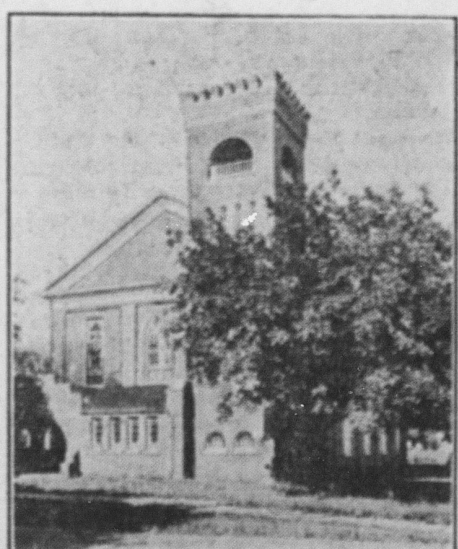
of this good old Keystone state he could only speak in the vernacular of "Pennsylvania German." In school exhibitions he took a prominent part and was often complimented for his ability as a public speaker. To prepare himself for teaching he attended the Penn Hall Academy, walking four miles morning and evening. His success thus far gave him the college outlook and he decided to possess the intellectual Canaan and pay the price. He entered Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster because most of his friends went there. While teaching the Academy at Aaronsburg he united with the Reformed church, never having joined any church before, and decided to study for the ministry. He completed his course in 1888 having entered the sophomore class in 1882, and became pastor of the Dummings Creek church, Bedford county, and while there he was married to Miss Sadie Kuhns, of Berlin, Pa. His next charge was Troutville, Clearfield county, where he preached in both German and English and repaired two churches and built a parsonage. His charge before coming to Boalsburg was the Wilhelm charge, of two congregations, near Myersdale.

He preaches mostly without notes, memorizing the facts and outline. He is not wordy nor given to much ornamental language, but he is plain, practical and direct and gives his hearers something to think about during the week. To interpret the Word from the pulpit may be regarded as one of his strong points. Press comments as to the excellence of his sermons are frequent. His successor on the Cessna charge said to him, "I never followed a man who has so many friends as you seem to have here."

"Tis truly said, 'nothing succeeds like success.' Character is capital; character wrought by effort put forth to win success. The country pastor is again coming into his own and he has a golden opportunity before him. Country churches need pastors trained for country needs. Agriculture is a science as much as theology or preaching, and the forceful illustrations drawn from the parables of the Master of men are inseparable from the pulpit discourse. It is not well to mix politics with religion, but if all men would vote as they pray, mixing religion with politics, government would be an easier problem. The signs of the times point to a great era for the country church.

THE INSTALLATION.

Wednesday morning Rev. Stover was officially installed as pastor of the Boalsburg Reformed charge, Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, of Bellefonte, and Rev. H. I. Crow, of Hubersburg, being the



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ministers in charge. After the services were over the new pastor was heartily greeted by the members of his charge and citizens of Boalsburg and vicinity.

At the noon hour a sumptuous repast was served at the parsonage, the good things having been prepared by members of the various congregations, thus the occasion became a feast in more sense than one. The social feature was also greatly enjoyed by every one present.

An important business session was held in the church in the afternoon, in which the officers of the various congregations in the charge which make up the joint consistory, as well as the officers of the State College congregation participated. The outcome was that Rev. Stover will also preach for the State College congregation.

This assembling of members of the charge was taken advantage of by many to make the new minister a donation. Grains of all kinds were poured into the bins until they overflowed.

A number of students who are taking the agricultural course at Pennsylvania State College and are specializing on poultry, were in Centre Hall last week, and spent the greater part of the day at the yards of C. D. Bartholomew and A. E. Kerlin, who probably have the largest and most complete poultry plants in Centre county.

THE GRANGE LIBRARY.

New Books Just Received from the Free Library Commission.

The free library, in Grange Arcadia, under the supervision of Progress Grange, has just received a new set of books from the Pennsylvania Free Library Commission, of Harrisburg. The authors and titles of the books are appended:

- Ade: Breaking Into Society
- Aldrich: Little Women
- Aldrich: Queen of Sheba
- Austin: Kentucky Cardinal
- Allen: Veronica
- Bailey: Principals of Fruit Growing
- Baker: Youngsters of Centerville
- Balzac: Chouans
- Bell: As Seen by Me
- Brooks: True Story of Columbus
- Brown: Gentlemen of the South
- Cable: John March, Southerner
- Carroll: Davy and the Goblin
- Catherwood: Lazarus
- Collidge: Little Country Girl
- Crawford: In the Palace of the King
- Davis: West, from a Car Window
- Duncan: Cruise of the Shining Light
- Dyer: Evolution of Industry
- Elliott: Mill on the Floss
- Fisher: Mississippi Valley in the Civil War
- Fisher: Katherine Day
- Geddie: Hours with the Bible, New Testament
- Good: Magical Experiments
- Goss: Tom Clifton
- Grant: Chippendale
- Hawthorne: Mosses from an Old Manse
- Henty: Cochine the Dauntless
- Hillegas: Oom Paul's People
- Jacobs: More English Fairy Tales
- Keays: Dorothy and Her Friends
- Lincoln: Mr. Pratt
- Longfellow: Tales of a Wayside Inn
- Miller: Our Home Pets
- Moffett: Careers of Danger and Daring
- Oxenham: Long Road
- Parrish: Bob Hampton
- Parsons: According to Season
- Porter: Girl of the Limberlost
- Pyle: Careless Jane
- Randall: Little Journey to Norway and Sweden
- Rankin: Dandelion Cottage
- Roche: By Ways of War
- Smith: Tom Grogan
- Stevenson: Young Section-hand
- Tilston: Children's Hour
- Tomlinson: Rider of the Black Horse
- Twombly: Hawaii and Its People
- Vacaresco: Kings and Queens I Have Seen

K. G. E. Officers Installed.

Friday evening the officers of the Centre Hall Castle, K. G. E. No. 365, were installed by the D. G. N., W. C. Gramley. The officers are:

- Past Chief, C. E. Bradford
- Noble Chief, William Bradford
- Vice Chief, Roy Kuhn
- High Priest, W. G. Horner
- Venerable Master, C. Stump
- Master of Records, J. H. Puff
- Chief of Execution, J. A. Martz
- Keeper of Exchequer, A. C. Ripka
- Sir Herald, J. C. Lingle
- Worthy Bard, F. E. Snyder
- Worthy Chamberlain, George Earhart
- Ensign, Robert Smith
- Esquire, Jerry Smith
- First Guardsman, George Bradford
- Second Guardsman, John Martz
- Trustees, William Keller, 18 months; George Horner, 12 months; J. H. Auman, 6 months
- Representative to Grand Castle, W. F. Floras

The following members were present from Centre; Castle at Spring Mills: Elias Weaver, J. J. Taylor, W. M. Ruhl, J. W. H. Gobble and J. W. Whitman.

Post-Fredericks.

Lew Foust and Miss Kate Fredericks, both of Potter township, were married during the holidays while on a trip to the Pittsburg district. They are not telling just where the knot was tied, but are content to tell their friends that the event took place. They are now living in Gregg township, but next spring will go to Westmoreland county.

Transfers of Real Estate.

- W. F. Speer to W. T. Speer, August 13, 1903, in Bellefonte, \$1200.
- C. G. Divinney et al to Charles Plank, November 19, 1910, in Phillipsburg, \$1000.
- Horace W. Orwig et ux to William Whitmer Stone company October 15, 1910, in Gregg twp., \$250.
- George W. Bratton et al to Phillipsburg Hardware Co., December 20, 1910, in Phillipsburg, \$5500.
- G. W. P. Gray's heirs to B. F. Davis, May 21, 1910, in Ferguson twp., \$125.
- Celia V. Brungart et ux to Celia V. Brungart, December 20, 1910, in Miles township, \$5500.
- Sarah Rothrock et al to Laura L. Bechdel, lot in Liberty twp., April 26, 1910, \$1.
- W. H. Neff et ux to Lot H. Neff, November 10, 1910, lot in Howard, \$2500.
- Wm. L. Foster et al to Clyde E. Thomas, December 19, 1910, lot in State College, \$300.
- Wm. Fairnie et ux to Moshannon Ceral Miningier, tract of land in Rush twp., September 10, 1910, \$700.
- Wm. Lyons et ux to Robert P. Confer, lot in Howard twp., November 7, 1910, \$300.
- Cora E. France et bar to William Miller, lot in Phillipsburg, November 30, 1910, \$3500.
- Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivaled as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. Sold by Murray & Bitner.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Progress Grange will hold a regular meeting Saturday afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company will be held today (Thursday) in Bellefonte.

By falling through a hay hole in the barn of Amos Eby, a farm hand named John H. Brindle received a broken shoulder blade.

Samuel Alter, who occupies the Coburn farm in Gregg township, will move on April 1st onto the Jared Kreamer farm, east of Esbersburg.

The week of prayer services were better attended this year than for some years. There was also a greater interest manifested than heretofore. This speaks well for the community.

H. Clymer Musser, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, accompanied by his wife who is a western lady, is in the east, visiting relatives and friends about Millheim, from which place he went west seventeen years ago.

This is the way Prof. Cyrus Grov, Superintendent of Schools, in Stephenson County, Illinois, puts it: "I confess the Reporter brings me a big income, by way of personal satisfaction, on the investment."

The Middleburg Post, in its last issue, contained this personal: Mrs. Calvin Osman, of Glen Iron and Mrs. Samuel Osman and little son, Samuel, of Bellefonte, spent some time with Reno Bowersox and wife of Middleburg.

The State College Cadets, seven hundred strong, and a band of forty pieces, will not be able to accept the invitation to participate in the inauguration of Governor Tener, because they are not supplied with winter clothing.

Daniel Ripka, of Spring Mills, was a caller last week. At the sale of live stock, etc., by William Matter, Mr. Ripka laid a horse blanket in the kitchen, which he thinks some one got in mistake, and will be pleased to have word from the person who accidentally got it.

Among the beginners on the farm this coming spring will be Charles Burris, of Centre Hall, who follows Shem Hackenberg as tenant on the J. T. Potter farm, west of Centre Hall. Mr. Burris will stock the farm, and will conduct the farming operations under a lease most common in this community.

The auditing of the accounts of the county commissioners will this year require more time than ever, owing to the numerous bills referring to the court house improvements. The auditors are at work now, and [are these: H. B. Pontius, Bellefonte; R. D. Musser, Spring Mills, and C. U. Hoffer, Phillipsburg.

The barn in Buffalo Run Valley, near Valley View, on the farm owned by Wesley Rider, and tenanted by Harvey Bradley, was burned a short time ago. The stock was saved, but all the implements, grain and hay were destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown, but incendiary is suspected. There was some insurance.

It is the intention of William M. Sweeney, of Centre Hill, to move to Westmoreland county, where he will farm one of the numerous farms owned by a coal company, in the vicinity of Derry. Mr. and Mrs. Lew Foust, also of Potter township, will locate in the same neighborhood. Both parties will leave here some time during March.

C. A. Grove, of near Bellefonte, will make sale of his farm stock and implements, on March 22, and will retire from the farm. He will move into his property near the farm. Mr. Grove has been successful in breeding and growing both heavy draft and driving horses, and at his sale there will be some of the best horses offered. John Reish, of Pleasant Gap, will become Mr. Grove's tenant.

The number of veal calves shipped by Butcher Dauberman one is led to believe that the average farmer is not raising more stock than heretofore, although milk cows are bringing unprecedented high prices. And while on the subject, the Reporter has a word of commendation for the butcher referred to, because of the fact that in severe weather the crates in which calves are hauled are canvased, indicating that not all butchers are heartless.

Assessor W. W. McCormick, of Pottery Mills, in making the fall assessment was impressed with the great number of changes of locations to be made among farmers and others, in his district, next spring. This especially seems odd to Mr. McCormick, who has lived on one of the Allison farms for fifty-two years, the first twenty-six of which he lived with his father who was a tenant there, and an equal time has elapsed since he is farming as his father's successor.

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