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S. S. CONVENTION.

Eleventh District Convention Held at Spring Mills Friday.

The Eleventh Sunday School Convention of the Eleventh District in Centre county was held in the Reformed church, at Spring Mills, Friday afternoon and evening. The sessions were interesting and profitable to everyone who attended, and the attendance was very good considering that rain fell both in the afternoon and evening.

The program as printed was carried out in full with the exception of Rev. J. Max Lantz, pastor of the Methodist church, who was absent on account of the death of a relative. He had prepared an address, and this was read by the president of the convention, C. E. Royer.

An inspiring address was made by Rev. F. W. Barry on "The Organization of the Adult Bible Class." The speaker was enthusiastic, and clearly proved that such classes were as possible in the village and country Sunday schools as they were in the schools of the larger towns and cities. He spoke of the advantages of the organized Bible class over the class conducted in the ordinary way, and before closing his appeal was given the personal assurance of several superintendents present that the matter would be brought before their respective schools, with a view of effecting such organized classes.

Woman-like, Miss Martha Robinson, representing the State Sunday School Association, in the capacity of a field worker, asked that the program be reversed and that her period come after instead of before Rev. Barry, and man-like the president yielded, and so did Rev. Barry, that she might have the last say.

On taking the platform she intimated that her talk would occupy all the time left, and also convinced her hearers that the time would be well spent. She proved her case. After speaking of the state organization and reason for its existence, Miss Robinson gave as her reason for appearing to aid Centre county in becoming a "Front Line" county in Sunday school work. Its position today is a banner county—the third and lowest grade—not having fulfilled the requirements of the state organization to become even a "Star" or second grade county.

Her appeal was to the local or Eleventh district to do its part in making Centre county a Front Line county by 1912, the Jubilee Year, and help fulfill the slogan, "Every County a Front Line County."

The first requirement receiving her attention was the "Cradle Roll." The roll call revealed that the district represented twenty-four Sunday-schools, and that the requirement is that fifty per cent. of the schools have cradle rolls. But four cradle rolls were reported, leaving eight as the minimum yet to be organized. The speaker dwelt on the efficiency of the department, and the ease with which it could be organized and conducted.

The home department came next for attention. There are none in the district, and seven are needed to bring the district up to the standard.

The district is also lacking teacher-training classes, probably the most needed division of the work, for with trained teachers, the Sunday-school will no longer be inefficient. Number needed in district, six.

On motion of Dr. Schuyler, the president was authorized to appoint a district superintendent for each of the three divisions of work dwelt on by the state field worker. These appointments will be announced later.

The election of officers for the district resulted thus: President, C. E. Royer; vice president, George L. Goodhart; Secretary, Mrs. S. W. Smith; Treasurer, T. M. Gramley.

The place of the next meeting has not been decided, and was left in the hands of the executive committee.

Schools.....	168
Cradle Rolls.....	36
Home Departments.....	6
Teacher Training Classes.....	6
Using New Elementary Grade Lessons.....	14
Officers and Teachers.....	2014
Scholars, all ages.....	12228
Cradle Roll Members.....	677
Home Department Members.....	203
Total Membership.....	16122
Percent of Population in S. S.....	87
Joined Church or Confirmed.....	450
Front Line Counties.....	24

As stated by Miss Robinson, there are three classes of counties, defined by the State Association as—

- 1 A BANNER COUNTY
- 2 A STAR COUNTY
- 3 A FRONT LINE COUNTY

A Banner County is one that has attained any five points of the standard, including point 5.

A Star County is one that has attained eight points, including point 5.

A Front Line County is one that will qualify in all ten points of the standard.

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WAR ON HOUSE FLIES.

Kill as Many as You can in April, and Thereby Reduce the Total Population by 5000.

April's genial sunlight is encouraging that pest of summer, the house fly, to emerge from his hibernating quarters and get busy. Scientists say the fly is the greatest disseminator of disease germs with which the public has to contend, and recommend a war of extermination. As a result of the direct application of mathematical computation to the fecundity of the fly, it is declared that each separate and individual member of the fly tribe that is killed in the early days of the season reduces the total population later on by 5,000. The value of single killings during the early spring days will, therefore, be apparent to the thoughtful, and ought to result in an organized crusade by this endless-chain method of depleting the swarms of this most dangerous of all insects.

In a discussion of the fly, a prominent physician asserts that it is the recognized distributor of the germs of nearly every form of intestinal disease that prevails during the summer months, including typhoid fever and other so-called "filth diseases." The feet of the fly are so constructed as to become carriers of germs and microbes. The fly is not particular in the care of its feet, and as its favorite haunts are wherever decomposing refuse is to be found, its feet soon become loaded with the microscopic seeds of disease, which it transports to plant on the food on the family table. It walks all over the bread and pie and other viands, making invisible tracks with its dirty feet, and these germs are taken into the human system by the unsuspecting victim of the fly.

On the ratio of 5000 for every fly killed, it is easy to comprehend the vast benefit if everyone should kill a single fly during the present month. It would be just as easy to kill a score, or a hundred; and if the crusade should be continued systematically the myriads of flies in midsummer would undoubtedly be materially reduced. The plan is worth trying; it may result in the saving of lives. Let every individual make it a point to kill the first fly seen.

Broad Tires For Protection of Road.

When the Sproul highway bill becomes operative and the state is gridironed by smooth roads, damage to these roads will not be so frequent as at present, if a measure introduced in the Senate by Mr. McConnell is enacted. This bill provides for wide tires, the width to be gauged by the weight of the vehicles. It will become effective, if passed, on May 1st, 1913. For all vehicles weighing a ton or less the tires shall be three inches in width; vehicles weighing between one and two tons, four inches; three tons and over, six inches.

A fifty dollar penalty is provided for the first offense and \$100 for each subsequent offense.

Another Pennsylvania Mystery.

One of the later crimes to be treated in The North American's series of "Pennsylvania's Greatest Criminal Mysteries" is the murder of Christian Rank, of Paradise township, Lancaster county.

Rank was shot by some person hidden in the cellar of his home. Some small tracks, which might have been those of a woman, were found in the snow the next morning.

The North American is printing one of these Pennsylvania mysteries every Sunday. All of them appear to be interesting to general readers, as well as criminal lawyers, and are certainly worthy of preservation as chapters of criminal history of the state.

This story will appear in the Sunday North American, April 30, 1911.

Ice Cream and Restaurant.

Next week my place of business will be open, and I will be ready to serve you with ice cream at my tables or deliver it at your homes in quantities of from one quart and more. Also ice cream bricks—one or two quarts—with as many flavors as you like.

I am also prepared to serve you with eatables—sandwiches, etc.

Thanking you for past patronage, your future trade is solicited.

JOSEPH LUTZ.

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- The divisions are made on the following standards—
- 1 County organized.
 - 2 Annual County Convention held.
 - 3 Complete district organization in county.
 - 4 Annual Convention or Institute held in each district.
 - 5 Statistics gathered annually and sent to State office.
 - 6 Pledge made to State Association and paid.
 - 7 County represented at State Convention.
 - 8 Fifty per cent. of schools have Cradle Roll Departments.
 - 9 Thirty per cent. of schools have Home Departments.
 - 10 Twenty per cent. of schools have Teacher Training Classes having taken first examination.

MEETING OF REFORMED CLASSIS.

The West Susquehanna Body to Meet in Centre Hall, May 3 to 7.

The West Susquehanna Body of the Reformed church will meet in Centre Hall, beginning Wednesday evening, May 3rd, and continuing until Sunday evening following.

The classis covers in part or the whole of the counties of Centre, Mifflin, Union, Snyder, Lycoming and Clinton. The names of the ministers, together with their postoffice addresses, connected with the classis follow:

MINISTERS IN CLASSIS.

C. S. Stover, Boalsburg
Harvey I. Crow, Hubersburg
A. G. Stauffer, Rebersburg
K. O. Spessard, Mifflinburg
R. L. Gerhart, Lewisburg
A. M. Schmidt, Bellefonte
E. T. Roads, Lewistown
Vacant, Centre Hall
Irvin, New Berlin
F. W. Brown, Beaver Springs
George K. Ely, Mt. Pleasant Mills
W. D. Donat, Aaronsburg
S. Sidney, Kohler, Mifflinburg
W. C. Rittenhouse, Williamsport
W. A. McClain, West Milton
Aaron Noll, Montgomery
E. F. Faust, Howard
John A. Ditzler, Selinsgrove
William Harr, Lock Haven
J. H. Grieseimer, Freeburg
Com. of Supply, State College

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGES.

W. W. Clouser, White Deer
George W. Kerschner, New York
Dr. W. E. Hoyle and F. K. Henrichs, Yochow, Hunan, China

In the classis there are 6200 communicant members; fifty-four Sunday-schools with a membership of 7183. The contributions for benevolent purposes were \$9850, and for congregational purposes, \$32754.

THE PROGRAM.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd—7:30 P. M.
Altar Service—Rev. S. C. Stover and W. D. Donat.

THURSDAY, MAY 4th—7:30 P. M.
Rev. S. S. Kohler presiding.
"Ministerial Relief"—Rev. K. O. Spessard, Ph. D.

FRIDAY, MAY 5th—7:30 P. M.
Altar Service—Rev. K. O. Spessard, Ph. D.
Elder Prof. C. R. Noll presiding.

SATURDAY, MAY 6th—2:30 P. M.
Preparatory Service
Altar Service—Rev. A. G. Stauffer
Sermon—Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D. D.

SUNDAY, MAY 7th—9:00 A. M.
Sunday School—Addressed by Rev. A. M. Schmidt, D. D. and Rev. S. S. Kohler
Holy Communion, 10:00 a. m.
Altar Service—Rev. W. D. Donat and J. F. Grieseimer
Sermon by President of Classis

SUNDAY, MAY 7th—7:30 P. M.
Rev. J. F. Grieseimer presiding.
"Foreign Missions" Rev. William C. Rittenhouse and Representative of Foreign Mission Board

A Splendid Suggestion.

The Watchman does not approve of the bill now before the legislature providing for the impeachment of judges but it would heartily favor a measure making it a criminal offense for them to fail to keep the docket cleared up within a reasonable time and to force them to hand down opinions on cases argued before them. This thing of a judge delaying the rendering of an opinion for months and even years is an outrage on the rights of the parties interested and public sentiment is slowly but surely moulding itself into the determination that such officials were given no further chance to procrastinate.

The Centre Reporter indorses the Watchman's suggestion. These long withheld opinions and decrees usually have an odor about them that ought not accompany judicial documents.

No. 100 of Lutheran S. S. Meeting.

In line with the spirit of advancement in Sunday-school work in Centre county, the members of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Sunday-school will assemble in the Lutheran church this (Thursday) evening, to discuss and devise means for the organization of a cradle roll, home department, and teacher-training class. It is urged that every member be present, and come prepared for definite action.

H. G. STROHMEIER, Superintendent.

Representative A. E. Patton voted against the Canadian reciprocity measure. This district is largely devoted to agriculture, and Mr. Patton voted in the interests of his constituents.

Representative Foelt, who also represents an agricultural district, voted with Mr. Patton against the measure.

If you want a monument, tombstone or marker erected prior to Memorial Day, do not delay your order. The highest standard of monumental work is produced from the best granite obtainable, and prices are reasonable—H. G. Strohmeier, Centre Hall.

If it wouldn't be for her giggle, the girl in her new Easter bonnet could scarcely be recognized.

AS THE FARMER VIEW THE PRESS

The Country Press the Farmers' Best Friend—His View on Advertising.

The following is from a Missouri farmer's address before a farmers' institute:

"As a rule the farmer knows no firmer friend than the country press. The home paper is distinctly the farmer's own paper, supported directly or indirectly by the farmers who compose the backbone of the printer's subscription list and largely for what the enterprising merchant advertises. Now brothers, let us not forget our friends. Let us see that our subscription is paid before the first of January, and a year in advance if we can afford it. The man or the paper that fights my battles shall have my support. Another thing, the merchants who advertise are the ones who make it possible for us to get a good local paper; and the men or firms who are too penurious to advertise and help support the local press have no right to the farmer's patronage. I propose hereafter to go to a good, live, local advertiser, and a man who will do his share in supporting the local press, thus contributing to my support, rather than buy of the man who proposes to take all and give nothing in return."

Potters Dwelling House Sold.

The double dwelling house, on east Church street, was sold by Henry Potter to H. J. Lambert, who also owns a property just across the street from his new possession. The price paid is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$1200.

This house, early in the history of Centre Hall, was erected on the north-west corner of the diamond for a hotel, and was conducted by Moses Felmeie in opposition to the present hotel stand. Although at that time there was much travel through Centre Hall, the rival stage coaches between Lewistown and Bellefonte carrying passengers for a pittance, there was not business sufficient for two hostleries, obliging the one to discontinue.

In 1885, when the local Lutheran congregation purchased the corner lot from the late William Wolf, the building was sold to ex-sheriff John Spangler, deceased, who moved it to its present location, remodeled it and made it into a double dwelling house.

Price-Goats.

Charles E. Price, of Madison, Westmoreland county, and Miss Anna B. Condo, of Centre Hall, were united in marriage on Monday, April 17, at noon, by Dr. H. F. King, of the Baptist church, at his residence on School street. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Price, of the vicinity of Loveloy. They were accompanied by Homer L. Price, of Johnstown, the groom's brother, and Miss Alice Clark, of Loveloy. They will at once take up housekeeping at Madison, where the groom for several years has been employed with the Keystone Coal and Coke Company.

The above is reprinted from the Indiana Evening Gazette. The bride is the youngest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Condo, of Centre Hall, and was the only one single. Congratulations.

Bids on Electric Light Plant.

The committee appointed by the Millheim borough council to secure bids for material for an electric light plant, made a partial report, which was accepted by council. In all likelihood the plant will be erected at Coburn to avoid hauling of the fuel to Millheim.

The bids for material accepted are these: Keeler boiler, \$1550; 50 k. w. generator and engine, Ridgeway Engine Company, \$1700; switch boards and transfers, etc., Westinghouse Company, \$390.

Liquor Seller Responsible.

The judgment in the case of Rosa Bower vs. Joseph Fredericks, of Lycoming county, was affirmed by the Superior court last week. Mrs. Bower charged Fredericks, who conducts an inn beyond Antes Fort, in Antes Gap, with selling her husband the liquor which made him drunk and cost his life through his falling from a wagon in such a way that his life was ground out by a wagon wheel. The jury awarded her \$1,000 damages.

To Encamp at Selinsgrove.

From July 22, to July 31, 2500 soldiers of the Third Brigade National Guards, will encamp on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's land and along the S. S. trolley line, just north of Selinsgrove. The Selinsgrove Times say that the community expects to be enriched by more than \$75,000 by the week's encampment.

The Mifflintown Lutheran congregation extended a call to Rev. E. M. Morgan, of Tyrone, to become its pastor.

LIQUOR LICENSE DECREE.

Opinion of the Court in Granting Liquor License to James W. Runkle.

In granting a liquor license to the Centre Hall hotel, of which James W. Runkle is the proprietor, the court filed the following opinion and decree:

OPINION AND DECREE.

This is the same application that was before us a year ago and refused for a technical reason, namely, failure upon the part of the applicant to file his application in the time prescribed by the Act of Legislature regulating this procedure. In refusing the application however, we distinctly held that it was for the above stated reason only, and that upon the evidence submitted we would be obliged to hold that the applicant would have been granted upon its merits. As a matter of fact Mr. Runkle has been the owner and landlord of this particular house for a long period of years, and has been managing his house with little or no complaint so far as the same has been brought to the attention of the Court, at least. Upon many occasions the Court has determined judicially that there was a necessity for such a house in Centre Hall, and in fact there has been a licensed hotel in this building even prior to Runkle's ownership. Centre Hall itself is a point of considerable business and is, probably with the exception of Millheim, the leading business center in all Penns Valley. The remonstrance deserves and is entitled to every respect and consideration, because of the number and character of its signers. It would appear upon its face that it represents a majority of the citizens of Centre Hall, and that upon the issue of local option or prohibition that Centre Hall would unquestionably vote affirmatively. While the petitioner has presented considerable evidence bearing upon the fitness of the applicant, the character of his house and the public need for such a house in Centre Hall, the remonstrants have seen fit to produce no testimony at all, relying entirely upon the number and respectability of the remonstrants, and the further fact that there has been no licensed hotel in the borough of Centre Hall during the past year.

At the time of the oral argument counsel for remonstrance did not hesitate to state to the Court that no objection would be made either to the fitness of the applicant or the character of his house or equipment, but argued that because the general public had been well served during the past year in a building without a license that it was a demonstration of the fact that there was no need for the present year of a licensed hotel. In addition the learned counsel attempted to make a distinction between the need for a hotel and the need for a license on the part of the traveling public. Upon the latter question we have failed, however, to be convinced. We can find no authority for such a position, even the case relied upon by the counsel when carefully studied by no means sustains it. On the contrary, the whole theory of our License Act as expressed by our appellate courts is entirely against it. As to the other argument, while we admit that it is specious, yet in view of all the facts it is not fair to the applicant. Mr. Runkle, recognizing that he had lost his license during the year 1910 because of an error technical irregularity, and having almost everything invested in his hotel property, continued to manage the hotel and to entertain the traveling public, no doubt, with the hope and expectation of having his license renewed at the next license court. That he would continue to do so after becoming convinced of a fixed determination on the part of the Court to refuse his license, is hardly believable. There is, therefore, no evidence before the Court to prove that if we refuse this license there would be any hotel, much less a well managed place for the accommodation of the traveling public. On the contrary, all the testimony before us is affirmatively to the effect that there is much need for such a place. In view of the state of the record and the evidence before us, as well as the long line of adjudications in this Court during the past years in favor of this particular application, we feel constrained to grant the license. In doing so, however, we would particularly impress upon the applicant and the majority of his fellow citizens and neighbors upon principle are opposed to the liquor traffic and that it is especially incumbent upon him to so conduct his business as to give as little cause of complaint as possible.

And now, to wit, April 19, 1911, the application of James W. Runkle for hotel license in the borough of Centre Hall is hereby granted and his bond approved.

By the Court,
ELLIS L. ORVIS.

Ball Club Organized.

At a formal meeting held last week, the Centre Hall Base Ball Club was organized for the season of 1911. J. Frank Smith was elected manager and Calvin Smith, captain. A paper in the hands of one of the members of the team is being circulated, about the town for the purpose of raising money to defray the expenses incurred during the playing season. The enviable record made by the team last season should dispel all doubt as to whether the club is deserving of the support of the citizens of the town, and the outlook for a good schedule of games this season is promising.

Your contribution, large or small, will be appreciated.

The dwelling house on the Hale farm, near Fillmore, was destroyed by fire. The property was occupied by Dallas Marshall, who was farmer; the place, straw and manure had been piled against the wall to keep the cellar's contents from freezing, and in some manner this was ignited. There was insurance on the house.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

It is all over with Delige, and the less said the better.

Last week, Mrs. Jene Snively, of Spring Mills, visited her son, C. F. Lantz, at Mifflinburg.

Mrs. Albert Foster, of Lewistown, came to Centre Hall, last week, with her son, Dr. J. V. Foster, who had been in Mifflin county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hockenbury, of Bellefonte, have moved to Anderson, Indiana, where Mr. Hockenbury will be employed in a wire mill.

Good for Rev. Edgar R. Heckman, pastor of the M. E. Church of Bloomsburg, the official board of the church having granted him a raise in salary from \$1,800 to \$1,900 a year.

The pardon board at its April meeting refused to interfere in the case of Frank Lee, of Lewistown, twice convicted of murder. The date for the execution is fixed for May 11th.

Orrie Hetrick, of Reedsville, has two ducks that started to lay on January 9, and up to April 18 (99 days in all) they had laid 195 eggs. On April 4, one egg was laid that measured 6 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches and weighed 5 1/2 ounces.

Without waiting for a game on the diamond, on Grange, Park, the baseball enthusiasts are taking a hit at Kresmer & Son's store, knocking home runs galore, and are receiving adequate rewards.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dale and daughters Mary and Luella, of Dale Summit, were in Centre Hall the latter part of last week, having been attracted here by an advertisement in the Reporter, placed there by one of the local business men.

Since the beginning of this month C. M. Arney has not had the use of one of his horses, the animal having been kicked on the front leg at that time. It is now improving, but it will be some time before it will be able to take its place in the team.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Brown have finally gotten settled in their home in Centre Hall. The moving was delayed by the arrival of an heir. Mr. Brown is an employee of the Pennsylvania Ball Telephone Company, and is always looking for trouble—on the line.

Miss Robinson's visit to Centre county will be a large factor in bringing Centre county into the "Front Line" in Sunday-school work. She visited each of the twelve districts in the county, and spurred many superintendents and Sunday-school workers to do better work in the future.

Among the Reporter's callers, last week, was R. C. Palmer, of Linden Hall, who is more of a farmer now than ever, having last year added considerable to his acreage. As soon as a definite price can be had on wool, Mr. Palmer will make his usual trips through Centre county to gather up that product.

One of the members of the graduating class of the Milesburg High School was Austin Robinson, formerly of Centre Hall. The graduation exercises took place Thursday evening of last week and were attended by Misses Laura Mitterling and Fernor Hoover, Ralph Dinges and Henry Mitterling, who were schoolmates of Austin when he lived in Centre Hall.

In this issue appears the decree of the court in the Centre Hall license case. It is interesting reading, both for those who favored and those who opposed the license. The court, contrary to the decision of other judges throughout the state, is unable to separate the necessity of a hotel and the necessity of a liquor license, and further makes himself the guardian of the business interests of Centre Hall—as he sees them.

One of the principal cases to be heard at the May term of court will be the suit of Samuel S. Osman, of Port Matilda, against Spring township for damages. Osman, on March 2nd of last year, drove into Getzell lake, below Pleasant Gap, and had a narrow escape of his life. He claims he has been physically disabled, and seeks to recover \$10,000. The supervisors are Garbrick and Wan, and the attorneys for the prosecutor W. Harrison Walker, and for the defendants, Getzell, Bower & Zery.

On Tuesday Mac Fry, son of Captain W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, lost his valuable and faithful horse "Tom," relates the Republican. He lives on a farm near White Hall, and while plowing in the field the animal suddenly disappeared. He stepped on a thin crust of earth and went down into a hole twenty feet deep. Strange to say the other horse kept his feet on solid ground and was easily unthatched from the plow. When the horse was taken out of the pit it was found his back was broken. He died about one hour after being extricated.