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ROAD BUILDING TO BEGIN IN JUNE.

With \$4,000,000 of the Entire \$6,000,000 Available, Needn't Wait to Borrow.

Radically amended, the Spruill main highway bill, which was reported to the Senate from the Roads Committee with an affirmative recommendation, makes provision for seventy-three new routes in addition to the two hundred and three originally provided, with numerous changes in routes of highways enumerated in the bill when presented. The additional route under this amendment passing through Centre county is one from Holidaysburg to Bellefonte.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$6,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 is for construction and maintenance of State highways and \$2,000,000 for continuance of the present plan of State aid to boroughs and townships, but on a different basis, the State paying only 50 per cent, of cost instead of 75, as under existing laws.

The bill is not contingent upon the approval of the constitutional amendment for issue of \$50,000,000 of bonds for road construction, although should that measure be approved by the people the proceeds could be used. The appropriation carried in the bill is to be made out of State funds, and successive appropriations may be made to carry out the program as outlined in the measure.

GET TO WORK IN JUNE.

Under the terms of the bill the State Highway Commissioner is to take over all routes mentioned in the bill by June 1, 1912, provided notice of the taking of such routes is given to the counties and districts. When the State assumes control of a road it is responsible for the maintenance, whether reconstruction is begun or not. Some changes are made in the department forces by the bill as reported out, the engineers being increased from seven to fifteen and the office of department auditor created at \$3000 per year. This auditor must be a certified public accountant.

The plan of the Administration is to start the construction of sections of road designed to be parts of the main highway system as soon as possible after the bill is passed and approved and the appropriation becomes available. This would inaugurate the work in June of the present year.

Utterly Silly.

The appended paragraph, a part of Taft's message to the sixty-second congress, urging that body to pass favorably on the reciprocal agreement with Canada, proves that the president of the United States does not know what he is talking about. Whatever induced Mr. Taft to make the utterly silly expression that reciprocity with Canada would "offer a broader outlet for the excess products of our farms," is puzzling even those who at one time favored the agreement. The paragraph referred to follows:

"The agreement in its intent and in its terms was purely economic and commercial. While the general subject was under discussion by the commissioners, I felt assured that the sentiment of the people of the United States was such that they would welcome a measure which would result in the increase of trade on both sides of the boundary line; would open up the reserve productive resources of Canada to the great mass of our own consumers on advantageous conditions, and at the same time offer a broader outlet for the excess products of our farms and many of our industries."

After reading Mr. Taft's message, every farmer will be able to see that the president is not acquainted with his subject or else he is purposely perverting the truth.

The New Primary Law.

The one feature of the new primary law that most interests the voters in Centre county, whether Democrats, Keystoneers or Republicans, is the clause which requires, if challenged, the voter to qualify that he voted at the last election for a majority of the candidates on the ticket of the political complexion for which he calls. It is conceded that a voter has a moral and legal right to call for and vote the ballot of his national party at the September primary. It is only when challenged that he will be forced to cast aside the ballot of his national party, provided he did not vote for a majority of the candidates on that ticket last fall.

In Centre county neither the leaders in the Democratic nor Republican parties—although some of them would perhaps like to do so—will advise challenging, for only a fool would seek to drive from the fold voters willing to participate in nominating candidates for county, township and borough officers simply because they could not and would not support the action of rotten state leaders in nominating candidates for governor of their respective parties.

The New Primary Election.

The new primary election law having been approved by the governor, and becoming immediately effective, the former June primaries are therefore abolished. The primaries will now be held on the last Saturday of September, except for the election of delegates to state and national conventions, in which cases the primaries shall be held in April. Approximately, the primaries for municipal and county offices will now come but six weeks before the general elections. This interval would have been considerably shorter had the question been left for settlement to the assemblymen from Philadelphia and Allegheny county, as these men attempted to have the primaries designated for October.

With the primaries in September, instead of June, as heretofore the rule, the great field of aspirants for nomination will be compelled to put in two more months of work and anxiety before their fate is known at the hands of their respective parties. Hereafter, however, this will be obviated by the natural adjustment of affairs, in that candidates will not announce themselves so early, thus eventually getting back to the former length of time taken for a canvass. Much of the winter season will be cut out of the canvasses under the time fixed by the new primary law, as the holding of the primaries in September instead of June will afford at least six good weather months in which to electioneer. This fact will probably be appreciated by those who have canvassed a county the size of Centre during the winter months. As an offset to this seeming advantage, however, it will likely be claimed that so far as the voters in the rural districts are concerned they may be too busy during the summer months to listen to appeals of the nomination-seekers.

New Hunter's License Bill.

The public is again reminded that another resident hunter's license bill is before the Pennsylvania legislature, this time in the senate. The changed condition of this bill, however, as compared with the original and highly unsatisfactory one, may not meet the public disapproval that was shown toward the first. The present bill provides for the payment of one dollar per year as a license fee, by all resident hunters, but land owners or bona fide tenants and their children on their own or rented lands, are exempt. Fifty per cent. of the revenue so derived will be used in payment of bounties for the destruction of weasels, mink, hawks and vermin that destroy song and insectivorous birds and poultry. It is estimated that the amount thus to be distributed in bounties will be about \$75,000 per year. This feature will profit the country and wooded districts directly, in that bounties, for the most part, will be earned by the boys and the men of the rural communities. The remaining fifty per cent. of the revenues raised will be applied to the protection, propagation and distribution of game under the supervision of the state game commission. At present the appropriation available to the game commission amounts to \$20,000 per year. This amount must be applied to protect over 28,000,000 acres.

Pine Grove Mills I. O. O. F.

The officers elect of the Penna Valley lodge 276, I. O. O. F., at Pine Grove Mills, were installed by Dr. R. M. Krebs, and are as follows: Noble grand, Demp S. Peterson; vice grand, C. L. Sunday; secretary, H. N. Walker; chaplain, Dr. R. M. Krebs; warden, A. S. Walker; conductor, J. S. Miller; R. S. to N. G., W. H. Goss; L. S. to N. G., H. M. Walker; R. S. to V. G., C. H. Myers; L. S. to V. G., E. T. Parsons; R. S. B., Prof. C. L. White; L. S. B., E. T. Barto; guardians, H. Elder and J. W. Fry.

Will Inspect All Farms.

The state department of health has ordered its health officers to make an inspection of all farms from which milk is sold, either in large or small quantities. This inspection is for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the cattle, stables and particularly the water from which the cattle are watered. In several sections of the state milk is said to have been responsible for an outbreak of typhoid fever and the health department desires to determine if the real cause was not the water supplied the cattle.

The Last Sale of the Season.

The last public sale of the season will be held Saturday, at Spring Mills, by W. O. Gramley. In addition to the driving mare, forty-two hogs, eleven cows, one heifer, eight sheep, and other articles advertised for sale on posters, Mr. Gramley has decided to sell a No. 10 De Laval cream separator and a nine gallon Bentwood butter churn. The sale will begin at one o'clock.

DEATHS.

The death of Mrs. Sarah Foreman occurred Sunday afternoon at her home in Centre Hall, after an extended illness of several months. The direct cause of her death was pneumonia, although she had been a patient sufferer from other troubles also.

Deceased was a widow of John Foreman, who preceded her to the grave on the second day of April, 1904, and was aged seventy-seven years and ten months. Before her marriage to Mr. Foreman, which took place April 10, 1851, she was Sarah Raymond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Raymond, of Gregg township, being one of seven children, all of whom are now dead. After their marriage the couple moved to the Foster farm, east of Centre Hall, where they were engaged for one year with Mr. Foster. The next two years they began farming with Mr. Foster's stock. The four years following they farmed the Woods farm, near Spring Mills, and from there moved to the Wilson farm, east of Centre Hall, where for thirty-seven years they conducted that large farm. One year they lived in Centre Hall, and then moved to the Royer farm, south of Centre Hill, which was purchased by Mr. Foreman, and where he died at the above mentioned time. Mrs. Foreman moved to Centre Hall in the spring of 1905 and lived here until her death.

The deceased is survived by the following children: Frank A., of near Spring Mills; Catherine, at home; David R., of Bellefonte; Robert D., of Centre Hall; J. Wesley, of Curtin; Edward F., of Youngstown, Ohio; Edith, wife of Lyman Smith, of Centre Hall, and Jennie, at home. Two children—Susan, who was married to John Homan, of State College, and Alice, who was the wife of Robert Ramer—are dead.

Funeral services were conducted at the house, and in the Reformed church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, interment being made in the cemetery at Centre Hall. Rev. S. C. Stover, of Boalsburg, was the officiating minister.

Conrad Lingie, aged ninety-one years, three months and four days, died Wednesday night of last week, at his home at Colyer, death being due to cancer of the mouth. The deceased leaves to survive his wife, nee Sarah Immel, and the following brothers and sisters: Michael, Henry, John, Solomon and David, of Poe Valley; Susan, Elizabeth, Sarah and Deanna. The following children also survive: Sophia, of Maids, Missouri; Lydia, of Joliet, Illinois; Margaret, of Mt. Roy; Howard, of Colyer; John, of Georges Valley; Henry, on the Brookerhoff farm, below Old Fort. Two children—Michael and Matilda—are dead.

Interment was made in the Zion cemetery, Friday morning at ten o'clock, Rev. Martin, pastor of the Evangelical church, of Spring Mills, officiating.

Mrs. Viola Baney, wife of Albon Baney, of Port Matilda, died at the Bellefonte hospital. She had been a sufferer for some weeks with tuberculosis of the bowels, and two weeks or more ago was brought to the hospital for treatment but her condition was such that her recovery was impossible. She was born in College township forty-seven years ago and was a daughter of C. D. and Catharine Houtz. Surviving her are her husband and several children. The remains were taken to her old home near Lemont from where the funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon of last week, burial being made at Shiloh.

Benjamin Stem, aged about sixty years, died at his home, one mile east of Boalsburg, Tuesday morning of last week. Death was due to dropsy, and although not confined to bed Mr. Stem had been ailing for several months. A half-brother, Calvin Stem, and his step mother, who before her marriage to the deceased's father, was Mrs. Long, survive.

Funeral services were conducted at the house, the following Thursday morning, and the officiating minister was Rev. S. C. Stover of the Reformed church at Boalsburg.

Mrs. Anna Waite, widow of Henry Waite, died in Bellefonte, Monday of last week, aged seventy-nine years. She was a native of Huntingdon county, and one of her eleven children who survive is Darius Waite, of Bellefonte.

The Pink Label.

The Pink Label appears this issue. This indicates that all those who paid subscription between March 14 and April 10 will for the first time see the credit on the label. Please examine your label carefully, and see whether you have received proper credit, and if an error has been made report at once.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

The appended letter is from a former Potter township young man, who during the winter months was a visitor to his parents in Centre Hall. He has charge of the local U. S. Weather Bureau office at Lander, Wyoming. The letter follows:

Dear Editor Reporter: Noting, with more or less interest, many letters from subscribers of your paper as published in the column devoted to such publications and thinking that home people might be pleased to know some of the existing conditions in the central part of this Rocky Mountain State, I take the liberty to submit the following.

A little over a year ago it was my fortune or misfortune to be ordered from our Denver office to take charge of the local office of the Bureau, at this point. It is just three years since the railroad has made Lander its terminus. Up to that time the stage was the only means of reaching here.

The little city sits in the center of a great amphitheater several miles wide and almost entirely enclosed by the Wind River range of the Rocky Mountains. The citizens have scenery as well as good soil. The mountains are a wonderland full of freaks of nature and minerals of all kinds. There are twenty-five lakes within twenty-five miles of Lander. No city has better or more abundant water, either for drink, power or irrigation.

The population of Lander is composed largely of rich ranch owners, who have sheep and cattle grazing upon the ranges as far as 150 miles from their comfortable homes.

There are many thousand acres in the neighborhood under irrigation and producing large crops with big profits. The government is expending millions of dollars to reclaim the arid lands, while private capital is investing even larger amounts in irrigation plants.

The big thing at Lander now, as well as subsequently, is the oil. Oil wells are numerous and the district has been pretty well tested for a distance of thirty miles with every indication of vast deposits.

The valley proper is small but very rich. Crop yields are big and every thing but corn is grown successfully. Orchards and gardens are thrifty and during the growing season remind one of some particularly favored portion of the rain belt country. There are many other rich valleys tributary to Lander and all give the town assurances of ample agricultural support.

Much rich land on the reservation side of the river is being sold by the government at very reasonable prices, including water and ditches. Bids will be opened on May second for some of this land.

In the way of public buildings Lander has a Carnegie Library, Court House, Federal Land office, Forest Service, and U. S. circuit and district courts. A new Federal building is being erected at a cost of \$100,000 to be ready for use January 1, 1912.

All in all Lander has the making of a good, big city. Since the railroad has reached the town a spirit of optimism and enterprise has taken possession of the people and the push necessary to the building of a great metropolis is now apparent on all sides. It is quite likely that Lander will be the capital of the state in the near future as a more central location is desired. There are good hopes that the Northwestern will extend its railroad to the Park and thence to the coast. The Denver Laramie, and N. W. will also pass through Lander in a few years.

No better trout fishing is to be found in the United States. The season is not restricted to time but no more than twenty pounds may be caught in one day. They even catch them from the side walks in Lander. Three branches of the stream flow through the town. Hunting is also very good for large as well as small game. In the fall all who can enjoy the sport of a fortnight for elk and deer and seldom does a hunter come back without a good supply of game.

The climate is all that could be desired, having a weather office here perhaps helps some. At any rate Lander and vicinity is noted for its light wind and generally even climate. Being about the altitude of Denver and somewhat similarly located with regard to the mountains it is a place to be desired as a summer resort. Doubtless when it has better railroad facilities it will become a noted resort. Should anyone desire special information in regard to this part of the state I should be pleased to answer any inquiries.

Very truly,
EARL M. GROVE.
Lander, Wyoming, April 8, 1911.

This place, Hershey, is about eight years old. During the last two years three large four-story additions of solid concrete have been built to the Hershey chocolate plant. Twelve hundred and fifty persons are now on the payroll, exclusive of the one hundred and fifty employed at the Lebanon branch. The company is using daily 90,000 pounds of milk in the manufacture of the various kinds of chocolate, and the output is from seven to ten car loads daily. This week forty-six additional new longitudinal mixing machines arrived and are being placed in one of the new rooms. When these are installed there will be one hundred and forty-six of them in operation. Each machine consists of four compartments in which the chocolate is rolled by a huge granite roller, which is in motion for four days and nights until the chocolate becomes perfectly smooth. It (the machine) contains

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Pomology in Penna Valley.

The art of fruit culture has found an awakening among the farmers in Penna Valley. Heretofore not so much attention had been given to fruit growing in this section as should have been the case, but the formation of the society known as the Centre County Fruit Growers' Association, has done much for the farmer concerning pomology. Through the efforts of the agricultural department, orchards have been visited by state demonstrators and the trees sprayed and pruned, the exhibitions being public, thus giving the farmer an opportunity of seeing the methods recommended put into operation.

Several weeks ago State Zoologist E. A. Surface, of Harrisburg, made an instructive and interesting address in Grange Arcadia on fruit growing. He said that with proper care and attention the apple grown here may equal that of the west in beauty and excel it in flavor. Many of the methods outlined by Prof Surface will be closely followed by a number of the farmers who comprised that appreciative audience. The interest awakened will, no doubt, result in the removal of dead and decaying limbs, and the cultivation and fertilization of the soil beneath.

It is up to the farmers of Penna Valley to take advantage of these opportunities—such as attending the public demonstrations—given by prominent pomologists—and keep up with the orchard forward movement.

Will the Horse be Supplanted?

To some extent at least the horse will be supplanted by the oxen, and largely on account of the high prices horses are commanding. Just a short time ago mention was made in these columns that Nelson Marshall had a well broken ox team, and now word has reached the Reporter that two young teams are being broken by sons of Clyde Dutrow and Jacob Sharer, east of Centre Hall. The Dutrow boys have their "Buck" and "Berry" well under hand, and by their assistance the Sharer boys are training a pair of young oxen, and they too are learning the whoa, gee and haw, and expressions that are peculiar to the parlance of the ox drivers.

Many of the inhabitants in this community never saw an ox team, but they may become familiar with their sight and their low.

The large number of deeds recorded by Recorder Brown indicates that real estate is on the move—a condition that should always exist. When real estate is not an attractive investment all other business suffers to a greater or less extent.

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About twelve hundred pounds of chocolate, the one hundred and forty-six machines containing about 175,200 pounds. After the chocolate has passed through this process it is taken into the moulding room and moulded into different forms.

R. F. VONNEIDA.

Hershey, Pa.

We have been having beautiful weather in Washington during the last two months, and this is one reason why so many people like the Puget Sound country—for its mild winters and cool summers.

The Brown Bay Logging Company that employs me operate three "donkey" engines and one steam skidder, also two locomotives. The three donkeys' output last month were four million feet, and the steam skidder's output two million feet. The company has its own railroad to the Sound, which is six miles away, where the logs are dumped and sold to the different Sound mills.

Yours,

W. H. POTTER.

Meadowdale, Wash., April 6.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please change my address from Olan Falls, Wisconsin, to Sylvan Grove, Kansas, as I expect to spend the summer here. We are having rain at this time, the weather having been dry and windy. Farmers were done sowing oats by the first of April. I like this country very well. Have been husking corn during the last week. The corn in this section was rather a poor crop. Wheat looks fair, and may make a good crop if the weather keeps favorable.

S. S. HONNER.

Sylvan Grove, Kansas.

From Jewitt, Ohio, under the date of April 8th, Samuel Condo writes the Reporter thus: The winter just passed was an open one, having had plenty of snow, rain and mud. No oats has been sown yet, no garden made, but there has been some sod ploughed for corn. I have been living here since the death of my wife, which occurred in Iowa, last September.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. C. H. Meyer and daughter Miriam, of Reedsville, were in Centre Hall over Sunday.

When we get a state road through Centre Hall, what will happen? Will somebody answer?

J. Shannon Boal, one of the oldest residents in Centre Hall, has been quite ill during the past week.

Mrs. W. E. Park, of New Milford, has been at the home of her father, Capt. G. M. Boal, in Centre Hall, during the past week.

Mrs. W. W. Bible and Mrs. Milton Kern, of Bellefonte, were in Centre Hall Tuesday, visiting friends and also called at the Reporter office.

The pink label appears this week. Subscribers whose subscriptions expire in April should see that the figures on their label is advanced to 1911, or if possible to 1912.

If you are in need of any kind of farm machinery call on R. D. Foreman, at Centre Hall, who has a full line of implements on hand at all times.

During the time that Charles Grenoble, of Yeagertown, will attend a school of horology in Philadelphia, Mrs. Grenoble will be at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Zubler, at Spring Mills.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swabb have been ill during the past week or more, the latter having been quite ill. Mrs. Catharine Reed, of Reedsville, Mrs. Swabb's sister, is assisting in taking care of them.

W. G. Rossman, west of Centre Hall, recently purchased the Rimey stallion, and is handling him this season. He is a gray, and belongs to the heavy draft type, weighing almost sixteen hundred pounds.

At a depth of fifty-nine feet F. A. Carson, Esq., found a fine stream of water on his farm, in Georges Valley. The Krape drilling machinery was moved to the Samuel Durst farm, at Earlstown, where Arbor Cumings and Constable Charles Frazier are drilling a well.

The Reporter's suggestion that one of the roads proposed to be built with state funds should lead from Huntingdon to Old Fort by way of State College, is well thought of by many. If the road were built through the south side of the county, it would not add mileage nor deprive any section from a road now proposed.

A letter from Mrs. George Boal, at Potters Mills, states that Jonas Foust, her nephew, is at her home, and has been there almost continuously since having been taken from the Auman home. The lad has been sick and is now under the doctor's care. The story printed that Jonas had gone to Phoenixville proved untrue.

The Masonic lodge held a regular meeting Monday evening. Members from out of town who attended the session were Messrs. Frank E., John M. and Clyde Wieland and Frank Ishler, Linden Hall; W. S. Rossman and W. A. Ferres, Oak Hall; Dr. P. H. Dale, State College; H. F. Rossman, Rev. J. M. Lantz, A. N. Finkle, Spring Mills; J. C. Condo, Penn Hall, and M. L. Ribbel, Farmers Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stover, of Yeagertown, were in Centre Hall for several days, guests of Mr. and Mrs. James V. Runkle, and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burris. Mrs. Burris and Mr. Stover being brother and sister. Mr. Stover is a tinner and plumber, and is doing a brisk business in his line. He thinks the Burnham plants will be enlarged during the coming summer, and that the apparent slack times are more largely due to the installation of modern machinery rather than lack of orders. Mr. Stover says the Centre county people in Mifflin county are prospering, notably Contractor George Tate, who is getting the lion's share of the large contracts being let in that section.

In settling up the majority of the public sales in this community, it was found that the cash received was not nearly as large a per cent. of the whole as during the preceding years. Last spring, as well as during the springs of 1909 and 1908, it was not uncommon that the cash paid was equal to the notes given, but this year notes largely exceeded the cash. At some of the largest sales, the cash received was, in fact, alarmingly small. This indicates that for some reason the purchasers did not have the ready money, and gave notes in settlement. This condition and the belief by some of the statesmen in both the lower and upper houses of congress does not correspond. The conditions cited are but local, yet there is no reason to think that the Penna Valley farmers are the exception, the only ones who do not have a large surplus of funds.