



PRESBYTERIANS AT STATE ALIVE.

Pledged to Raise \$75,000 for Edifice to Accommodate the Local Church Membership and the 400 Presbyterian Students.

Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, president of Pennsylvania State College, recently met with a number of prominent Presbyterians at Union League, Philadelphia, where Alba B. Johnson was host at luncheon.

Rev. Dr. Richard C. Huges, of Madison, Wisconsin, secretary of the Presbyterian board of education, outlined the work of the board in connection with the development of religious education in state-aided institutions of higher education and emphasized the point that there are now 108,000 students attending such state-aided schools and colleges of higher education who are directly affected by the lack of proper and adequate facilities for continuing their church relations and advancing in religious education.

S. S. Chapman, counsel for the board of education, discussed the legal and financial status of the arrangement entered into by the synod, the State College Presbyterian church and the board of education, in which the three parties are bound to raise \$75,000 for the erecting and endowment of the proposed church at State College which is to be especially charged with the responsibility of caring for the 400 sons of Presbyterian parents in the college there. The present church seats less than 200 and the residents of State College other than students who attend this church tax its utmost capacity, leaving no place of worship for the 400 Presbyterian students who would like to attend.

The following committee was named to co-operate with Dr. Cochran and Dr. Huges in the work of raising the money required for the State College church: Alba B. Johnson, J. Milton Colton, Thomas W. Synnot, Craig N. Liggitt, Harold Peirce and William R. Nicholson.

District S. S. Convention.

The eleventh Sabbath-school convention of the eleventh district of Centre county, will be held in the Reformed church, at Spring Mills, Friday, April 21st. There will be two sessions, afternoon and evening. Special attention is called to one of the speakers on the program, Miss Martha Robison, one of the state field workers. Miss Robison has appeared in nearly all the districts of the county, and the afternoon following the convention at Spring Mills, will be at Millheim. The program which is reported, is one of unusual interest.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

Anthem by the choir.
Devotional Services—Dr. W. H. Schuyler.
Reading of Minutes.
"What a Pupil of Sixteen Should Be and Know"—Rev. M. D. Geesey.
"The Book We Use"—Rev. O. G. Martin.
"The Boy's Scout Movement"—Rev. J. Max Lantz.
Election of Officers.
Report of Treasurer.
EVENING SESSION—7:30 O'CLOCK.
Praise Service—Conducted by Miss Bertha Strohmeier.
Roll Call.
Address by State Field Worker—Miss Martha Robison.
"The Organized Adult Bible Class"—Rev. F. W. Barry.

S. S. Convention at Millheim.

The eighth annual Sabbath-school convention will be held at Millheim, Saturday, April 22nd. There will be two sessions, forenoon and afternoon. The program follows:

MORNING SESSION.

9:30 Devotional Services—Rev. G. A. Stauffer.
Enrollment.
9:45 Opening Address—Rev. J. Max Lantz.
10:00 "The Teacher's Duty to Absent Scholars"—T. A. Auman and Rev. W. J. Dice.
10:30 "How Can the Teacher Secure Home Study on the Part of the Scholars?"—T. A. A. Hosterman and Rev. N. A. Whitman.
11:00 Address by State Field Worker—Miss Martha Robison.
Appointment of Committees.
AFTERNOON SESSION.
1:30 Devotional Exercises—Rev. J. F. Bingham.
1:45 Address—Miss Martha Robison.
2:30 "Should Teachers be Promoted With Their Scholars?"—J. N. Meyer and Rev. M. D. Geesey.
3:00 "How Can the Teacher Secure the Attention of Restless Boys and Girls?"—C. L. Gramley and Rev. W. D. Donat.
3:30 Question Box—Conducted by Rev. D. C. Caris.

To Abolish E. F. D. Uniforms.

Rural mail carriers will not be required to wear uniforms hereafter, under the terms of a bill introduced by Representative Hamlin, of Missouri, and they will have the right to communicate to members of Congress any complaint or petition they desire to make, a privilege now denied them. An other bill introduced today provides \$300 a year extra to each rural carrier to reimburse him for the expense of his horse and wagon.

There is no corn planter superior to the Black Hawk edge-drop. It is made with a shoe or furrow opener—you take your choice—J. H. and S. E. Weber, Centre Hall and Oak Hall.

Good Roads in Harris and Penn.

At no season of the year are good roads as much appreciated as in the spring time. One wears of traveling through mud, over rutted roads, striking loose stones and rocks. Under the present road laws, the roads ought to be visibly improved, yet much money is expended in many townships and the roads continue as bad, if not worse, than the year before. There must be some cause for this, and, if we mistake not, a large part of the blame rests with the supervisors and their subordinates, the pathmasters.

The truth of this statement is proven by the fact that in some townships the roads each year are improving. Harris township is a good example. Under the same laws the supervisors of that township are making their roads better, while in other townships just as much money is expended, and no improvement is shown. Penn township is another township, on the south side of the county, where a dollar expended shows an improvement on the roads.

The fact that some townships are large and have a correspondingly large road mileage, is no argument that the roads should not be improved. In many townships there is not a single mile of good road—not a half-mile. The taxes are frittered away without results, yet the intentions of the supervisors are good, and your correspondent believes that not a dollar is diverted from the proper channel, but much is injudiciously spent.

Girls' Phone Engagements.

Because we have the boy loiterer question we have also the girl loiterer question. In these days young girls too often call "boys" on the telephone, make appointments with them, meet them on street corners and walk about with them—"boys" whom they would hesitate to invite to call upon them at their home. Girls must use their present liberty wisely or they will suffer. The age demands an enlarged sphere with a wider opportunity for women, but it still requires modesty, purity, courtesy and all the "old fashioned" qualities of their sex. Mothers need to keep their daughters off the streets save for proper journeys and to supervise their telephone messages and their letters until sure that they have sufficient perspective of life and well grounded character to act for themselves. The unkindest mother of all is she who grants her daughter to such liberty. At the expense of being called an old fogy and even a tyrant, she ought not shrink from putting herself ever between her daughter and any possible corrupting or contaminating influences. The more women are like men the less lovely and the less useful they become.

To the April Subscribers.

By the "April" subscribers to the Reporter is meant the subscribers whose labels indicate APRIL 1910. At the close of this month their subscriptions will be one year in arrears unless paid in the meantime. Kindly look at the label on this issue of the Reporter and if it is APRIL 1910, rush a dollar to this office. This request is made because the Postoffice Department will get us by the neck if we don't make you pay up. You are at liberty to sell on time, if you like, but the newspaper publisher is not allowed to give more than one year's credit. This may seem odd to you and to the publisher it appears to be quite unfair, but there is no use of the Reporter kicking against the government's ruling. Others kicked and got sat down on. The Reporter is profiting by their mistakes.

Kindly look at your label, and be prompt if you find it marked April 1910.

Reformed Minister Active.

The spring communion season of the Rebersburg Reformed charge, of which Rev. G. A. Stauffer is pastor, closed on Easter Sunday evening. Large congregations were present at all the services and the number of communicants was inspiring. Special services were held at Madisonburg during the week preceding Easter. Fifteen persons united with the church, seven by the rite of confirmation, seven by letter and one by reprobation. Five infants received the rite of holy baptism. The pastor administered communion privately to twenty-one persons. The offerings for benevolence were liberal, amounting to \$193.44, and will be applied to the classical apportionment. The Christian Endeavor Society of Rebersburg sent prepaid sixty dozen eggs to the Bethany Orphan's Home at Womelsdorf. The work of the charge is encouraging.

Easter morning the ground was covered with an inch of snow, which fell during the night. The temperature was below the freezing point during the greater part of the forenoon. Since Sunday the weather has been moderating.

FINE CROP OUTLOOK.

State Observers Optimistic as to Grain and Fruits.

Pennsylvania's crop prospects are reported as excellent by officials of the State Department of Agriculture, who have been receiving reports from every county since April 1. The late winter and abundant rains, with absence of late frosts, have proved advantageous, and large yields of grain and fruits are predicted.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture A. L. Martin, who completed the crop report on Saturday says that wheat appears to be doing very well and to have come through the winter without injury. As a large acreage was sown last fall, larger than for a decade in some counties, he looks for a heavy crop.

Reports from orchard inspectors show that fruit trees are in good condition, and that spraying has become so general that hopes are entertained for a splendid crop of apples and other fruits. A big increase in bearing trees is expected this year, owing to extensive planting in the last half-dozen years and systematic steps for the control of pests.

Weather conditions are declared not to be unfavorable in many counties.

LOCALS.

Samuel Wise and William Sinkabine, of Penn Hall, and S. P. Hennigh, of Georges Valley, were in Centre Hall Monday on business.

The Campble Brothers, proprietors of Penns Cave, have stocked the Cave farm, and have secured Edward McClellan, of Pleasant Gap, as tenant.

If you tire plowing, try the Syracuse reversible sulky plow. It will do the work while you watch it.—J. H. and S. E. Weber, Centre Hall and Oak Hall.

Not all hunters are planning this early for the next season's hunt, but some are doing so, and are about to form a new hunting club and it is their intention to locate on Stone Creek.

Messrs. George B. Long and John B. Ream, of Farmers Mills, are doing painting in Centre Hall. They are both experienced workmen, having done considerable work in the larger towns of Central Pennsylvania.

A serial story called "Love by Express," begins in The Ladies World for May. It is by Genevieve Knight, a new writer, but one who has very evidently inherited or cultivated a style that is full of charm and carries the interest at an unflagging pace.

Attention is called to the advertisement of A. P. Luse and Son, who are offering knocked-down crates for apples, potatoes, etc. These crates are great labor savers, and one hundred or more should be on every farm. The material is cheap, and can easily be put together.

An ice cream parlor was opened in the Rossmore store building by Irvin Burris, who with Mrs. Burris occupy the upper portion of the building as a living apartment. Mr. Burris also handles Harrisburg bread, home-made cakes, etc., and will be ready to supply the needs of any who call upon him.

Mrs. Mary Gregg Miller and son Andrew bid farewell to their friends in Centre Hall on Saturday, it being their intention to go to New Mexico after visiting among relatives for a week or more. They will go to the vicinity of Ratan, where a brother (John Gregg) of Mrs. Miller lives, as does also an uncle, a Mr. Smyth.

John F. Treaster, the lumberman, last week, returned from a trip to Harrisburg, Philadelphia and points in New Jersey. He was searching for customers for the product of his saw mill, west of Centre Hall, and thinks he found trade at various places. While in Philadelphia, Mr. Treaster stopped with Irvin Stover, who is conducting an apartment house on Mt. Vernon street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver and their six months' old daughter, Mildred Evelyn, last week came to Centre Hall to visit Mrs. Weaver's mother, Mrs. Catherine Fetterolf, and Mr. and Mrs. William Fetterolf. Mr. Weaver just finished a very successful term of school at Baileyville, and always finds something to do during the summer months that helps to keep the wolf from the door.

The large pile of slag, at Nittany furnace, this side of Bellefonte will be shipped to Northumberland and used for filling in the railroad yard being built there. The slag from the Bellefonte furnace was all shipped to that point, and now the steam shovel and other equipment has been removed to a mountain of slag near the toll gate, and it will require all or nearly all of it to complete the filling. About fifty car loads are shipped each day, the route being over the Bald Eagle road, which route is selected because of the heavy grade between Bellefonte and Centre Hall.

DEATHS.

The news of the death of Hon. J. C. Meyer, in Bellefonte, at 12:30 on Friday night, was a shock to this community. On his way home from Masonic lodge that night in company with W. B. Rankin, the insurance agent, Mr. Meyer became violently ill with acute indigestion. The first attack came when he reached Curtin and Allegheny streets, where he sat down to rest. A further effort was made to reach his home, and just before reaching the Warfel home, Walter W. McIntire, his son-in-law, joined them. When the Warfel home was reached, two doors from his own home, Mr. Meyer became so weak that it was necessary to again rest, and the trio sat down on the porch. Mr. McIntire was dispatched for Dr. Seibert, and in the meantime the dying man was taken into the house. Surrounded by his wife, only daughter and son-in-law, and before restoratives could be administered, death came.

Mr. Meyer was serving his second term in the lower house of the state legislature, having been elected the last time without opposition. His record as a member of that body was absolutely clean. He was laying the foundation for a splendid public record of national scope.

The Commemorative Record for Central Pennsylvania contains this reference to Mr. Meyer.

The reader of these memoirs will find the conviction borne in upon his mind that underlying all differences of training and environment there lies another factor from which the history of each individual takes its bias. An ideal, a steady purpose, needed, and where this is found life is simplified and all things tend to bring about, sooner or later, the desired end. Truly, "where there's a will there's a way," and fortunate is the man who early in life finds the right channel toward which to direct his energies. Among those who seem to have solved the problem thus, is the subject of this biography, now one of Bellefonte's successful attorneys.

Mr. Meyer was born January 31, 1861, on a farm called Pleasant View, lying south of Aaronsburg. The first of the line to settle in this state was Henry Meyer, who came from the Palatinate, Prussia, with his wife and several children, and located in Lebanon county. His son Christopher had a son George, who had a son Jacob G. Meyer was born near Campbelltown, Penn., October 16, 1824, and was twice married, first to Henrietta Christina Furst, our subject's mother, and second to Lydia A. Dutwiler (nee Stroh), who survives. Jacob G. Meyer settled near Aaronsburg in early manhood, and cleared the farm now known as "Pleasant View," but in October, 1865, moved to the town to engage in general mercantile business. At the time of his removal our subject was about four years old, and from his sixth to his twelfth year he attended the public schools of Aaronsburg. He then entered the employ of B. F. Phillips, in a general store at that place, and remained two years, but his inclination for study was too strong to be suppressed, and he determined to prepare for college under the tuition of Prof. D. M. Wolfe, of Penn Hall. To carry out this plan he walked five miles each Monday morning and Friday night, and in 1878 he entered the sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Penn. In June, 1881, he was graduated with the degree of A. B., being chosen valedictorian of his class. He desired to enter the legal profession, but like many others in like circumstances he turned temporarily to teaching. In August of the same year he was elected assistant principal of the schools of Bellefonte, his duties beginning in September, and so successful was he in this work that when the Bellefonte High School was organized, in the fall of 1883, he was chosen principal. The first class was graduated under his charge in June, 1884, and his career as an educator promised to be a most brilliant one; but he had been spending his spare time in preparation for his profession, reading for the previous year under the direction of Alexander and Bower, and wishing to give his entire time to this work he resigned at the close of the school year. Devoting his attention to his books, he soon completed his course of reading, and was admitted to the Bar, December 24, 1884. He began to practice in partnership with Judge Adam Hoy, and secured an enviable reputation early in his career.

Being an ardent Democrat, he became prominent in political circles also; in August, 1886, he was nominated by his party for the office of district attorney, being elected in November following by 668 majority. In 1889 he was again chosen to the office by a majority which was just twice that of 1886. During the last

term he had a peculiar experience, there being five homicide trials; for fifty years previous, there had not been a case of that nature. Of the five offenders, two received the extreme penalty of the law, and the others were convicted in lesser degrees. In 1894 Mr. Meyer was given the unanimous support of the Democratic party in his county for the State Senate; but as Centre county had furnished the last representative the nomination fell to Clearfield county. In municipal affairs Mr. Meyer has also been active, and in 1893 he was elected burgess of Bellefonte, overcoming an adverse majority of 120. He is now giving his attention exclusively to his legal practice, which has assumed handsome proportions.

Another of Centre Hall's oldest citizens died on Sunday morning, when John Shannon Boal passed away at his home, after an illness of two or more weeks, dus largely to his advanced age.

The deceased was the son of George Welch Boal, and a grandson of James Boal who came from Ireland in the spring of 1764, locating first in the eastern portion of the state, but remained there but a short time when he located in Penns Valley. He bore the maiden name (Shannon) of his mother, a native of Lancaster county.

Mr. Boal was born January 18, 1829, and was married to Sarah Elizabeth Cunningham, February 19, 1857. For many years the couple lived near Lindel Hall and engaged in farming, and in 1892 came to Centre Hall and since lived retired. One child—Bessie—Illumined this home. She was the first wife of D. A. Boczcz, and died February 28, 1891.

Some years ago Mr. Boal became afflicted with cataracts, and although he received the best treatment in a Philadelphia hospital, he had been almost totally blind during the past five or six years. This affliction, however, did not affect his good disposition, for he was always cheerful under all circumstances.

The deceased was the third in a family of eight children. He is survived by one brother, George M. Boal, of Centre Hall, and a wife, previously named, also three grandchildren, namely, Ralph C. Boczcz, K. Elizabeth Boczcz, and Edith Boczcz.

Interment was made at Centre Hall, Wednesday morning, Dr. W. H. Schuyler, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which church the deceased was long identified, officiating.

Enoch Hastings, one of the best known residents of Bald Eagle Valley, died at his home at Beech Creek. About six weeks ago he had one foot crushed and later blood poisoning developed. He was taken to the Lock Haven hospital where it was found necessary to amputate the foot in an effort to save his life. The shock of the injury and amputation produced a debilitated condition of his system, and after being taken home at his own request, death followed shortly thereafter.

Deceased was a son of Daniel and Mary Gray Hastings and was born at Boalsburg, on February 26th, 1847, hence was sixty-four years old. He had made his home at Beech Creek for many years. In 1868 he was married to Miss Catharine Brown who survives with one daughter, Miss Ze L. Hastings, at home. He also leaves one brother, George Hastings, of Buffalo Run. Burial was made at Beech Creek.

B. F. Strunk, a life long citizen of Bellefonte, and who for many years followed the occupation of a miller, was stricken with paralysis. He had been in failing health for several months, and being in a weakened condition, he gradually grew worse until death relieved his sufferings. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Roy Warner, and a step-son, Charles McDonald, all of Bellefonte, also six grandchildren.

The deceased was a son of Isaac Strunk, and was known to many of the Reporter readers in Centre county.

Henry Kohl, aged sixty-nine years, a well-known resident of Bucksville, Bucks county, died at his home after a long illness from asthma. Mr. Kohl was a veteran of the Civil war, having served through his enlistment in the 104th Pennsylvania regiment. He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Elizabeth Gray. She died a number of years ago. He was again married four years ago to Mrs. Ella Bumiller, who was formerly of Millheim. He leaves to survive a widow and five children by his first wife.

Mrs. Rebecca Brown, of Millroy, mother of S. S. Brown, died last week at the age of eighty-three years.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Bert Dellig, the negro, will be hanged next Tuesday.

Miss Anna Stover has been in Centre Hall since last week. She had been in Altoona the greater part of two years.

W. Thomas Boal moved from Centre Hill to a farm at Peru, above Pleasant Gap. The place contains about eighty acres.

Nestor Heckman moved from Spring Mills to Old Fort, and is employed as a farm hand by George Erhart, tenant on the Bradford farm.

The main thoroughfare in State College is being rebuilt under the direction of J. H. Dodge, of Washington, D. C., representing the national department of agriculture.

J. O. Disinger, on Monday, passed his eighty-first mile stone. He is one of the oldest citizens in Centre Hall in point of years and length of continuous residence here.

There haven't been any recent reports of farmers picking automobiles from depressions in straw made by a yellow hen loitering there just previous to taking a fit of cackling.

J. H. Detwiler, proprietor of the Puritan Stock Farm, east of Old Fort, advertises three stallions, all pure bred, for service. One of the horses has a track record of 2:17. Read the adv.

The school directors in Centre county will meet in convention Tuesday, May 2nd, at 10:30 o'clock to elect a successor to County Superintendent of Schools, D. O. Eiters. Mr. Eiters has the field to himself.

Cows, hogs and sheep sold at top prices at the W. O. Gamley sale, at Spring Mills, on Saturday. The cows were an exceptionally fine lot, and were in the best of condition and all milking. The driving horse passed for \$195.

Mr. Kraus, proprietor of the Baker House, Lewisburg, came up to Centre county and with L. L. Smith, whose guest he was, spent the day along Spring Creek, between Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte. They captured a nice lot of speckled beauties.

Brislin & Company, a lumber firm, have finished sawing on the Henney tract, at Indian Lane, and have moved their saw to Centre Hall, where considerable custom work is awaiting them. After this is done, the mill will be moved to the Harper tract, east of Centre Hall.

The virtues of the split-log drag are being demonstrated in lower Penns Valley. The Journal says: Earn L. Stover, manager of the Millheim and Coburn turnpike company, cleaned Penn Street with a split-log drag Saturday. He also used it on the turnpike from Millheim to Coburn.

The license granted William Holshue, at Vicksburg, by the associate judges after Judge McClure had refused to grant it, has been transferred to William Holden. Holshue is under bond in the sum of \$1000 for his appearance at court to answer charges of violations of the Brooks High License law.

The grocery firm of R. P. Miller & Son, Bellefonte, made an assignmer, the assignee being G. Fred Musser, representing the Luderbach-Barber Co., of Philadelphia. The liabilities are said to be six to eight thousand dollars, and the assets, the stock worth something like \$1500 and book accounts of from \$6000 to \$7000.

John W. Neese, who several years ago left Centre Hall and located in New Jersey, last week moved to Auburn, New York, and will be engaged in a machine shop. Mr. Neese is a miller, and while in this place was employed in the Weber flouring mills, and was also milling while in New Jersey. His father-in-law, A. P. Luse, of Centre Hall, in speaking of Mr. Neese changing locations, stated it was on account of his ill health since being in that part of New Jersey that the move was made.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. George L. Goodhart received a letter from neighbors of their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Evans, at White, South Dakota, stating that their daughter, her husband and two children were quarantined on account of small-pox, and that Mr. and Mrs. Evans and the two children had been stricken with the disease, which was in a rather mild form. They are all getting along nicely, and no serious consequences are looked for. While no definite information was forwarded as to how the family became infected with the disease, Mr. Goodhart thinks his son-in-law came in contact with it while following his business as an undertaker. No word had been received from the family for a month, and the apparent delay of the usual greetings has now been explained.