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## GRANGE SHOULD LEAD.

Big Field of Usefulness Right at Home for This Order.

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In every country community there should be some organization to which every one naturally would turn for leadership in matters affecting the local public interest. A farmers' club may render this service and in some instances it does so, but I have in mind now the local Granges because they are by far the most numerous and their leadership in national organization gives them prestige. Moreover my own membership in the Grange gives me the right to speak.

The subordinate Grange has a broad field of action. It is its duty to support the national and state organizations in their efforts to improve general conditions and secure a greater degree of justice for country people. That duty stands out in every one's mind prominently. There is a big field of usefulness right at home and I wish that all subordinate Granges realized the fact as to do some of them. Our churches divide country people on denominational lines and any one church must fail to furnish the kind of leadership that a country community needs. The need of community action grows greater every year, and no subordinate Grange should rest satisfied until it fills the gap that is not to be occupied by any other organization. All of the people of a locality need some effective means for conference and action. If the subordinate Grange is the one available organization for this purpose, it should secure the widest possible usefulness for itself by taking up every improvement of local interest that needs support or amendment. If it took its duty to the neighborhood seriously it certainly soon would attract every public-spirited person and it would finally bring all good people into harmonious action.

There are localities in this country that are getting rich simply because the people have learned to produce that which is best adapted to local conditions. They specialize in certain breeds of live stock or they furnish in large amounts certain crops for market. There are localities which increase the "home value" of all farming lands by making life attractive to those who want good schools for children, good country roads, a public library, absence of liquor, etc. If all of the people who are worth while in a locality chose to work together, they could add actual cash value to their farms and attractiveness to life. The subordinate Grange is the natural avenue for this kind of work, which is going to increase as we learn what a development of community interest can do for a local people. A subordinate Grange, outlining a broad policy of this sort and moving conservatively, should become the natural avenue through which all needed betterments would be secured.

The one obstacle to our inability to subordinate our own will to that of the majority. Too many of us love to argue. The important thing for the good of the Grange in the community is to get some one thing going in the right direction, and the effective means to that end is to have full discussion of the matter for a few weeks in the Grange and then appoint a small committee of level-headed men and let them set in the light of the discussion which has been had. Make them the representatives of the Grange in this one matter and support them through thick and thin. Nothing succeeds like success, and if the committee is loyally supported, regardless of minor mistakes, there will be an accomplishment that will strengthen the Grange for some other pieces of work that the community needs to have done. Every local Grange should be the center of influence in all matters that concern the people, and it should be busy all the time doing things. The need of most localities for such leadership and inspiration is so great that no member of a Grange should be content until his organization fills the place adequately.

## Will Rev. Freeman Come?

Rev. Charles F. Freeman filled the appointments on the Centre Hall Reformed church last Sunday, and so well pleased the four congregations that he was voted for unanimously at meetings held immediately after each of the services to become the pastor of the charge, to succeed Rev. Daniel Gress, who vacated last winter.

Rev. Freeman is a man of pleasing address, and at Centre Hall delivered an inspiring sermon. He is pastor of a charge at Summit Hill, Carbon county, and is serving but one congregation, the salary being \$1000 or over. He has been on the charge for seven years. Whether or not he will accept the official call that he received from this charge is the question now uppermost in the minds of the church people interested.

## FIRST HOUSER REUNION.

The Descendants of Jacob Houser, Who Located at Houserville in 1779 Gathered at Peru.

The Houser family, which is one of the largest in the country, held its first family reunion in the Dreese-grove, Peru, Thursday of last week.

Jacob Houser, the great-grandfather of James W. Houser, of Peru, located at Houserville about the year 1779. The country was wild and undeveloped and the Indians and wild beasts roamed through the dense forests. Mr. Houser took up a large amount of land and built a cabin. He began felling the trees in order to make improvements but was soon driven out by the Indians. He was compelled to remain away for a while; then he returned with a stronger force of men and they held the fort on any attack made by the redskins. After he was definitely settled he built a house, then a store and finally a flouring mill and sawmill. The Houser family began to multiply and it was not many years until it was large and prosperous.

Abram Houser, the grandfather of James Houser, was a preacher and traveled all over this part of Pennsylvania preaching the gospel in cabins and shacks wherever he found them along the way. It is said he was a power for good and did much to establish the church in Centre county. An interesting paper was read on the day of the reunion that contained much unknown history of Centre county, especially in and about Houserville, which was named after Jacob Houser, and which is composed of a class of prosperous people.

## Rev. Bieber Resigns.

Rev. B. F. Bieber, who four years ago this month became pastor of the Centre Hall Lutheran church, resigned to become pastor of the White Deer Lutheran church, in Union county, with residence in West Milton. His resignation will take effect in August.

The field to which Rev. Bieber will go is made up of four appointments, all in the country, there being no Lutheran church in West Milton.

## Centre Hall Wins Again.

By the score of 7 to 2 the local base ball team defeated Central City Saturday afternoon, on Grauge Park, thereby winning its fifth consecutive game. Up to the eighth inning the score stood 3 to 2, but in order to clinch victory Centre Hall scored four more runs, most of them through errors by the visitors. Smith, as usual, pitched a good game.

## Aaronsburg.

Mrs. Robert Burd visited friends at Warriors Mark last week.

Mrs. Kurtz, of Milton, visited friends here for a few days last week.

Walter Orwig and son Harold visited relatives at Hartleton last week.

Misses Tammie Stover and Mary Stover visited friends at Millheim one day last week.

A. S. Stover is beautifying the walls of the Reformed Sunday School room by papering the same.

The Citizens Band went to Tylersville Saturday afternoon and played at Rebersburg in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wert and son Sparr are spending this week with Claude Wert at Tusseyville.

Chester Homan, of State College, was a guest at the home of his aunt, Emma Wert, for a few days.

Jacob Behm has been a very sick man for a week or more. At this writing he hasn't improved any.

Mrs. Emma Crader and Miss Katie Crader, of Penn Hall, were guests at the home of Thomas Stover.

Michael Feldler, a student in a veterinary college in Philadelphia, is spending his vacation under the parental roof.

Miss Jennie Rupp, formerly of this place, spent a few days with friends in town. She will leave for Michigan next week.

Mrs. George McKay and children, of Philadelphia, have come to visit Mrs. McKay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phillips.

Mrs. Leib and daughter, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Brown, of Allentown, were guests of Mrs. E. J. Dasher during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCormick, of Potters Mills, were the welcome guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mingle.

Among the visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wert during the past week were Mrs. Chestie Wert, and Mrs. Bierly, of Rebersburg; Mrs. Mary Hartman Swann and children, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. John Hosterman, of Millheim.

It is worse than unless to take any medicines internally for muscular or chronic rheumatism. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

## LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

Editor of the Reporter:

I believe I closed my last letter with an account of gathering the dead on Antietam battlefield, and literally packing them in hastily dug, shallow ditches. This almost makes one shudder, but when the cemetery was located these bodies were taken there and buried. To each there is a granite headstone with name, company, regiment and state.

It is a beautiful location, overlooking this large valley, with its beautiful groves, and in view of the mountains in four states. It is not so large as that at Gettysburg but visitors tell us it is much prettier. I think D. L. Kerr, one of your best citizens, was in the battle here.

Memorial services were held in the Antietam National Cemetery, May 30th, and, as usual, several thousand were present. Ex-Senator Thurston, of Omaha, delivered the principal address.

There is talk of having a big day on the anniversary of the battle, September 17th, a sort of reunion between the blue and the gray.

Memorial Day is not observed here as it should be. Nearly all take the day off, and many from quite a distance come. It is in the nature of simply having a good time. The day should be observed as originally intended in honor of the many whose blood marked the spot where they fell. They left home, friends and possessions to restore and cement national unity.

This was what the war meant. This was the superlative achievement of the boys in blue. Many of those who fell were between the ages of fourteen and twenty. Four thousand, six hundred and sixty-seven are buried here.

To commemorate the work done by those who fell, the people meet once a year to decorate their graves. The symbols, the flowers, cost nothing. Nature furnishes them, but they are suggestive of undying love for those who sleep. With tender hands and loving hearts they are laid upon the sod beneath which the soldiers sleep. Many had left their homes never to return.

The section set apart for the burial of Pennsylvania soldiers is large and well filled, exceeded in number only by that of New York.

It was the bloodiest one day battle of the war, the turning point in the great struggle. Lincoln said, "If they win that battle I will issue an emancipation proclamation," and he did.

Many who were living here then are still here and hope they may never again witness what they did September 17, 1862. Many staid in their cellars all day and many fled to the river beyond the hills. Some who lived near the mountain witnessed the battle from the summit. Some shells lodged in houses still show the effects.

But the people are glad that the ditches are covered with waving grain, and that where the roar of musket and the groans of the dying filled the air, the wild birds sing their sweetest songs.

It was so dry during May that the early potato crop will be short. Rich as is the soil in this valley there will be a very short crop of hay. We are having plenty of rain now which will benefit crops to some extent. Wheat is splendid and corn very promising. Peaches seem to be plentiful.

Sincerely yours

Sharpsburg, Md. A. A. KERLIN.

Enclosed find one dollar which will advance my subscription for another year. That it was not forwarded some time ago was due to negligence on my part. I am thankful to be able to say that I am in very good health and I also wish you health and success. According to Matthew xxv: 31-46, "Not church or ceremony, but decent consideration for our fellowmen."

Johnstown, Pa. PHILIP J. AUMAN.

## No 4th Celebration at Colyer.

During the past thirty-five years George R. Meese, at Colyer, always arranged for a Fourth of July celebration at that place, but this year the National Holiday will not be celebrated in that quarter, although the fireworks, etc., are all on hand. The omission of this custom is necessary on account of the serious illness of Mr. Meese's daughter, mention of which appears elsewhere.

## No Paper Next Week.

As is the custom of the Centre Reporter and other newspapers in Centre county, the first issue in July will be omitted. The Reporter office will be open at all hours during the vacation period. When you come to town come to see us.

## Trick-Boob.

The following is a portion of a special dispatch to the Cincinnati Inquirer from Terre Haute, June 22nd:

Miss Grace Lillian Boob, of Cincinnati, and O. S. Trick, of Indianapolis, were married in the Terre Haute House parlor, by the Rev. Dunlary, of the First M. E. Church. The attendants were Mrs. Chatty Taylor, of Indianapolis, matron of honor, and Milton Levin, best man. An elaborate dinner was served in a private dining room. Mr. and Mrs. Trick went to Chicago for a honeymoon trip, and on their return they will reside in Indianapolis.

The bride is well known to many of the Reporter readers, she having spent her childhood days in Centre Hall with her parents. She is a handsome and accomplished young woman, and the Reporter extends its best wishes to the pair.

## Moose Picnic at Hecta Park.

A large crowd is expected to attend the grand outing of Central Penna's lodges, Loyal Order of Moose, to be held at Hecta Park, near Bellefonte, on July 4th, under the auspices of Bellefonte Lodge, No. 206, L. O. M. Two flights in a Curtiss type aeroplane and two base ball games, band concerts and dancing, fireworks display in the evening. Warren J. Bauman, the aviator, has signed a contract to make morning and afternoon flights. The base ball schedule is Williamsport vs. Phillipsburg in the afternoon, and Lock Haven vs. Jersey Shore in the morning. Refreshments of all kinds will be sold on the grounds. Everybody welcome and a good time in store for all.

## Godhall-Marley.

To-day (Thursday) Mrs. Margaret Kline Bailey, of Centre Hall, will become the bride of Prof. W. V. Godshall, in Chicago.

The groom became acquainted with the lady who today will become his bride while she lived at State College and he was a student at Pennsylvania State College. After leaving State College he located at Graterford, near Philadelphia. He is also a graduate of Chicago University, and is a man of exemplary habits.

The bride has lived at Centre Hall for nearly two years, and during her stay has made many friends, who sincerely regret her departure, and wish her much happiness in her new life.

## The Fourth at Altoona.

The fourth of July in Altoona is going to be one grand big day with its safe and sane celebration. It will be the banner Independence Day in this section and marked by an aeroplane exhibition, an event that few cities in the country will have on the holiday. The Blair County Road Drivers Association hold races at their park on Saturday and Tuesday, the Fourth, will have a string of a hundred horses to fill up the harness events each day. Aviator Haupt has chosen the driving park for his flights on the Fourth, they take place right after the races so the people may combine the two events, the races and the exhibition.

## Testing Candles.

With a view of testing on a large scale the purity of candles sold in the state, Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust has secured about three hundred samples of "penny goods" which are now in the hands of Chemist La Wall, of Philadelphia, for analysis. The nature of the goods bought is suggested by some of the brand names, such as rainbow suckers, almond tops, revolvers, hummer eggs, cigars, happy bunnies, strawberry plates, candy boilers, candy sweet potatoes, candy fish, ice cream cups, red jumbos, lightning rods, toothie rolls, flag suckers, lime barrels, ball player caramels, log cabin kisses.

## Potter Elects Teachers.

The Potter township school board, at a meeting held at Centre Hill on Saturday, elected the following teachers:

Colyer, Elmer Miller  
Potters Mills, (Grammar) vacant  
Potters Mills, (Primary) Ruth Bower  
Pine Grove, Domet Ishler  
Earlstown, T. L. Moore  
Centre Hill, Bruce Ripka  
Tusseyville, Charles Horner  
Fishers Gap, Rose Brown  
Cold Spring, Bruce Ishler  
Mannor Hill, John C. Bailey  
Cross Lane, Wilbur Runkle  
Tusseyville, Lizzie Bitner  
Pine Stump, Edward Mersinger  
Pine Grove, H. C. Muser  
Egg Hill, Foster Ripka.

## Lutheran Joint Council Meeting.

The joint council of the Penna Valley Lutheran church will hold a special meeting on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, in the Lutheran Church, Centre Hill. Business of importance to all the congregations will be transacted, and it is therefore desired that all members of that body be present.

T. M. GRADLEY, President  
H. W. FRANTZ, Secretary

## DEATHS.

Joseph Bailey died at Fort Scott, Kansas, following a stroke of paralysis. The deceased was born near Baileyville, founded by his grandfather, seventy-three years ago, a son of John and Mary Bailey. He leaves a widow and two sons. Two sisters and five brothers: Mrs. Mary Hewitt, of Kansas City; Mrs. Ross Gregory, of Petersburg; Armstrong, of Coanston, Oregon; G. W., of Downs, Kansas; W. S., of State College; Samuel H., of Boalsburg; Warren, of Freeport, Illinois, also survive. He was a member of Company E, Forty-fifth regiment, P. V. In 1868 he and Captain John Beck, of the same company, went west and located near Fort Scott.

Elith Klinger, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Klinger, died at her home at Lemont Tuesday afternoon of last week. Some time ago she underwent an operation for bowel trouble, but her condition was so serious that no hope was held out for her recovery. Her parents and two brothers—William and Harry—mourn her loss. Deceased was a constant attendant at all the services held in the Lutheran church and Sunday-school at Boalsburg, having been a member of both for many years. Funeral services were held Friday morning by Rev. J. I. Stonecypher and interment was made in the cemetery at Boalsburg.

Mrs. R. B. Taylor died at her home in Bellefonte Tuesday evening of last week after an illness of several years with diabetes. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murtie Cunningham, both of whom are dead. Her husband survives, as do also the following children: Anna, Eleanor, Robert and Elizabeth, all of Bellefonte. Six brothers are living, namely, Frank, of Chicago; Edward, of Linden Hall; J. M. and George, of Bellefonte; Mertie, of New York, and William, of Beaver Falls. Interment was made Saturday, and services were held in the Catholic church.

Miss Anna Wilson, of Bellefonte, died Friday afternoon, aged about seventy years. Interment was made Monday forenoon at Bellefonte. Miss Wilson was a cousin of J. T. Potter, of Centre Hall, and was the only surviving cousin on the Wilson side. She was quite well to do.

The Orangeville (Illinois) Courier states that B. F. Kern, born in Centre county, died at the Old Folks Home, at Mattoon, Illinois, aged sixty-eight years. The deceased was a painter by trade and left Centre county and located in Orangeville in 1874.

## Union Service at Rebersburg.

Special services will be held in the Lutheran church at Rebersburg on Sunday, when the three churches composing the pastorate will unite in a union service, the occasion being the installation of their pastor, Rev. N. A. Whitman. At 10 a. m. Rev. Charles T. Aikens, president of Susquehanna University, at Selingsgrove, will preach. The installation proper will take place in the afternoon when Rev. D. R. P. Barry, of Hartleton, will charge the pastor and Dr. Aikens will deliver the charge to the people. In the evening services will be conducted at Rebersburg by Rev. Barry, and at Madisonburg by Dr. Aikens. A cordial invitation is extended to all to these services.

## Farmers' Institutes.

The committee upon Farmers' Institutes of the county, Willard Dale, Fred M. Reynolds and John A. Woodward, met last Thursday morning in the office of Col. Reynolds and selected the following places for the three institutes which will be held next winter. They are Eaglesville, Centre Hall and Stormstown. The dates of the meetings and the speakers who will attend are arranged by the Department at Harrisburg, and nothing can be known of them until the Department bulletin is issued some time in September or October.

## Transfers of Real Estate.

W. A. Krise, et ux to Mary McClenahan, May 18, 1911, tract of land in Centre Hall. \$250.  
Rebecca Fioray to Mary McClenahan, May 22, 1911, tract of land in Centre Hall. \$400.

Alfred M. Lee, et ux to John H. Straub, June 15, 1911, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$1.

Cinderella Paul to Enoch Hartwick, et ux, March 23, 1910, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$500.

John Vaughn, et ux to John Madoaky, June 12, 1911, lot in Rush twp. \$375.

Lorenz Rink, et ux to Harry K. Hoffer, April 4, 1911, lot in Phillipsburg. \$500.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

No paper next week.

Where on the Fourth? Spring Mills, of course.

Mrs. John S. Getchell and little son, of Youngwood, are at the home of ex-Sheriff Brungart.

A farmers institute will be held at Centre Hall next winter. The other points selected are Stormstown and Eaglesville.

Miss Mary Delinda Potter is home from Bucknell University, and will remain until school again opens in September.

Miss Bertha Meyer, of Linden Hall, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller in Centre Hall one day last week.

Three more cases of scarlet fever have developed in Bellefonte. The quarantines have been lifted from all other cases, as they have recovered.

Misses Bass and Brezka Benner, of Philadelphia, came to Centre Hall Thursday afternoon of last week, and will spend a few weeks at the home of their mother, Mrs. Nancy Benner.

Charles Allison, of New York City, a son of Hon. William Allison, of Spring Mills, recently sailed for Europe, where he will spend a month traveling in the interest of the firm by whom he is employed.

A terrific hail storm passed over a small section of country about Lewisport on Friday evening at dusk. Hail fell in large quantities, but little damage was done in country districts, owing to the fact that there was no wind.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. White and Virginia White, of near Linden Hall, Friday morning went to New York where they will be entertained at the home of Mrs. White's brother, William Felding, who is on the city police force.

The fifth annual conference of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Central Pennsylvania Synod will convene in Lewisport Lutheran church today (Thursday.) Morning, afternoon and evening meetings will be held.

A weasel did mischief to a flock of fifty-one half-grown chickens belonging to Harry Fye, tenant on the George Emerick farm, east of Centre Hall. Friday morning he found thirty-one "young 'uns" lying dead on the ground, while eight more were badly crippled.

At the International Sunday-school Convention held at San Francisco last week the secretary of that body read a report stating that there were 14,946,504 Sunday-school pupils in this country. This is an increase of 1,431,006 scholars since the last convention held three years ago.

The West Branch Knitting Company, of Milton, was the successful bidder for the large government contract for army hosiery. This means over one year's steady work on this order alone as the specification calls for 300,000 pairs with a possible fifty per cent. increase, or 540,000 pairs of government woolen hose for the army and navy of the United States.

On July 1 the salaries of 150 postmasters in Pennsylvania will be increased by from \$100 to \$300 a year because of the increase in the receipts of their offices in the last six months. At the same time the salaries of forty-one postmasters in the State will drop from \$100 to \$200 because the receipts have fallen off. Five offices will be reduced from presidential to fourth class.

J. Clyde Fosnot, junior editor of the Record and Star published at Watsonstown, and Miss Sadie Dewald were married by Rev. George S. Sorber, at York. Mr. Fosnot has been connected with the above named newspaper for many years, and Miss Dewald is a graduate of the Milton public schools, having taken the honors and has taught school there for five years. The young couple will reside at Watsonstown.

According to the Millheim Journal another episode in Miss Ray Miller's affairs occurred in that place Friday. On that morning Sheriff Hurley, of Bellefonte, put in an appearance and replied a horse bought from Miss Miller by P. F. Confer, and a buggy bought by Samuel Welsner. The owner, Mr. Slagel, a liveryman, of Bloomsburg, was with the sheriff and identified the property, all of which had been bought on a lease, the ownership to remain in Mr. Slagel until paid for by Miss Miller. As there was still a considerable amount due on the lease, all of the parties who had bought the property had to make good the deficiency. One horse was sold to Mr. Showers, of Wells Store, which was also replied by the sheriff and the amount \$65 still unpaid, was made good by Mr. Showers.