POMONA GRANGE,

Second Quarterly Meeting Held in Half Moon Valley Amid Friends.

The second quarterly meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange met in Half Moon Grange Hall, west of Stormstown, Friday of last week. The meeting was largely attended by members of the local Grange in which hall it was held, and by fifth degree members from various portions of the county. Although Half Moon Grange is a very active one, and has a good membership, this was the first Pomona session ever held there, this condition being due to the fact that it is located so far to the west of the center of the county.

The Order was called to assemble promptly at the hour named by Worthy Master Willard Dale. The few officers not present were supplied by appointment. After the preliminary opening, Capt. A. J. Hunter, a charter member of the order, made the address of welcome, and no one doubted the sincerity of the speaker or the people he represented in the hearty welcome extended. In closing his brief address, he quoted the first lines of the school boy's oration on his first appearance on the rostrum :

> You scarce can expect one of my age To speak in public on the stage.

The response was made by the writer, who referred to the high state of agriculture, the splendid improvements, and the superior education of the people in the valley, attributing these conditions largely to the early Friends who settled in that region.

The first topic discussed was cooperation among farmers, by Hon. Leonard Rhone, who foresaw the necessity of the agricultural class getting nearer the consumer. This question is being largely discussed at the present time in all sections of the land-country and city alike.

E. B. Dorset, of Mansfield, Tioga county, lecturer of Pennsylvania State Grange, was the next speaker, who related a movement in New York City to create a condition whereby the product of the farm could be put into the larders of the city people without first adding several hundred per cent. to the original cost.

Following this, R. P. Kester, of Grampian, Clearfield county, one of the well known and able institute lecturers, and State Grange Deputy, spoke on the same subject. He thought the question a most difficult one to there.

The report of the Grange Fire Insurance Company was read by the secretary, David K. Keller. The report indicates the company to be in the best of condition, and the rate of insurance less than for some years. The total amount of insurance is less than in former years, owing to the fact that fire insurance companies were organized by Pomona Granges in Bedford, Clearfield and Huntingdon counties. The rate of insurance for the past year, for actual insurance, was considerably less than other local mutual companies, and very much less than the rate paid to cash companies.

The report of the chairman, Mr. Rhone, of the Grange Encampment and Fair, was read, telling of the improvements made on Grange Park, and the prospects for the September gathering.

The exploits and phenominal success of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company were embodied in a report made by the secretary of the company.

Mrs. D. W. Bradford recited a poem, and Mrs. Daniel Grove read a selection, both being appropriate and instructive.

A class of eighteen fourth degree members were admitted to the Pomona Grange, the degree work having been given in full.

State Lecturer Dorset and State Deputy Kester both spoke of the work in their line throughout the state, and the effort that was being made to increase the efficiency of the officers and influence of the Order.

The Master was elected to represent the Order at the conference to select places for the Farmers' Institutes this time Benjamin Way opened a I. J. Dreese trustee to J. F. Meyer, to be held next winter. He was also authorized to appoint three delegates to the conference to elect trustees for Pennsylvania State College.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. The members of the Order who attended this meeting of Pomona, are as follows:

STORMSTOWN Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Way Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Beck Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Beck Mr. and Mrs. R. Orlando Way Isaiah Beck R. D. Ardery Miss Anna Mary Hunter Mr. and Mrs. N. I. Wilson Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williams Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Rye Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Eves Capt, J. A. Hunter Mrs. J. I. Gray Dr. S. G. Coons B. M. Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Woodring

PORT MATILDA

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Woodring Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Laird Mrs. J. F. Goss A. S. Williams

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Peterson, Penn. Furnace E. T. Parsons, Penn. Furnace D. M. Campbell, Linden Hall Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dale, Dale Summit Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dale, Dale Summit

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Musser, Bellefonte Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Grove, Lemon; Isaac Frain, Jacksonville John Grove, Lemont Reuben Cromley, Fleming R. P. Kester, Grampian E. B. Dorset, Mansfield

CENTRE HALL Leonard Rhone Mrs. Rebecca Cummi Mrs. Samuel Durst Mrs. R. D. Foreman Mrs. D. W. Bradford David K. Keller

George W. Gingerich

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bartges A BIT OF HISTORY.

S. W. Smith

It was in 1784 that the first white settler found his way to Half Moon May 22, 1911. Yates Center, Kansas. Valley. He was Abraham Elder, who came from Franklin county, locating on the home now owned by Capt. A. J. Hunter to the east of Stormstown. in salary raising and increasing public tre Hall and purchased a half interest He found an abandoned cabin there, berths, has put up to Governor Tener in the Murray drug store, his partner and turnips and wheat were his first (not counting the increase which he now being his bride. crop. This planting done, he re- vetoed for the Internal Affairs deerected by Robert Elder, which man- ing to \$249,540, including the Judges' Reporter extends congratulations. sion today is; the home of Captain salaries increase. The amount of the Hunter, whose wife was a grand- bills passed by both houses and still daughter of Abraham Elder.

west of Bellefonte to accommodate the state offices alone is \$328,040, one item been announced. The names of the many travelers west to Pittsburg. of which is the raising of the Legisla- places where the examinations will be The main article of transportation was tors' salaries by \$900 biennially for held and the time set for them are iron ore and later iron. Here (in the each. cabin) was held the first religious In addition, the bills or commismeeting in Half Moon Valley, the sions which the Governor is yet to ap-Elders being Presbyterians.

Other Quakers to follow closely were cities, including Philadelphia, from Edward B. Way, who lives on one of creasers. the best equipped farms in that neighborhood, being one of the descendants of one of the branches of

Quakers, located in this valley. handle, but one that would finally be ing House, the first having been erect- bishops to serve four years, or between developing for the repair of the wall and nineteen days. When fourteen the promoters of this church enterprise were George Wilson, the Ways, and ministers. Methodists find the will make the work easy. Moores, Spencers and Downings.

> stands today and is the worshipping as a court. place of the Friends of the fourth, fifth and sixth generations. About this time a distribution of funds was made by the main body of Friends in Chester county, and this fund was used in establishing a school in the old church (now Grange Hall). A Friends' school was maintained with State College. \$1. more or less irregularity since the erection of the log cabin meeting Dowell, April 4, 1911, tract of land in ty, last Friday and Saturday. house, in which house the first school in Half Moon Valley was taught. The Quaker took with him his church and

Half Moon Valley was so named from the half-moons cut on the trees by the Indians along their trails between Standing Stone (Huntingdon) and Bald Esgle's Nest (Milesburg). Warriors Mark also got its name from twp. \$1. the marks cut on trees by "warriors."

Stormstown got its name from Jacob Storm, who founded it. He came in Gregg twp. \$600. there in 1800, and believed that inasmuch as there was already a tavern, a store, a smithy conducted by Edward | twp. \$2500. Webb, and a superior class of people in point to lay out a town and did so. in Bellefonte. \$1. Later additional lots were laid out, and this plot was named Walkerville. Stormstown, up to 1880, was called fonte. \$3000. Half Moon in the postal service.

closed his place to travelers, and at Bellefonte. \$1090. public house, which up to 1860 was May 16, 1911, tract of land in Fergulicensed, but since has been conducted son twp. \$1475. as a boarding house.

In 1867 a fire broke out in the village town, and in a short while twen- twp. \$1500. ty-six buildings were destroyed and sixteen families were homeless. Every business place was burned, in- in Miles twp. \$1875. cluding the post office. It was a ser-

never fully recovered. Half Moon Grange, No. 290, was organized June 19, 1874, by Hon. Stover, April 7, 1911, tract of land in Leonard Rhone. But three charter Haines twp. \$70 per acre. members survive, the trio being Capt. A. J. Hunter, Master; Isalah Beck. Overseer, and Isaac Beck, Treasurer. They were all at the meeting Friday, as was also Mr. Rhone.

The Buffalo Valley News, formerly

LETTERS FROM SUBSURIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column-New Department.

intention to make a trip to Pennsyl- mony having been performed by Rev. vania this spring but Mrs. Strunk has W. D. Donat, pastor of the Reformed been ill for a long time and it is now church on the Aaronsburg charge. to near the having season to go away. There were no guests except the Corn is looking good considering the members of the Mayer family, one of weather conditions, and ranges in whom is Mrs. Catharine Bitner, the height from six to eight inches, aged mother of the groom. Some corn has, been cultivated once. good to work horses.

J. A. STRUNK,

Salaries Increased. This legislature, as a record-breaker awaiting Tener's action for the an-This structure was the first hotel nual increase in pay and berths of tions to be held in Centre county have

prove or knock out, amount to more The first Quaker to settle in that than \$300,000, including the Panama valley was George Wilson, a native of Canal Commission, but not including Chester county, who located in that the Capitol Park Extensions Comvicinity in 1792. Many of the de- missions. It would be difficult to esscendants live there now, and wor- timate the aggregate of additional exship in the church of their fathers. pense to the counties, townships and Benjamin and Caleb Way, brothers. the local salary raisers and office in-

To Have Supreme Court.

Methodists, the larger northern body, General Conference, meeting every During 1841 a more imposing church four years, to be both too large and too edifice was built. This structure much burdened with other work to sit

Transfers of Real Estate. Dowell, April 4, 1911, tract of land in this side of Millheim. State College. \$1.

George L. Holter et ux to M. S. Mc-Dowell April 4, 1911, tract of land in Mary O. Foster et bar to M. S. Mc-

State College. \$2,000. M. I. Gardner atty in fact to Abraham Weber, April 22, 1911, tract

of land in Howard boro. \$150. David M. McMurray et al Emanuel Eungard, March 4, 1911, tract of land in Gregg twp. \$3350.

Lillie G. Brill to E Eungard et al, May 4, 1911, tract of land in Gregg

A. J. Shook et ux to D. H. Shook, April 1, 1911, tract of land in Gregg the Renovo News.

John C. Miller et al to Lucy M. the neighborhood, it would be a good Potter et al, May 8, 1911, tract of land

Evaline J. Bell to Calvin H. Troup,

Lucy M. Potter et al to George A.

As early as 1810, Abraham Elder Beezer, April 27, 1911, tract of land in

T. C. Harding to Catherine Hard-

ing, May 1, 1911, tract of land in Rush James Moyer et ux to George A. Vonada, March 28, 1911, tract of land

Dora E. Fisher to C. W. Bauder, ious calmity from which the village May 4, 1911, tract of land in Unionville, \$375.

William F. Zeigler et al to Ammon

Whooping cough is not dangerous

Bitner-Murray. The marriage of Dr. H. F. Bitner and Miss Agnes Murray was consumated at the bome of the groom's Enclosed you will find one dollar sister, Mrs. J. S. Meyer, east of Penn for the Centre Reporter. It was my Hall, at noon on Sunday, the cere-

Both the principals to this wed-Wheat looks good, but oats is poor. ding are well known to many of the Lately we have had rain which will Reporter readers. The groom is a help the crops considerably. This native of Gregg township, and when was a backward spring, most of the graduated from Franklin and Martime being too cold for the crops but shall College taught the High School in Centre Hall. From here he went to Kutztown, as a professor in the State Normal, and afterward to Millersville, occupying a similar position in the Millersville Normal. Several years ago he returned to Cen-

The bride is the daughter of Drugturned to Franklin county, and the partment, the only one that evoked gist J. D. Murray, and is one of Cenfollowing spring his wife and infant his disapproval) a total annual in- tre Hall's most respected and refined son (Robert) traveled on horseback to crease of \$577,580 for State offices ladies. For a number of years she their new home. A stone mansion alone, in salary swelling and multi- conducted the drug store for her fathwas erected on the site of the cabin in plication of places. Of those the er, and also presided over his home 1808, and in 1832 an addition was Governor has approved bills amount- since the death of Mrs. Murray. The

Teachers' Examinations.

The dates for the teachers' examinaappended:

Unionville, Monday, June 5 Hublersburg, Tuesday, June 6 Bellefonte, Wednesday, June 7 Snow Shoe, Thursday, June 8 Millheim, Thursday, June 15 Centre Hall, Friday, June 16 Boalsburg, Saturday, June 17 Pine Grove Mills, Monday, June 19 Howard, Wednesday, June 21 Eagleville, Thursday, June 22 Philipsburg, Friday, June 23 Bellefonte-Special-Friday, July 14 Bellefonte-Special-(second trial), July 21 Bellefonte-Professional, Friday, August 4

Centre Hill Cemetery.

many others, the majority of them be known as the Final Court of Ap- ed in keeping the cemetery in order, is peals. Its membership will be fifteen, invited to come to the cemetery Fri- diseases. The structure occupied by Half three bishops and six each of minis- day morning, June 2nd, to help in ed in 1800 at the cemetery, about one General Conference sessions, the surrounding the grounds, which will years old she went to Tyrone with her mile to the west. This latter was a others four and eight years. Co-ordi- soon be announced; but the above parents, and remained there until

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. George Ulrich, of Krebs, of Altoons, survive. Millheim, attended the funeral of John Hamilton et ux to M. S. Mc- ed on the Frankenberger farm, just was Rev. W. W. Hartman.

The Mifflinburg Telegraph contained this personal : D. H. Myers, the efficient and courteous foreman at the Mifflinburg Creamery Co., was a business and social visitor to Centre coun-

Miss Lillie Dale, who since last July had been in Rushville, Nebraska, with a brother, Horace Dale, is back to Dale Summit, and for the present is with her brother, John S. Dale. She was very much pleased with Nebraska. but it was not the old home.

The Bellefonte Daily has again made its appearance. The paper is David McMurray et al to Samuel published in the Howard Hustler of-Rachau, March 4, 1911, tract of land fice, at Howard, and the editor is W. C. Darrah, of Bellefonte. Mr. Darrah was formerly editor and publisher of

Miss Helen Williams, of Beech Creek, came to Centre Hall on Saturday and remained with friends until after Memorial Day. She taught the secondary school in this place during April 14, 1911, tract of land in Belle- the winter of 1909-1910, but last winter taught in the vicinity of Waddles.

One of the citizens of Millheim urges the erection of a town hall or an opera house, claiming that such a building would be needed in order to induce lecturers and entertainers to come to that town. Surely such an edifice would be a credit to Miliheim.

It looks as though the voice of the protesting farmer had been heard, and that reciprocity with Canada, a measterests of the farmers.

As soon as it is ascertained that monies have been appropriated for the salaries of assistant superintendents of schools, Superintendent Etters will when the cough is kept loose and ex- appoint Milford Pletcher to that average assistant under the new law. Aaronsburg. DEATHS

Dr. John D. McGirk, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Philipsburg, died at his home at that place Thursday morning suffered from a veral light paralytic strokes. About a week previous to his ty superintendent of public school demise his condition became serious \$5000 a year. and this coupled with his failing health brought about his death. Deeased was a son of James McGirk, a native of Ireland, and was born in Philipsburg, October 21, 1834, making his age seventy-six years, seven months and four days. He was one of the ablest and most successful physicians of Philipsburg. In the spring of 1871 be graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, obtaining the degree of M. D. and on returning to his native town followed that profession until a few years ago. A little more than nine years ago he associated with rium which has developed into one of in Centre Hall. the most important institutions of the kind in this section of the state.

Dr. McGirk was married to Miss Mary F. Hand, now deceased, in the mandery of Pennsylvania, Knights born three children, one of whom is dead. The two surviving members of this family are Miss Annie, at home, and Dr. Charles E., chief factor at the sanitarium, and one of Philips- Lowell, Massachusetts, Shaffer Leepsister, Mrs. Henrietta Foster, of Philipsburg, also survives.

It was through the influence of Dr. McGirk and twenty-six others of the forty- five free holders on the petition that Philipsburg was transformed served three years as a member of first borough council which was organized in 1856.

was made in the Philipsburg ceme- was held at Harrisourg.

Sunday evening of last week Miss Everybody, Presbyterian or other- Anna Agnes Markle, daughter of Mr. 144,597, an increase of 1,763 since the wise, who has relatives buried at Cen- and Mrs. John Markle, of Tyrone, last annual convention. this family. Between 1894 and 1820 are to have a supreme court. It will tre Hill, or who is in any way interest- died after an illness of about five months from a complication

Miss Markle was born in Centre

Interment was made in the Grand

Elizabeth Lohr died at the home her mother's birthday. of her niece, Mrs. E. Meckley, in Juniata, Wednesday evening of last week, of diseases incident to old age. The deceased was born at Farmers' Mills, February 22, 1826, being in her eighty-sixth year. The deceased lived with a daughter in Williamsport and relatives in Bellefonte until two years ago, when she went to Juniata and made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Meckley. Deceased was a devoted christian, worshipping in the Lutheran faith. She is survived by eight grandchildren and a number of

great-grandchildren, also a sister. Joseph Lutz and Miss Annie Lohr. She was the sister of the late William Lohr, of Centre Hall.

George E. Breon, aged thirty-eight years, seven months and one day, died at his home in Brawley, California, on the 16th of last month. Mr. Breon was born at Potters Mills, and grew to manhood. For the past eight years he had been located in California.

John Henry Detwiler, son of Mr. lege Times: While John S. Baumure that takes from the farmer every and Mrs. H. A. Detwiler, died at his bit of protection, would be killed. parents' home at Smullton Monday of road between State College and Pine The Reporter does not care how its last week of spasmodic asthma, aged Hall, last Saturday, in his new Ford, death comes about, just so the beast is two years, one month and five days. an outfit driven by a careless driver, put to death, and this for the best in- Funeral services were held the following Wednesday afternoon, conducted of his car. The impact tore one of the by Rev. J. F. Bingman, and inter- front tires to pieces, spread the axle, ment was made in the cemetery at twisted the steering gear and damaged. Rebersburg.

pectoration easy by giving Chamber- position in Centre county. His salary daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry jured. Had the machine been runlain's Cough Remedy. It has been will be \$1500 per year. Mr. Pletcher Stover, of Woodward, died Sunday ning with very much power the colliused in many epidemics of this disease has been an active school man, and from convulsions. Interment will be sion would have resulted in a harrowthe Mifflinburg Times, has suspended with perfect success. For sale by all can earn his salary as well as the made this (Thursday) morning at ing accident as the place where it oc-

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS,

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The teachers' examination will be of last week. For the past year he held in Centre Hall, Friday, 16th inst. Montgomery county pays the coun-

> The rural districts get but one million of the three million dollars they should have on account of the Jones "dirt" road bill.

The Watsontown postoffice has handled on an average of 2500 pieces of mail per day since the headquarters demand all mail counted.

Kissel Hill, Lancaster county, has a sweet citizen in C. E. Stauffer, who has harvested 3000 pounds of honey, the product of his million bees.

Former Prothonotary William Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Smith, his son, Dr. Charles E. McGirk, and of Millheim, on Saturday were the established in Philipsburg a sanita- guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary,

William Boozer and Miss Bertha McCormick attended the fifty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Comfall of 1856, and to this union were Templar, held in Williamsport last // week.

In a wreck of one of the show trains belonging to the Buffalo Bill Wild er, of Lewistown, was seriously, but

not fatally, injured. While on their way to Philadelphia ast week, Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Stonecypher, and the latter's mother, Mrs. Hiram Ulrich, of Boalsburg, stopped from a village to a borough. He at Selinsgrove and were guests at the

home of James Ulrich. T. H. Harter, postmaster at Bellefonte and editor of the Keystone The funeral took place Saturday Gazette, was made president of the afternoon under the direction of the state association of postmasters, for Masonic fraternity, and interment the ensuing year. The last meeting

> At the State convention of Odd Fellows in session at Wilkes Barre recently it was announced that the present membership in the state is

Dr. John A. Hardenburg, of Millheim, who recently returned from Philadelphia where he had been lo-Moon Grange was erected in 1830 by ters and laymen. Members are to be cleaning up this old burial place. Hall, September 22, 1883, making her cated for some time, has ordered a the Quakers, and was the second Meet- chosen by the General Conference, the Bring your lunch along. Plans are age twenty-seven years, eight months Ford automobile through the agency of C. H. Breon & Company, of

Ten miles of onions have been log structure, and prominent among nated with this new highest court will meeting is to clean up the ground about two years ago when she went to planted by Huntingdon reformatory be others for members, local preachers within the walls. A general turn out Altoons, where she had been employ- boys on the farm connected with the ed until overcome by illness. Her institution. Seventy bushels of poparents, one brother, J. C., of Lewis- tatoes and other vegetables in like town, and one sister, Mrs. Roland proportions have also been put under the ground.

> Mrs. Wagner Geiss, of Bellefonte, Mrs. Ulrich's brother, John Stover, View Cemetery, Wednesday following gave a May luncheon for a dozen of at Lewistown. Mr. Stover was rear- her death, and the officiating minister her friends from that place, last Friday, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Goodhart, in Ceptre Hall, as a surprise in celebration of

Hon. William C. Heinle, of Bellefonte, attended the graduation exercises of the National School of Elocution and Oratory, at Philadelphia, Tuesday of last week. His daughter, Miss Bettie Heinle, was a member of the graduating class and finished her course in that school with a large list of honors.

Saturday afternoon of last week Harry Peace, of Coleville, while crossing a foot bridge which spans the Buffalo Run creek above Coleville, made a misstep and fell into the For a number of years this subject the stream. On striking the bottom made her home with her nieces, Mrs. his wrist came in contact with a broken bottle which severed an artery. Only the prompt arrival of a physician saved the young man's life as the cut was a severe one and would have proven fatal.

Lancaster, the richest farming county in the United States, is not entirely denuded of timber, although a trip through the county by rail would was a son of Captain Jacob and Mollie leave the impression that it was. Breon, both now deceased. While There are in the county about 58,392 quite young his parents moved from acres of timber and 511,150 acres of Potters Mills to Altoona, where he cleared land. Breakneck leads with 4,851 acres of timberland. The valuation of the real estate in the county is \$103,707,951, of which \$7,355.000 is exempt from taxtation.

The following is from the State Colgardner was spinning along the lower backed over the embankment in front the guards. The wagon was some what splintered. There were four Helen, aged one and one-half years, ladies in the car, but none was incurred is a dangerous one.