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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Held in Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, at Tusseyville, June 6 and 7—Attendance at all Sessions Quite Large.

The Northern Conference of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania was held in Emmanuel's Lutheran church, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

The first session was held Tuesday evening, and was opened by devotional services and greetings by the pastor, Rev. B. F. Bieber, after which Mrs. M. R. Saebach, of Lewisburg, general secretary of the Home Department, was introduced and spoke of the work connected with that department. Rev. Ira S. Sassaman, of State College, followed with a very able sermon.

The first business on the program Wednesday morning was the enrollment of delegates. Mrs. Julia Deininger, of Millheim, secretary of the Literature Committee, then talked on the subject, "Our Literature." She was followed by Mrs. Seebach, who again spoke on the work of the Home Department. Miss Mary E. Lowe, missionary to India, who is home on her first furlough, made an excellent address and presented some curios in the form of idols, rings, lace, etc., brought from India, which were very interesting. She expects to return to her field of labor in the east the latter part of September. A touching tribute was paid Miss M. Katherine Furs, who for many years was corresponding secretary of the society, by Miss Jodie Reaick, of Salona.

After conducting the praise service Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. J. C. Horton, of Belleville, sang a beautiful solo. The principal address was made by Miss Lowe, who spoke of the missionary work being done for the young people in India. Miss Jennie Reifsnnyder's paper on "Young People's Work" was read by Miss Elizabeth Quinn, of Lock Haven. Miss Byrd Stover, secretary of the conference, talked on Mission Band work, after which exercises consisting of songs and recitations were very well rendered by children trained for the occasion. Echoes from the Biennial Convention held at Louisville, Kentucky, were given by the delegates, Miss Anna Keiser and Miss Mary E. Lowe. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place during this session. Those elected were: Miss Anna Keiser, West Milton, president; Mrs. S. W. Smith, Centre Hall, vice president; Miss Byrd Stover, Rebersburg, secretary, and Mrs. S. Minary, Lock Haven, treasurer. Rev. N. A. Whitman, of Rebersburg, made a few encouraging remarks prior to bringing the session to a close.

The evening session was opened with scripture lesson and prayer by Mrs. William Bitner. Mrs. B. F. Bieber sang a solo, and after this a paper on "Our Jubilee Year" was read by Mrs. W. M. Reaick, of Millburg. Following the singing of a trio by members of the home choir, Rev. D. F. P. Barry, of Hartleton, delivered an excellent sermon. Before the adjournment of the meeting an invitation was extended by Salona society to hold the next conference at that place.

Too much cannot be said of the hospitality shown by the people of Tusseyville, they having done all in their power to accommodate the delegates and visitors. Appended is a list of the delegates and others who attended the conference:

DELEGATES

Bellefonte, Mrs. Grove
Boalsburg, Miss Anna Dale
Centre Hall, Mrs. B. F. Bieber
Millheim, Mrs. Julia Deininger
Lock Haven, Mrs. T. S. Minary
Salona, Miss Jodie Reaick
Dreisbach, Miss Anna Miller
Millburg, Mrs. W. M. Reaick
Lauriston, Mrs. George Steese
Tusseyville, Mrs. William Bitner
White Deer, Miss Margaret Young
Fine Grove Mills, Miss Grace Elder
Lock Haven, Miss Elizabeth Quinn
White Deer, Miss Anna Keiser
Rebersburg, Mrs. Byrd M. Stover
Belleville, Mrs. J. C. Horton
Rebersburg, Rev. N. A. Whitman
Beaver Springs, Mrs. W. H. Dolbeer
Madisonburg, Benjamin Lambert
Lewisburg, Mrs. M. R. Saebach
Guntur, India, Miss Mary E. Lowe

Promise Biggest Wheat Crop.

Promises that this year's wheat crop will be the greatest ever produced is given in the June crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture. Estimates by the Department's experts indicate that approximately 764,291,857 bushels of wheat will be harvested in this country this summer and autumn, an increase of about 68,848,857 bushels over that garnered last year. Of winter wheat the indicated yield is almost 480,000,000 bushels and of spring wheat 284,291,857 bushels.

Send the news to the Reporter. Send it over the wires, or give it to one of our representatives. We want the news, and the only way to get it is for some interested person to send it this way.

SOME CLASS TO MISS MILLER.

Swindles in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Connecticut, and New Jersey. There is some class to Miss Miller who just came into prominence at Atlantic City and is now resting in jail there with a companion, who gave his name as William Mathis.

Miss Miller hails from Millheim, and is known there as Ray Miller, having taken the name Miller from a family who cared for her during her early life, her father is said to be a Mr. Kleckner. The greater part of last winter she spent in Millheim at the Kleckner home. Before coming to Millheim she had lived in Lewisburg for several months, where she and Mr. Kleckner lived in a stylishly furnished house on Railroad street.

The Miller woman is about thirty years old. She came to grief on account of having passed worthless checks at Pleasantville, New Jersey. The young woman made her appearance in the off-shore town and rented one of the handsomest cottages there. She then visited merchants and purchased furniture and other commodities valued at about \$1000, giving checks in payment on Millheim Bank, of Millheim, Pa.

The merchants who were duped set detectives on her trail, and finally landed her at the Pennsylvania station, Atlantic City, in company with a young man who gave his name as William Mathis, and in their possession were two tickets for Wilkes-Barre. They were taken into custody by Captain of Detective Whalen, who later discovered that they had removed the furniture from the house rented in Pleasantville and had sold it to an Atlantic avenue restaurant proprietor for \$68. This money was found in a hand bag carried by the woman, together with a number of pawn tickets for articles of jewelry upon which sums ranging from \$10 to \$2000 had been realized.

Of the two complaints upon which the couple is held, one is made by an agent of the Philadelphia Supply Company, from whose branch store in Pleasantville furniture valued at \$275 had been secured and a worthless check tendered in payment.

Feeling much sympathy for a young woman in such distress, the Philadelphia business man cashed her check, for \$200. The check came back, so he has Ray Miller's pretty signature in pencil as a souvenir.

But what is more astonishing, the detectives have the best of reasons to believe that the young woman has been operating in many cities with two confederates, covering a period of three years. Pawn tickets for large amounts have been found in her baggage. The confederates were men.

Mysterious thefts have been reported from many cities immediately following the employment of a certain servant girl. The Miller woman had started out in service in Pleasantville.

William Mathis, arrested with the woman, was wearing one of the coats she bought with a worthless check. He was with her, too, when she fooled a Pleasantville furniture dealer to the extent of \$276.

Although the police have in sight under pawn and through the worthless check operations, stolen property amounting to \$2500. Freight bills have been found showing the shipment of furniture to her Millersburg address from Louisville, Kentucky; Pittsburg and Erie; Bridgeport, Connecticut; Harrisburg, Williamsport and Philadelphia. The pawn tickets come from New York and other big cities.

From Espy, this state, comes another tale of woe. George Pearsoll, an aged gentleman, parted with \$1100 on account of the woman's friendship. She gave the man a mortgage on diamonds and jewelry, but when she left Columbia county she took with her the diamonds and the cash. The loan represented about one-third of the man's wealth. The loss worried him so that he died shortly afterwards.

Transfers of Real Estate.

George Valentine, et al to W. P. Humes, tract of land in Spring twp., May 15, 1911. \$814.

William P. Humes to Chester A. Beightol, tract of land in Burnside twp., May 8, 1911. \$750.

Mary Neidrick et al to Fred Pike, three tracts of land in Rush twp., May 27, 1911. \$485.

Milton S. McDowell et ux to Penn's Alpha Beta Ass'n of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, lot in State College, May 27, 1911. \$2000.

J. Clyde Jodon to Esther V. Jodon lot in Bellefonte, May 31, 1911. \$2000.

W. H. Knoefinger et ux to Wallace Horner tract of land in Spring twp., May 29, 1911. \$98.

Martha Barry to Edward Foust, tract of land in Rush twp., July 29, 1907. \$50.

J. A. Harpater et al to Jacob Calvin Sunday, tract of land in Ferguson twp., May 13, 1911. \$40.

STATE ROADS.

Routes Finally Adopted Under the Sproul Road Law, Signed by the Governor.

Through the kindness of Senator Joseph Alexander, the representative in the upper house of the legislature from this district, the Reporter is able to give its readers the definite routes of the several state roads as defined in the Sproul road bill which is now a law. Most or all of these roads will be taken over by the state by June 1, 1912.

After the death of Hon. J. C. Meyer, Senator Alexander became solely responsible for Centre county. He made every effort and was able to have retained in the bill all the routes originally laid out by Mr. Meyer, and also did his best in securing appropriations for the various institutions in Centre county.

The routes provided in the Sproul road bill, which pass through Centre county, are as follows:

No. 56—From Huntingdon to Bellefonte. Commencing in Huntingdon and running over route 55 to Tyrone, thence by way of Warrior's Mark, Seven Stars and Pennsylvania Furnace to a point on the dividing line between Huntingdon and Centre counties, thence by way of State College and Lemont to Pleasant Gap, thence over route twenty-seven into Bellefonte.

No. 57—From Huntingdon to Clearfield. Commencing in Huntingdon and running over route 55 to Tyrone, thence by way of Bald Eagle to a point on the dividing line between Blair and Centre counties, thence by way of Sandy Ridge to a point on the dividing line between Centre and Clearfield counties, thence by way of Ocoala to a point on the dividing line between Clearfield and Centre counties, thence to Philipsburg, thence to a point on the dividing line between Centre and Clearfield counties, and thence by way of West Decatur, Singron and Williams Grove into Clearfield.

No. 58—From Bellefonte to Lock Haven. Commencing in Bellefonte and running by way of Zion, Hublersburg and Nittany to a point on the dividing line between Centre and Clinton counties, and thence by way of Clintonville and Mill Hall to a point on the boundary line of the city of Lock Haven.

No. 219—From Clearfield to Lock Haven. Commencing in Clearfield and running over route 57 to Williams Grove, thence by way of Grahamton, Kyertown and Drifting to a point on the dividing line between Clearfield and Centre counties, thence by way of Moshannon, Snow Shoe, Runville, McLeburg and Howard to a point on the dividing line between Centre and Clinton counties, thence by way of Beech Creek and Mill Hall to a point on the boundary line of the city of Lock Haven.

No. 27—From Lewisburg to Bellefonte. Commencing in Lewisburg and running over route 24 to Winfield, thence by way of New Berlin to a point near Penna Creek, thence over route 26 to Millburg, thence by way of Hartleton to a point on the dividing line between Union and Centre counties, thence by way of Woodward, Millheim, Penn Hall, Spring Mills, Old Fort, Centre Hall into Bellefonte.

No. 29—From Lewistown to Bellefonte. Commencing in Lewistown and running by way of Burnham, Reedsville and Milroy to a point on the dividing line between Mifflin and Centre counties, thence by way of Pottery Mills to Centre Hall, thence over route 27 into Bellefonte.

No. 107—From Bellefonte to Clearfield. Commencing in Bellefonte and running by way of Milesburg, Unionville, Julian, Port Matilda and Philipsburg to a point on the dividing line between Centre and Clearfield counties, thence over route 57 into Clearfield.

No. 245—From Hollidaysburg to Bellefonte. Commencing in Hollidaysburg and running over routes 65 and 67 to Bald Eagle, thence to a point on the dividing line between Blair and Centre counties, thence by way of Hannab to Port Matilda and thence over route 107 into Bellefonte.

No. 291—From Bellefonte to Huntingdon. Commencing in Bellefonte thence over routes 27 and 29 to Milroy, thence to a point on the dividing line between Mifflin and Huntingdon counties, thence by way of Greenwood Furnace, McAlevy's Fort, Enonville and Cornpropt's Mill into Huntingdon.

The bill providing for the removal of the Western Penitentiary from Pittsburg to a new site, in a rural section, has been signed by Governor Tener. A tract of 1500 acres shall be purchased in the western part of the state, the location to be well adapted to farming, and to be approved by the Governor and Attorney General. The cost for site and building is not to exceed \$1,250,000.

SCHOOL MONEY DELAYED.

Under the Provisions of the New Code Appropriations Will Come Late This Year.

Under the provisions of Pennsylvania's new school code, state appropriations for school support will come late this year. The appropriation for the support of the school system of the state will not begin until the first Monday of July instead of the first Monday of June, as formerly. The code provided that the school year should begin on the first Monday of July in order to facilitate financial arrangements, as the state appropriation is paid to reimburse districts for money spent during the year. In many districts the school period does not end until the middle of June, so that by a July date all districts are given the same chance in filling the required reports. In addition to extending the school year from June 5th to July 3rd this year the code provides for a new basis of distribution of the appropriation, one-half to be paid on the number of children and one-third on the number of teachers. Formerly the number of taxables was taken into account. The appropriation for the school system of the state, including normal and high schools, is \$15,000,000.

Public Notice.

Public notice is hereby given cautioning persons not to remove sod or earth from any portion of Heffer street, as no permission to remove such material will be given by the body controlling this street. By order of
J. J. R. G. Allison, of Centre Hall.

THE COUNCIL

LOCALS.

John Kuhn, a life long resident of Harris township, is seriously ill at the home of his son, Charles Kuhn, near Boalsburg.

The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania distributed new directories. The increase of subscribers over the report in the last directory is quite large.

Mrs. H. W. Kramer and Margaret Bartholomew, of Centre Hall, the latter part of last week, went to Altoona, where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. L. Bartholomew.

George W. Groff, who graduated from Pennsylvania State College with the class of 1907, and who is its representative in mission work in China, is visiting friends in State College.

Drover William J. Mitterling has the most promising potato field in these diggings. He claims to be somewhat of a potato grower, and it looks as though the claim is due him.

The Bellefonte Academy closed its school year at noon last Friday. Among the thirty-five graduates from that institution is Gross Allison, son of Dr. J. R. G. Allison, of Centre Hall.

These days of sunshine the farmers are mighty busy, taking no time to come to town. The telephone and rural mail service make it possible for the farmer to stay right on his acres during the busy seasons.

George Kaup, the veterinary surgeon, of Boalsburg, called on the Reporter last Friday to advance his subscription. Mr. Kaup travels through all sections of Centre county, and is a very busy man just now.

A car load of horses was shipped to the east from Coburn by Messrs. Homan and Miller, who have shipped several car loads during this year. This lot consisted of heavy draft animals, the class that is always in demand.

At a meeting of the directors of Wilson College, the board accepted the resignations of Dr. Matthew H. Reaser, D. D., as president; Miss Caroline Good, as dean, and William McCandlish, as business manager. The successors have not been chosen. Dr. Reaser goes to Walnut Lane School, Germantown. He has been president of Wilson College for eight years.

In many sections in Centre county the clover fields are not looking too promising, and the grass fields about the same. About Centre Hall the prospects for a hay crop are very favorable. The clover is a good length and the grass fields are well set, and have yet a month or more in which to grow. The wheat fields in this immediate vicinity are also fair in appearance, but the crop will not yield as well as last year.

The re-organization meeting of the Millheim school board was held Monday evening, and the following officers were elected: President, J. G. Eby; secretary, J. Spigelmeier; treasurer, H. T. Frank. The following committees were appointed: Supply, J. Spigelmeier, R. S. Stover and J. G. Eby; fuel, J. C. Hosterman and J. Spigelmeier; building and grounds, G. W. Stover and J. Spigelmeier. An entire new board of directors will be elected in November, to go into office the first Monday of December.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers Correspondent Column—New Department.

Editor of the Reporter:

Having entered the third stage of our journey I concluded some of your readers might be interested enough to read a few lines from this section of Pennsylvania. Leaving Centre Hall May 22, we spent a week in Milroy, where we attended the Memorial services on Sunday and decoration services on Tuesday following. The address on Decoration Day was made in the Presbyterian church by Rev. Perez, the pastor. One thing that impressed me was that public speakers, including the ministers, have no time for the old soldiers but must direct their hearer's attention to the political and economic evils of the day. The speaker on this occasion opened his address by saying, "Soldiers," and then launched off in a tirade against special privileges, big business and the gang. Rev. W. Carlos Perez, I am told, is the son of a Spaniard, and he certainly showed evidence of Castilian blood by the fervency of his denunciations.

Our next move was to Johnstown. Here I heard more insurgent talk. I read the address of Rev. Dr. Hays, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, which he made to the students of the High School graduating class. He depicted the evils of our industrial system in the strongest language. In Johnstown, the reply of every one to whom you put the question, "How are times?" was "dull." However most people seem to have work.

Several large buildings are in course of construction, one a twelve-story skyscraper, but there do not seem to be many ordinary sized houses being built.

A week's stay in the Flood City, and like the Arabs, we quietly folded our tent and stole silently away, arriving in Cannonsburg yesterday, 9th inst.

At Pittsburg, desiring to see the consulting engineer of the P. R. R. Co., who is engineering our college reunion, I inquired for our Centre Hall boys. He sent a messenger to hunt up the boys for me, who found Will Keller and Will Sandoe having gone to lunch. Mr. Keller told me that he joined the army of benedicts last winter, and now is keeping house. Well, my letter is getting rather long so I will close.

Yours truly,
W. A. KRIS.

Visit the Experiment Station.

The School of Agriculture and Experiment Station in the Pennsylvania State College is conducting a large number of experiments of very practical interest to farmers, stockmen and fruit growers. It wants to maintain close relation with every resident of its own county in order that it may render any service within its power. Last year it invited the farmers of the county to pay a visit upon a fixed date and nearly one hundred people came. It renews the invitation this year, asking that the practical farmers of the county visit the college farms and ground, Wednesday, June 21st, from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. This probably is the best time of the year to observe the result of experimental work and a most cordial invitation is given to every farmer of the county to be present. The institution wants every one to know exactly what it is doing along practical lines. Do not fail to give this one afternoon to the one state institution that is making an earnest effort to solve some of the problems that confront the man who is trying to make the best possible winning in agriculture.

The thirty-fourth annual commencement of the Central State Normal School, at Lock Haven, will begin Saturday, 17th inst., and continue until Wednesday noon. Dr. Merrill E. Gates, of Washington, D. C., will address the class Wednesday forenoon, on the subject, "Education for Power." The Ben Greet Players will render "Twelfth Night," Monday afternoon on the campus.

Millheim is agitating the building of a town hall, a convenience very much needed in a town of as much importance as that borough. Since the metropolis of lower Penna Valley does not have a live Grange like Centre Hall to give it a first class equipped hall, the borough will be obliged to look else where for funds for this purpose.

Kulesky & Rhoads, of Bellefonte, have been awarded the contract to erect an iron and concrete bridge over Logan's Branch at Axe Mann at the junction of the Lewistown and Boalsburg turnpikes. It will be thirty-five feet long. This will take the place of the one recently swept away by the flood. This firm will also repair the abutments of a bridge near the same place.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Houser family will hold a reunion at Peru, Friday, June 23rd.

George R. Meiss is driving a pair of Dakota bred horses he is very proud of. They are coach horses and are a fine team.

Judge Hall has decided to dispense with the July term of court in Clinton county, and has ordered that no jurors be drawn.

Snyder county has a surviving sheriff in the person of John S. Wolfe who is ninety years old. He served as sheriff from 1870 to 1873.

H. D. Crawford, father of Francis M. Crawford, of Bellefonte, died at his home in Millburg, Thursday of last week. Interment was made on Saturday.

Ralph Hinds, of Fiedler, and Jacob Smith and Herman Rachau, of Madisonburg, returned from Harter, West Virginia, where they had been employed for the past nine years.

Congressman Focht is making an effort to secure a Federal building for Lewisburg. A bill has been introduced by him authorizing the purchasing of a site for not over \$30,000.

The presidency of the University of Ohio has been offered to Dr. E. E. Sparks, president of Pennsylvania State College. The offer comes from the doctor's alma mater, but it is not thought he will accept.

M. M. Alexander, of Milroy, was the guest of J. T. Potter, in Centre Hall, last week. He is a senior at Franklin and Marshall, and stopped here on his way to State College, where he attended the commencement exercises.

The Middleburg Post makes this reference to the increase in the Judges salary: We are not sure the Judges need the increase in salary, but they don't care and will take it, whether constitutional or not. They are Judges.

Like the many other officers of local character, the overseers of the poor have had their term of office extended so as to conform with the recent amendments which provides for the election of minor offices only in odd numbered years.

A horse belonging to James Raymond, of Earlstown, which being driven by him, took sick on the road, and died shortly afterward. The disease was scurria. The animal was stable in the barn of John Bohn, but nothing could be done to relieve it.

Rev. H. G. Reynolds, of Edwardsville, has been extended a call by the Lutheran church of New Berlin as pastor. He will undoubtedly accept. Their former pastor, Rev. Strahl and family have gone to their new field of labor at Valatia, New York.

The first eight days of June were cloudy and rainy, the precipitation being 1.30 inches. Field work on the farm was suspended until the 10th when cultivation of crops was resumed. In this interval many corn fields became befooled, requiring considerable extra work to clean them up.

The Presbyterian congregation of Bellefonte will vote for a pastor on Sunday. This was to have been done several weeks ago but on account of the scarlet fever scare the church was closed and the matter postponed until June 18. Rev. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hall, will be the presiding minister on this occasion.

The new school code having been passed and signed by the Governor has already been attacked by citizens of Pittsburg as being unconstitutional. They have filed a bill in equity in one of the courts to test it. The code makes some radical changes and even if it is declared constitutional it is a serious question whether it will take effect before July 1, 1912, as to organization of boards.

Misses Ida and Virgie Thomas, of York, arrived in Centre Hall last week and for several days were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary. From here they went to Pennsylvania State College to witness the commencement ceremonies. They were especially interested in Wednesday's graduation exercises on account of one of their cousins, Charles Staley, of York, being a member of the class.

The annual State convention of the Spanish-American war veterans and their families will be held at Erie, June 19-20, when it is expected that over 1000 military men and their families will enjoy the two days' outing. In connection with the convention will be held the annual reunion of the survivors of the Fifteenth regiment National Guards of Pennsylvania, and the convention of the ladies' auxiliary. The convention headquarters will be established at the Chamber of Commerce.