



Needs No Apologies.

The Reporter doubts very much whether Congressman Patton is pleased with any one making apologies for him for voting against the Canadian reciprocity bill. Mr. Patton represents an agricultural district, and is a protectionist, and why should he not vote against the measure as presented in the house? It is foolish to say that the removal of the tariff from Canadian farm products is meant to cheapen living, and then claim that the farmers in the states will receive just as much as ever for wheat, potatoes, hay, etc., as before the tariff was removed. There was a time when a tariff on wheat was of no benefit to the farmer; no one cared to remove it then, because it served to fool him and cost no one anything. Conditions are different now. Wheat is worth more in Minneapolis today (Friday, 12th) than it is in New York, and on the day the Canadian reciprocity bill passed the house, wheat was selling at a higher price in Minneapolis than in Liverpool. Conditions have changed, and Mr. Patton, no doubt, has made observations.

It is argued that the "Farmers' Free List" will reimburse the agriculturalists for the loss through the reciprocity measure. The farmers' free list has nothing to do with reciprocity, the measures are entirely separate. Reciprocity may become operative, and the free list bill be defeated in the senate or vetoed by the president. Every measure should be judged on its own merits.

When the tariff on agricultural products was of no value to the farmer, he was fooled into supporting high protection measures for the benefit of the manufacturer; but as soon as the population of the states becomes large enough to consume the wheat at home, the tariff the farmer would profit by makes a bad taste in the statesman's mouth, and must be removed—but not with Mr. Patton's vote.

No Court.

Although Judge Orvis opened court, on Monday morning, no business was transacted except to hear the reports of constables, which routine, although of no consequence, could not be dispensed with. For various reasons, chiefly of which no doubt was the illness of District Attorney Runkle, making it impossible for him to prepare indictments in commonwealth cases, it was found that the court sessions could be dispensed with without detriment to any one.

Court will be convened on Monday, 22nd, in regular session, that being the second week of the May term.

\$820,000 For State.

The appropriation bill reported to the house provides \$800,000 for maintenance and general purposes, and \$20,000 for an experimental milling plant, at Pennsylvania State College. Nothing was allowed for new buildings, or the completion of the agricultural building.

The University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, will receive \$965,000, and the University of Pittsburgh, \$400,000.

Under the Clump bill, which by the signature of the governor is now a law, and is in force, county commissioners may (not must) appoint inspectors of weights and measures. Their salaries, and all expenses incident to the conducting of the offices will be paid out of the county treasuries. This would make a fine berth for some one in Centre county, but since the official is not needed, the Reporter predicts that the commissioners will save the taxpayers the expense the law in operation would inflict.

A bill that ought to become a law is the one that will permit constables to make returns to the district attorney, when they have something to report, instead of making quarterly reports to the court on the first day of the session. The bill, if enacted into a law, will save the county a considerable sum for a service that accomplished practically nothing.

If the grand jury look with favor on the actions of viewers, a new bridge will be built over Spring Creek, in Bellefonte, to take the place of the one which it was attempted to repair. The viewers were W. C. Snyder, of Snow Shoe; J. Will Mayes, of Howard, and George H. Emerick, of Centre Hall.

"Mother's Day," with the white carnation as the insignia, was fittingly observed in many churches and Sunday-schools last Sunday. A "Father's Day" has been suggested, but there cannot be the tenderness, the sentiment, associated with such a memorial as is attached to that pertaining to "Mother's Day."

Read the Reporter.

On the Farm.

Corn planting has been in progress since the middle of last week, but it was only the exceptional farmer who put his seed in before the beginning of this week. There will be some corn crops to put in after this week, as there is yet considerable plowing to do on the farms where a large acreage will be planted. During the beginning of the plowing season, some farmers plowed when the soil was not in the best of condition, and these are having difficulty in preparing a good bed to receive the corn. During the latter part of last week and the beginning of this week, plowing for corn was quite difficult on account of the dryness and consequent hardness of the soil. These conditions will have a tendency to put some of the corn planting late in May and possibly as late as June. And yet no one knows but what the later planted corn will yield the best crops.

The grass fields are looking very promising. Generally speaking there was a good set of both clover and grass, on cutting the grain last harvest. The after-growth was exceptionally rank, and there was some speculation as to the results. The winter was quite favorable to the grass plants, but the spring months detrimental, freezing and thawing continuing well into April. Much of the clover was "heaved," but there were so many plants a good set remained when the first warm rains came that today the prospects for a hay crop are better than at this season last year.

Wheat through the valley is spotted, caused by the fly, and winter-killing. Some fields are in fine condition. The sowing done the latter part of September, all other conditions equal, looks the best today.

Oats were sown late, and the earliest is just coming through a hard crust formed after a heavy rain on the first day of May. The later sown oats and barley may make a much better stand.

Success of Prof. E. S. Stover.

Friends of Prof. E. S. Stover, a native of Rebersburg, and a former Centre county teacher, will be pleased to hear of his success. About eight years ago Prof. Stover resigned as principal of the Haines township high school, at Aaronsburg, to accept the principalship of the Randolph township high school, at Guys Mills, Crawford county. At the close of his first year's work at the latter place he was elected a member of the faculty of the Northwestern State Normal School, located at Edinboro, Erie county, in which institution he was a teacher for five years. During the summer months of these years he attended college at Buffalo, New York, and the University of Chicago, receiving the degree of LL. B. from the latter institution. Two years ago he resigned his position at the Normal School to accept a position in the city high school, at McKeesport, at a handsome increase of salary.

Prof. Stover has lately been chosen president of the Montana Institute, a Normal and Technical College, located at Miles City, Montana, and will take charge of his new position at the close of his present school term.

Aaronsburg.

Mrs. Harry Crouse spent a few days pleasantly with friends at State College.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDowell is spending some time with friends at State College.

Mrs. Clara Burd is spending a few weeks at the home of Ira Gramley, at Millheim.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wert attended the funeral of their little grandson, at Tusseyville.

Miss Kathryn Hettinger, of New Columbia, visited at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Aaron Weaver.

Mrs. Stella Feidler and children, of Feidler, were welcome callers at the home of Mrs. Effie Weaver, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bower and E. A. Bower attended the funeral of Mr. Ohls, at Loganton, one day last week.

Mrs. Annie Lambert Swarm and children have gone to their home in Olean, N. Y., after having spent a month with her mother.

Clayton Bowers and William Krape have beautified their homes by having them repainted, which adds greatly to their appearance.

The death of the infant son of John Krape, last Tuesday, cast a deep gloom in their family. It was only a bud on earth to bloom in heaven. The funeral on Friday was largely attended. Four young ladies were the carriers. Messrs. Clarence and Philip Eisenhour, Walter Kapp and Sparr Wert sang four very appropriate hymns and Leroy Mensch assisted as organist. Rev. Dico, of the Evangelical church, preached a most excellent sermon on the text: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Fruit Culture in this Section.

News from various sections of Centre county announces activities in the direction of apple and peach orchard planting. It is unquestionably a fact that more fruit trees have been planted in this section of the state this spring than in any one season in history. Interest in orcharding has been awakened by the instructions given through the newspapers and through the division of zoology by the state agricultural department. Not only is the fruit culture interest and activity showing in the planting of new orchards, but in the attention being paid old orchards, which, in many instances, must result in a greatly increased production of fruit, and of better quality. All this points to the value and necessity of even closer attention being paid the business by the state. The hills of this part of Pennsylvania are declared to be of leading adaptability for fruit culture, and the prophecy that in ten years it will have taken its place among the fruit belts of the country is not an idle guess. Hence the necessity for trained instruction and expert attention on part of the state in the promotion of the welfare of the fruit culture business of this important section.

225-Pound Calf.

Over near Colyer lives J. S. Houseman and at Centre Hill hisson-in-law, Thomas Hosterman. A contest is being waged by them—the growing of the largest veal calf being the coveted prize. Some time ago the former sold a 198-pound veal calf to Butcher Dauberman, and shortly thereafter Mr. Hosterman brought forth one that weighed just two pounds better, not much of a margin, but enough. Last week the former justice of the peace in the west precinct of Potter, sold a finished veal calf, seven weeks and two days old, that tipped the steel beam to 225 pounds. It was an exceptionally fine animal and netted Mr. Houseman more than the price of a yearling. It is impossible to produce veal calves without good dams, but in this respect both parties are well supplied.

LOCALS.

Mrs. Lizzie Wolf, of Altoona, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Shoop, over Sunday.

Former Merchant W. H. Meyer has taken courage to run his new automobile, and can handle the steering machine with entire satisfaction.

Dr. W. H. Schuyler attended the wedding of Miss Grace R. Barber, of Millheim, and John E. Flack, of Butler, the bride being a distant relative.

With more features than have ever before appeared in one edition, the annual baseball supplement of The North American will appear Sunday, May 21.

Several local parties are becoming infested with automobiles, and before long, unless a remedy is found, at least three new autos will be owned by the victims.

The commencement exercises of Claremont College, at Hickory, North Carolina, with which Rev. John H. Keller is connected, were held on Monday.

The Senate defeated by a vote of fifteen to twenty-four the bill of Senator Thompson, providing for the condemnation and acquisition of toll roads and the abolishing of tolls at the cost of the State.

The Lutheran and Reformed Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting in the Reformed church, Monday evening, to elect trustees, and transact such other business as may come before it.

The shipping of veal calves continues the most important branch of the butchering business conducted by John G. Dauberman, of Centre Hall, although the price has dropped since the warm weather began and customers are more difficult to find.

Byron King, the well known humorist, has been engaged by the junior class of the State College high school to give a performance at that place on Monday evening, May 29. The proceeds of the entertainment will be donated to the piano fund.

One hundred and fifty apple trees were planted on the farm owned by S. W. Smith, making in all two hundred apple trees now growing on his place. Although it is claimed that apple trees and alfalfa will not thrive on the same ground, the combination of crops will be tested out in this instance.

Ward S. Gramley, of Millheim, accompanied by his brother Window Gramley and son, Rev. J. M. Lantz and John Smith, of Spring Mills, were in Centre Hall on Saturday evening. The former Mr. Gramley is a member of the firm of Breen & Company, in Millheim, who handle the Ford automobiles. Since the opening of this season they have sold fourteen machines, and have a number of prospective buyers in sight.

DEATHS.

Daniel Musser, one of the most prominent citizens of Orangeville, Illinois, died at his home in that town. He was a native of Gregg township, and has relatives and many friends and acquaintances in this country who recall him. He had been in delicate health for several years, but during the past few months his health failed rapidly, until the end came, Saturday, 6th instant. From the Orangeville Courier these facts are gathered.

Daniel Musser was born in Gregg township, on the farm of his father Jonas Musser, October 23, 1836. Jonas Musser was a native of Lehigh county where his father Michael Musser was also born. The great grandfather of Daniel Musser it is believed, came from Switzerland. Daniel Musser spent his boyhood days after the manner of most farmers' sons, attending the common school and assisting in the labors on the homestead. In the spring of 1853 his father died and a year after he commenced to learn the tanner trade which he followed till the spring of 1856. He then immigrated westward to Illinois and located on a farm west of Orangeville where he lived up to fifteen years ago. His brother M. P. Musser lived with him till the Spring of 1870, when he purchased the interest of his brother in the farm and as time passed on he added more land to his possessions till he had 185 acres of splendid land.

The marriage of Daniel Musser and Miss Rebecca Drebbels took place at the home of the bride in this county, in the Spring of 1864. Mr. Musser is survived by his wife and five children: William L., of Jewell City, Kansas; Carrie A., at home; Minnie M. Leitzell, of Benton, Wisconsin; Burchard C., of Lincoln, California; Susie B. Gopen, of Monroe, Wisconsin. He is also survived by four brothers: William of Jewell city, Kansas; Benjamin Musser of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; M. P. Musser, of Rushville, Nebraska; Charles Musser, of Pearl City.

Brief mention of the death of the little babe of C. G. Weaver was made in these columns last week. The Millheim Journal gives these details: Irene Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Weaver, of Aaronsburg, aged one year, three months and twenty days, died Friday morning at 7 o'clock. On Thursday evening, between five and six o'clock, Lawrence, a brother, about two and one-half years of age, accidentally set fire to the clothing in a cradle in which the child was lying. The boy had moved a chair to the sideboard and crawled upon it and got matches with which he was playing. After setting fire to the clothing in the cradle, he ran over to his grandparents, who live in the same house, but said nothing about it. The mother and other women of the house were at the barn, milking at the time. When the mother came from the barn, the house was filled with smoke. She saw at once what was wrong and ran and got the child out of the cradle. The clothing was about all burned off the child by this time. Dr. C. S. Musser was at once called, who upon examining the child found that about one-third of its body was burned. It lingered in agony until the next morning, when it died as above stated. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. M. D. Geesey, and interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg.

Mrs. Amelia Corman, widow of the late Aaron Corman, died Thursday evening of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adam Neese, near Spring Mills. Mrs. Corman had been suffering from grippe for some time. Later typhoid fever developed to which she succumbed. In 1871 she was married to Aaron Corman and to this union were born three children, namely, Blanche, wife of Adam Neese, Spring Mills; Katherine, wife of a Mr. Garman, Union county, and Alfred, deceased. One sister, Mrs. James Hettinger, of Georges Valley, also survives. The age of the subject of this sketch was about sixty-five years.

Interment was made in Union cemetery, at Farmers Mills, Monday morning, the officiating minister being Rev. B. F. Bieber.

John Baker, a resident of Millheim for forty years, died at that place the beginning of this month, aged seventy-six years. He is survived by a wife, nee Carolus Eisenbuth, a native of Hines township. Six children also survive, all of whom attended the funeral, except Mrs. E. F. Andre, of California.

Lewis F. Wetzel, aged seventy-five years, a member of Co. D, 49th Regiment, died at his home in Millburg.

A Runaway.

William Thompson, who lives near Centre Furnace, met with a serious accident Tuesday night of last week, at Boalsburg. Mr. Thompson, accompanied by his wife had driven over to the Theodore Boal residence to spend the evening. On leaving, the horses took fright and dashed against a tree, then swerved and dragged the vehicle across the coping of a fountain standing in the yard. The impact threw Mr. and Mrs. Thompson out, the former receiving a compound fracture of the right shoulder bone.

When the vehicle struck the coping the front portion of it went all to pieces and the horses, finding themselves free, dashed away at breakneck speed.

Haag's Parade.

Too much cannot be said of the mighty Haag railroad show parade which takes place daily on the public streets free for everybody and is one mile in length and introducing features never attempted by any other show for their street pageant. No parade is complete without a callopie and Mr. Haag has spared no expense in this everlasting feature of the parade. Not only have the Haag shows one of the finest callopies in the world, but have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Signor Lamont who is considered the premier of callopie players, and will certainly gladden the hearts of the children, and everybody as well with up-to-date selections.

At Bellefonte, Thursday, May 25th.

Festival.

Progress Grange will hold a festival in Grange Arcadia on the evening of Memorial Day. Further notice will appear in the next issue of this paper.

Harris township.

Farmers are busy planting corn. The apple trees are in full bloom and fill the air with fragrance.

Mrs. Ira Rishel and daughters spent Thursday at Centre Hall.

Hon. Cyrus Woods, of Greensburg, was an over Sunday visitor at Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weber, of Centre Hall, were guests at the S. E. Weber home.

Mrs. Mary Rose and Mrs. Maggie Harper, of Centre Hall, spent Friday at Boalsburg.

Miss Isabel Miller spent a week at the home of her uncle, Harry Gilman, near Millheim.

Harold Coxey returned to Altoona on Monday after spending a week with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Mothersbaugh spent Saturday at the home of Samuel Glenn, at the Branch.

Mrs. Joseph Tressler and Mrs. James Eckenroth, of Pleasant Gap, visited relatives at Boalsburg over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Everhart, of Altoona, attended the funeral of Mrs. Charles Schaeffer on Saturday.

A memorial sermon will be preached in the Reformed church on Sunday at 10:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Stover.

Mrs. Lynn Woomer, of State College, and sister, Mrs. Clem Kuhn, of Rockview, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller, over Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Pennington, with her niece, Genevieve Wieland, of Williamsport, are visiting in this place, where they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wieland.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Woods, who were located at Rixford, are moving to Wilmington, Delaware. Before going to their new home they spent a week with relatives at Boalsburg.

A number of relatives and acquaintances were invited to the Theodore Boal home Tuesday evening of last week to meet Mrs. James Garfield, of Ohio, who is a friend of the family and a guest at that place.

O. W. Stover and Mrs. H. C. Rothrock are spending this week at Wilkes-Barre, where they are attending the national convention as representatives of the Boalsburg lodge of Odd Fellows and Tussey Rebekahs.

The poet has truly said:
"What a pleasant month is May,
When the snow has gone away,
When the flowers are peeping out,
And the birds are all about."

Lynn Bitner is enjoying a few days at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Catharine Bitner, at Penn Hall.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

George B. Slack advertises a power sheep clipper and incubator in this issue.

General James A. Beaver will be the chief speaker on Memorial Day, at Millheim.

"Clean up the town" is the slogan of the average city and county newspaper, but why permit the town to become dirty?

Mr. and Mrs. William Kern, of Oak Hall, spent a few days with the latter's sister, Mrs. H. C. Fetterhoff, at Warriors Mark.

The court house dedication is scheduled for Friday. If you can leave the farm, your trade or profession for a day, go witness the ceremonies.

The salary of Judge Ellis L. Orvis is now \$6000 per year, an increase of \$1000. This is the minimum salary paid any judge of the lower court, but it is not a mean sum.

Frank Lee, negro, murderer of George Porter, also a negro, was hanged Thursday morning of last week, in the Millheim county jail yard. This was the first hanging that ever took place in that county.

A dog in the habit of barking at and jumping in front of passing automobiles did the trick once too often Sunday of last week when it was run over and crushed to death by a machine. The owner of the dog was Harry Miller, the miller.

A squad of students in the forestry department, at Pennsylvania State College, are in the White Mountains in New Hampshire and will camp on the government reservation for several weeks in order to complete a series of investigations.

Taking advantage of the delightful weather and good condition of the roads, Misses Anna Ross and Bertha Meyer, of Linden Hall, took a hike Friday of last week. They walked from that place to Centre Hall and back again and enjoyed the trip immensely.

After a stay in Philadelphia for a period of eight months, Dr. John Hardenburg is back to Millheim with the intention of making that his permanent home and field of practice. Mrs. Hardenburg remained in the city, but will be here shortly. The doctor leased his former office in the Millheim Banking Company building.

The graduation exercises of the Millheim High School recently took place in the Reformed church at Millheim. The class was composed of but two members—Miss Gladys Meyer and David Kessler. Dr. J. I. Woodruff, connected with the Susquehanna University, addressed the class members, his subject being, "The Man Who Wins."

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral of Mrs. Amelia Corman, at Farmers Mills, was Mrs. R. B. Getzel, of Altoona, a niece of the deceased. Mrs. Getzel was accompanied by her three children, and during their stay in Centre county, were guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Corman, at Spring Mills.

Messrs. T. M. Gramley and Jacob C. Lee, of Spring Mills, have purchased Ford automobiles, and will hereafter enjoy the pleasures of traveling over the country in these machines. The former gentleman is the proprietor of the Spring Mills creamery, and is also interested in agriculture, owning a fine farm in Brush Valley. The latter is the station agent at Spring Mills (Rising Springs) railroad station.

About the middle of last month, Andrew Corman, of Spring Mills, planted three hundred and three peach trees on his farm near that place. Mr. Corman set his trees at a distance of fifteen feet and between them he planted two raspberry stalks, the entire number of stalks planted being five hundred. Elmer Ripka, of the same place, also planted five hundred raspberry plants and two hundred peach trees on the Ripka farm at Spring Mills.

A fierce encounter between a full grown bull dog and a cow took place near Bellefonte recently. Both animals were owned by George Smith, and although the canine was on friendly terms with the members of the family, it always showed a hostile spirit towards the cow. One morning Mr. Smith was attracted by the loud bellowing of the cow and upon investigation found both animals engaged in a mortal combat in an adjoining field. The dog had the unfortunate cow tightly gripped by the nose, and all efforts on the part of Mr. Smith and neighbors to loosen him proved unsuccessful. Finally the brute was shot, and it was not until then that the cow gained its freedom, none the worse for its thrilling experience.