



LOCAL I. O. O. F. GROWING.

Members Admitted Saturday Evening—Spring Mills team Give Degree Work.

Saturday evening was a notable occasion in the history of the local order of Odd Fellows. Fifty or more members of the Spring Mills lodge, among whom were the members of the degree staff of that lodge, were guests. The staff, which by the way is considered one of great efficiency, conferred the first, or degree of Friendship, on two members. The Spring Mills orchestra was also present, and their choice music was greatly enjoyed by all present, and aided much in making the degree work impressive.

The various lodges represented on this occasion were these: Centre Lodge, Bellefonte; Renovo, Boalsburg, and Pine Grove Mills. Several of the brothers gave excellent talks on Odd Fellowship.

After the closing ceremonies of the order were gone through, refreshments were served and about one hundred and twenty-five persons participated in this part of the program.

The Spring Mills degree staff is composed of the following persons: B. F. Kennelly, captain; D. W. Sweetwood, A. L. Duck, J. A. Wagner, W. H. Sinkabine, W. O. Gramley, J. D. Wagner, L. E. Runkle, H. W. Weaver, William Neese, W. O. Ripka, J. S. Meyer, E. S. Ripka, S. L. Condo, W. W. Jamison, T. M. Gramley. The musical features were under the direction of C. E. Zeigler and W. C. Meyer.

The Centre Hall Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 895, was instituted thirty-six years ago, and now has a membership of about eighty-five. Many of the members are scattered throughout the states, yet the local lodge is a most active one and is successful in a financial way. Its equipment is equal to any in the county, and although it does not own its own home, they have a lot on the diamond and a building on it that is bringing good interest on the investment. The order is looking forward to a time when they will have a home that will net them a handsome income.

Breed Better Horses.

The shipping and selling of western horses in Centre county at top prices ought to encourage breeding of horses. The Centre county farmers do not breed enough horses for domestic use, to say nothing of putting home-bred horses on the market.

At the State College horse show, last fall, the class of colts called forth special mention by the judge, who stated they were as good as could be found anywhere. This indicates that there is no necessity to go to the far west for serviceable and marketable horses, but that they can be bred in Centre county as well as anywhere else. To begin with the scrub brood mare and scrub sires should be eliminated. With good dams and sires, and proper feeding the question is pretty well solved.

Feeding Lectures.

In response to requests by patrons of the State College Creamery, there will be offered in the lecture room of the Dairy Building at State College, on Tuesday evening, March 7, at 7:45 and succeeding Tuesday evenings until completed, lectures and practice in the making of properly balanced and the most economical rations from the feeds available on our local markets.

Any one interested in the mixing of rations and selection of feeds for dairy cows is invited to attend the lectures. Practice will be given in the figuring of rations, with help for those who desire it. Those taking the work should bring note books and pencils. There will be no charge, the only requisite is, be on time at 7:45 p. m.

H. E. VAN NORMAN,
Professor of Dairy Husbandry.

Tuberculosis Lay.

April 30th has been set aside this year as "Tuberculosis Day" and will be observed in 200,000 churches in the country in a manner similar to that of "Tuberculosis Sunday" in 1910 when over 40,000 sermons were preached on the prevention of consumption. In this first official announcement of the occasion made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis the leaders of the movement state that they hope to enlist all of the 33,000,000 church members in the country.

15 Post Cards For Ten Cents.

A special sale of postcards is on at the Reporter office. Fifteen cards, three of which are birthday cards, for ten cents. Sent by mail, postage paid at this end. The quantity is limited; send in your order early. Every card is a good one. No discount on this offer.

Centre is not the only county that has a large crop of candidates for local offices. All the adjoining counties have a large number of volunteers.

Corn Contest for Boys.

In the hope of increasing the corn crop of the state, the department of agricultural extension of the Pennsylvania State College will open a corn growing contest for boys. Any boy in Pennsylvania who is not over twenty years of age can compete.

The stipulations are that the corn shall be grown on a plot containing forty square rods, or one-quarter of an acre; that the planting and husking, weight and measurements of ten specimen ears shall be attested by two disinterested persons.

Prizes will be awarded to the three boys showing the best results in each county. To the three showing the highest number of points, a winter course of twelve weeks at State College, expenses to farmer's week there and three books on agricultural subjects will be awarded, respectively.

Boys desirous of competing will be given further information by addressing the department of agricultural extension, which will forward a circular of suggestions.

To the Boys and Girls.

At a meeting of the lecture course committee it was decided to give an opportunity to the boys and girls to earn a general admission ticket to the next lecture which will be given Saturday evening, March 18th.

To earn a general admission ticket, which is worth twenty cents, it will be required to sell one dollar's worth of tickets for this lecture.

Tickets may be secured at the Reporter office any time after Saturday morning, 4th inst., by any responsible boy or girl who wishes to earn his or her own admission.

Dr. McConnell, the lecturer booked for the last number in the lecture course, is undoubtedly the peer of any lecturer who appeared on the local platform.

Public Sales.

Public sales during the next ten days that will attract buyers are these:

Thursday, March 2—Irvin Burris, west of Centre Hall

Saturday, March 4—William Bradford, Old Fort

Tuesday, March 7—James McCool, near Tusseyville

Wednesday, March 8—Hackenberg and Potter, west of Centre Hall

Thursday, March 9—George E. Breen, west of Centre Hall

Friday, March 10—Jerome Auman, west of Old Fort

These are all large sales. More definite information will be obtained by referring to the Reporter sale register and posters.

Smith-Smith.

The marriage of Witter Smith and Miss Elizabeth Smith, both of Bellefonte, took place in Williamsport, Thursday of last week. Mr. Smith is manager of the Bellefonte Commercial telephone exchange, and Miss Smith was also connected with the company as financial agent. The groom is a son of Mrs. Maggie Smith, of Centre Hall, and the bride is a sister of Dairyman W. J. Smith, also of Centre Hall. Congratulations.

Execution April 25th.

For the murder of Hulda Baudis, October 16th, Bert Delige will be hanged Tuesday, April 25th.

A NOVEL INTRODUCTION.

Dr. Howard Co. Makes a Special Price. The Dr. Howard Company have entered into an arrangement with Murray and Bitner's drug 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.

Headaches, coated tongue, dizziness, gas on the stomach, specks before the eyes, constipation and all forms of malaria and liver trouble are soon cured by this scientific medicine.

Fully nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism is simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, neither of which require any internal treatment. All that is needed to afford relief is the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. Give it a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the quick relief which it affords. Sold by Murray and Bitner.

There was nothing summer-like about February. March may prove more spring-like, later on.

Medicines that sid nature are always most successful. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold by Murray & Bitner.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

FREEPORT, ILL., Feb. 25, 1911.

Editor of the Reporter:

Possibly a few lines from this section will be of interest to your readers. The long protracted drouth, at length, is broken, and the fastidious house wife is again permitted a generous use of cistern water.

Last summer the rainfall was light all over this section, yet crops yielded heavily. Of course, vegetation adapted itself, and drew the reserve moisture, stored in the subsoil, from the heavy snows of the previous winter.

The winter, thus far, was comparatively mild with little snow or rain until the past two weeks. We, too, had a long siege of icy weather. The snowfall of two weeks ago, together with the rainfall and thaw of the past week, has brought about a very critical flood situation on the lowlands here. The Pecatonica River, which passes through this city, was more than a foot higher than was ever known, being fifteen and one-half feet above the low water mark. Many of the manufacturing plants were temporarily crippled and had to shut down. Hundreds of poor people from the settlements near the river had to abandon their homes in boats leaving their cellars and winter supplies, and, in some instances, their stock to the mercy of the angry, icy waters. A number of the heavy iron bridges that span the river were in imminent peril, as were also many homes in the flooded district ere the waters subsided. At some points in the city, the river was nearly a mile wide. Fortunately no one was drowned.

The public sale register for this locality, like that of the Reporter, is one of unusual length. Stock of all kinds bring good prices at our sales. Teams bring as high as five hundred dollars, while good individuals sell as high as three hundred dollars. Good cows sell for from sixty to seventy-five dollars. Brood sows, too, sell at fancy prices.

Many farms in this county have changed hands the past year at from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre. The older generation, many of whom have grown wealthy, and wish to rid themselves of the strenuous life and responsibilities of the farm, have sold their farms and stock, and retired to the city. The cry of "back to the farm" has become a sort of contagion and there is quite a noticeable exodus from the shop and factory and a scramble for the small farm and the less complex and more independent life of the country.

Corn is worth forty and forty-five cents; oats twenty-five to thirty cents, wholesale. Hay (clover or timothy) is worth fourteen dollars per ton; baled straw, seven dollars per ton; apples from one dollar and twenty-five cents to two dollars and forty cents per bushel, according to kind and quality. Grain fields and hay meadows are in fine condition.

The sentiment of this section seems rather to favor Taft's reciprocity measure while the East seems to strongly oppose. There is a good reason for this, of course, as it costs more, when everything is taken into account, to grow a bushel or ton of any of the farm commodities in the East than on the cheaper and newer lands of the West and Northwest. Hence without discriminating tax the eastern farmer has to face every unfair competition. But in the entire tariff arrangement there is always some one's ox which is likely to be gored. With such strong supporters as Secretary Knox, Champ Clark, James R. Hill, of the Northern Pacific, and Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, in whom all farmers have the greatest of confidence, President Taft can feel assured that reciprocity or free trade with our neighbor Canada, may certainly end profitably to all concerned.

J. H. STEFFLER.

McConnell, Illinois, Feb. 22.

Dear Editor Reporter:

Although it was some time ago, I want to say something about my trip to the east, last fall, for apples. On reaching the Pennsylvania border line, Perry Jordan, who accompanied me, and myself began looking for laden apple trees, but nothing could be seen in this line until Centre county was reached. We secured 175 barrels of apples, fifty-three gallons of apple butter and twenty-four quarts of chestnuts. The car reached here in good condition, and the apples sold readily. The Pennsylvania apple has a superior flavor to any other, and the former Pennsylvanian knows this and always prefers apples from the old home state.

On our trip east we made a narrow escape from losing our lives. Just west of Fort Wayne, Indiana, our

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DEATHS.

The following is from the Orangeville (Illinois) Courier, and refers to the wife of a former Potter township resident:

"Mrs. Mary Amelia Jordan died at her home east of McConnell last Saturday evening at 10:30 o'clock as a result of a complication of diseases and following a surgical operation, Wednesday, February 15. Mary A. Frank was born in Germany, October 11, 1833, and was married to Frank J. Jordan, February 18, 1853, passing away on the twenty-eighth anniversary of her marriage. To this union five children were born, one dying in infancy. Her husband and the following children survive: Harry, Wesley and Hattie, at home and Dora Trester, of near Orangeville.

The funeral services were held from the home Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock and later from the U. B. church in McConnell, Rev. Mr. Bahr, of Lena, and Rev. Mr. Metzker, of Orangeville, being in charge. The Basswood male quartette furnished the music. A. S. Bechtold had charge of the funeral arrangements and the pallbearers were Will, Samuel Lewis and John Homan, John Stabnow and John Fields."

At the age of sixty-seven years, Mrs. Mary Smith died in Altoona at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Moore. She was found unconscious, and died some hours afterward. The deceased was born and raised at Pine Grove Mills, and was the widow of the late Thomas G. Smith. She is survived by ten children.

Mrs. Thomas W. Murray, born at Washington Furnace, in Nittany Valley, died at her home at Snow Shoe Intersection, aged fifty-eight years. Her husband and several children survive.

After suffering for a year or more from gall stones, Miss Mary E. Eckley died at the Bellefonte hospital following an operation. She lived at Valley View, near Bellefonte, and was aged fifty-six years.

Miss Alice M. Meyer, of Lamar, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Meyer, died after an operation for goitre. Interment was made at the Mt. Bethel cemetery, Rev. H. I. Crow officiating.

Charles Gross, of Half Moon township, died from tuberculosis, aged thirty-four years. He is survived by a wife and two children. Samuel Gross, of Centre Hall, is a brother.

Ralph Thomas, son of Thomas Bertram, aged almost sixteen years, died at the home of his parents on Spring Creek, near Bellefonte.

John Howley, who came to America from Ireland in 1854, died in Bellefonte, aged seventy-six years.

Samuel Vaughn, of Sandy Ridge, aged fifty-five years, born in Rush township, died last week.

Population of Boroughs.

The boroughs in Centre county have nothing to boast of in increase of population, and the same story will be related when the population of townships is made known. The census reports on boroughs appears below:

Bellefonte	1910	1900	1890
	4145	4216	3946
Phillipsburg	3585	3295	3245
State College	1439	831	
Howard	667	563	554
Centre Hall	500	387	441
Millheim	626	612	700
Millersburg	381	394	714

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are safe, sure and reliable, and have been praised by thousands of women who have been restored to health through their gentle and curative properties. Sold by Murray & Bitner.

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train was derailed, but as luck had it, our car remained on the track.

J. H. JORDAN.

This message from one of the Reporter subscribers in Nebraska ought to jar the Postmaster General who made the ruling that "weekly publications must be discontinued after twelve months subscription is due." Here is the message, forwarded on a postal card:

Nebraska, Feb. 21.
"Dear Mr. Smith: Will you please continue to send my paper, the Centre Reporter. I do not have the money at present to pay for it, but just as soon as I can get it I will forward it to you, as I do not want the paper stopped, as I would be so lonesome without its weekly visit to me.

Very truly,

SHERIFFS OF CENTRE COUNTY

Who are Living Today—Banquet Held Last Week at the Haag House.

Last week mention was made of a banquet held at the Haag House by the former and present sheriffs of Centre county. All the sheriffs now living, except two, namely Condo, of York, and Runkle, of Punxsutawney, were present. Below is printed a list of the sheriffs in rotation as elected and appointed, the deputies present being marked with the asterisk:

D. W. Woodring from 1869 to 1872.
B. F. Shaffer from 1872 to 1876.
T. J. Dunkle from 1876 to 1885.
W. Miles Walker from 1885 to 1888.
Robert Cook from 1888 to 1891.
W. A. Jaeger from 1891 to 1894.
John P. Condo from 1894 to 1897.
W. M. Conster from 1897 to 1900.
Cyrus Brungart from 1900 to 1903.
H. S. Taylor from 1903 to 1906.
Henry Kline from 1906 to 1909.
W. E. Hurley from 1909 to 1912.

List of deputies serving during these years:
* H. Y. Stitzer from 1869 to 1866.
* B. F. Shaffer from 1872 to 1876.
* L. T. Munson from 1876 to 1879.
* Rouben Spangler from 1879 to 1882.
David Dunkle and W. D. Dukeman from 1882 to 1885.
W. D. Dukeman from 1885 to 1888.
* Robert Wilson from 1888 to 1891.
G. W. Crawford from 1891 to 1894.
C. W. Weaver from 1894 to 1897.
* H. J. Jackson from 1897 to 1900.
* W. F. Reese from 1900 to 1909.
* Harry Gosz, J. B. Strohm and W. F. Reese from 1909 to date.

Pastorates being Filled.

Gradually the vacancies in the several pastorates on the south side of Centre county are being filled. The last field to call a pastor was Aaronburg charge, when it elected and issued a call to Rev. M. D. Geesey, of Orriestown, to succeed Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder who vacated the charge some months ago. Both Lutheran and Reformed pastors have been installed at Rebersburg during the past few months, and the Boalsburg Reformed charge just recently officially installed Rev. S. C. Stover, and the Lutheran pastor at Pine Grove Mills, Rev. S. J. Shultz, is also a comparatively new man in that field. The Reformed charge that regretted the departure of Rev. Daniel Gress is also contemplating filling the vacancy in the near future, and after that is done the pastorates in Penns and Brush Valleys will have been filled.

Transfers of Real Estate.

William Laurie's exrs. to Isaac Miller, June 1, 1909, tract of land in Bellefonte, \$600.

Hamil Holmes et ux to Hiram Thompson, January 28, 1911, tract of land in State College, \$4000.

Moess Thompson's exrs. to George B. Thompson, February 4, 1911, tract of land in Patton twp., \$10,000.

L. F. Calderwood et ux to J. P. Gates, April 14, 1910, tract of land in South Phillipsburg, \$450.

F. W. Crider et ux to Joseph Sappiah, January 31, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp., \$399.20.

Aaron W. Reese et ux to Annie Spotts, June 30, 1903, tract of land in Port Matilda, \$20.

Sarah E. Garja to Anna M. Brown et al., January 30, tract of land in State College, \$6000.

Thomas Foster et al. to P. R. Auman, March, 27, 1909, tract of land in State College, \$300.

J. A. Harper's heirs to Mary A. Moerschbaecker, February 7, 1911, tract of land in Bellefonte, \$1800.

Franklin Galbraith et ux to Mary G. Woodring, December 24, 1902, tract of land in Bellefonte, \$538.80.

Carie D. White et ux to Mettie M. Hull, February 14, 1911, tract of land in Bellefonte, \$600.

John Gallo et ux to Mary Gallo, March 9, 1908, tract of land in Rush twp., \$30.

Sarah A. Homer to Orvis Lee Horner, January 4, 1910, tract of land in Potter twp., \$5.

George B. Thompson et ux to John I. Thompson, February 4, 1911, tract of land in Patton twp., \$5,000.

F. W. Crider et ux to Ira Harpeter, August 16, 1910, tract of land in Halfmoon twp., \$611.

Tusseyville.

Martha, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wert, has been suffering from the grippe the last few days. Miss Della Rockey, who visited friends at Tusseyville a few days last week, returned to her home at Fillmore.

William Martz and family and Mr. Frazier and family spent an evening last week at the home of William Bitner.

Mrs. John Ruhj and Miss Spangler, of Sugar Valley, spent a few days at the home of Mrs. John Spangler, at Tusseyville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dehl spent Washington's birthday at the home of Mrs. Dehl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Floray, at Tusseyville.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kreamer, of State College.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Durst entertained a large number of young people at their home on Friday night of last week.

Keep in mind the lecture tomorrow (Friday) evening in Grange Arcadia, by Dr. H. A. Surface. Doors will be open to all.

Mrs. Anna Bell Hettinger has changed the date of her sale from Thursday, March 16, to Friday, March 17th. Please note the change.

The real estate of the late J. W. Haffley, in Aronsburg, was recently sold by Dr. S. C. Musser, as administrator, to O. J. Auman for the sum of \$3,600.

John Griffith sold his store, at Pleasant Gap, to C. K. Stitzer, formerly a Scotia merchant. He took possession of the store on the first of this month.

John Smith, of Spring Mills, who has been indisposed for some time, took an eastern trip last week. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Gramley.

During the past ten years Lewisburg's population decreased three hundred and seventy-six. Millflinburg gained one hundred and twenty-three and is now 1,559.

Ralph Zimmerman, of Millheim, while at work on the saw mill owned by his father, E. H. Zimmerman, got his hand into a saw, the result being a number of bad lacerations.

The marriage of John McCoy and Miss Mary Harris will take place at the home of the bride's mother, in Bellefonte, next Wednesday. Invitations have been issued for the event.

"Daisy," who did service for many years on a farm, went the way of all horse flesh Sunday morning. She was the property of James S. Stahl, and although somewhat aged was useful.

The last date set for the dedication of the re-built court house is Friday, May 19th. This agreement resulted after a conference between the county commissioners, Judge Orvis and Judge Beaver.

The horse chanced off by the order of Knights of Columbus, in Bellefonte, was purchased from L. L. Smith, in Centre Hall. The winning number was held by the Potter-Hoy Hardware Company.

The population of Bellefonte according to the last census is four thousand one hundred and forty-five, a loss of seventy-one in ten years, and a gain in twenty years of one hundred and ninety-nine.

J. W. Conley will make public sale of his farm stock and implements, Friday, March 31st. The Conley farm, as stated before, will be farmed by A. P. Krape and his son-in-law, Harry C. Reish.

Lycemong county has the distinction of having a female rural mail carrier. She is Mrs. Harter, the substitute for her husband, E. E. Harter, who serves the rural route between Roaring Branch and Liberty.

Rev. C. D. Caris has been returned to Spring Mills by the Evangelical conference, at Williamsport, as pastor of the Penns Valley congregations. Rev. J. H. Rosenberger has been appointed to the Sugar Valley field.

George Smith, of Union county, who for some time had been employed by John Neese and the Shoos at Spring Mills, and Gardner Long, a son of Samuel Long, of Farmers Mills, on Monday went to Freeport, Illinois. Their intentions are to engage as farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Heckman, who for the past year or more lived on the Dr. Frank Farm, just this side of Millheim, made sale of their personal property, and on Monday started for Lena, Illinois, where they will move onto a farm either as farmers or assistants.

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The dwelling house owned and occupied by Mrs. David Shawley, at Axe Mann, was burned recently, having taken fire early in the morning. The family escaped with but a few belongings. The loss was considerable above the insurance received, which was \$1080 from a St. Louis company.

The March number of The Ladies' World leads off with one of the best articles on Tolstoy and his family that have appeared. After reading it one has a clear idea of the conditions which, long continued and acute for the last ten years of his life, finally influenced the old humanitarian to leave his home and welcome death.