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IS PENNSYLVANIA LAGGING BEHIND?

Does the Keystone Legislature Treat Agriculture Fairly?

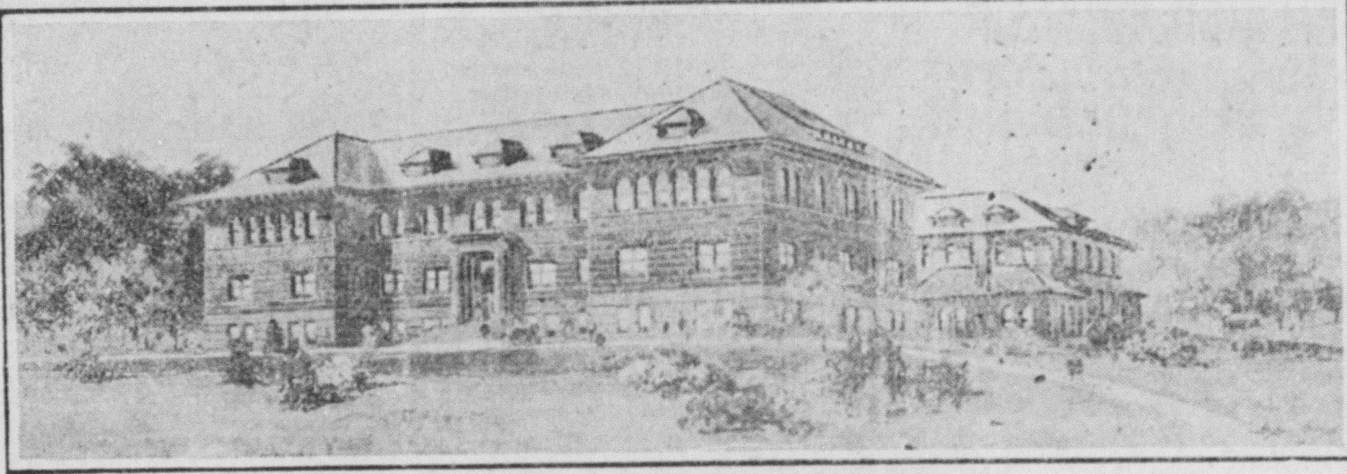
By The Observer

[In a recent issue of the Country Gentleman, one of the foremost agricultural periodicals in the states, a writer signing himself "Observer," commended and criticised Pennsylvania State College and the legislature, as is noted in the following paragraphs. The Centre Reporter is not in full sympathy with everything this observer says, but on the main question we agree. There are so many commendations and fair criticisms that we believe the Reporter readers will have a better insight of the institution after carefully studying the article and the figures given in it.—EDITOR.]

fertilizer analyses, and so forth, the Federal Government foots all of the bills. The worst is not told. If the institution were not prospering in an educational sense one could understand the indifference of the state government. But it has prospered remarkably—and against great financial odds. In the last six years the moneys appropriated by the state have increased 33 per cent, while the attendance has increased 118 per cent! Today there are about 2000 students in the college, and when the winter agricultural courses begin there will be over 1000 students in the school

and patience; but, once a fairly active person has made the trip, why he should go again is a mystery. The prospectus tells us that "since the completion of a line of railroad directly from the college to Bellefonte it is no longer difficult of access, even according to modern standards of convenience." That line of railroad is just twenty miles long. The schedule time of the "fast" train is one hour—the jogging time, one hour and a half! Also, freight as well as passenger service is in charge of one and the same locomotive engineer.

STATE COLLEGE'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS
History informs us that, beginning with the year 1837, "Legislative Committees have visited the College." These tours of inspection, however, seem to have had no very marked effect



AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, PENN'A STATE COLLEGE

What's the matter with Pennsylvania's State School of Agriculture? "She's" not "all right" when half of the faculty, headed by the able dean, pack their household goods and agronomic sheepskins and trek to more fertile fields of educational endeavor. And higher salaries alone did not lure these capable men away. With them it was also the surety of adequate appropriations and improved facilities for research work and the improvement of the science of agriculture. They went where they believed they could do the most good. They went also because the administrative department of the state institution made no effective effort to keep them, such as the circumstances demanded.

This is not to say that they could have been induced to remain. But the attitude of the authorities at the college seemed to be singularly unprogressive and self-satisfied. Perhaps this attitude was prompted by a misguided belief that a tactful consideration of the feelings of the state legislature was a sine qua non to future prosperity.

When I asked in no critical spirit about the resignations from the faculty the reply was, "Every place but one is filled." Which doesn't answer the main question at all, provided the men who resigned were well-equipped men—and there's no doubt about that. Rather uncandid also is the official statement of the president of the college. Said Doctor Sparks:

"The reported changes in the faculty, said to be due to insufficient legislative support, have been grossly exaggerated."

But we read in the Penn State Collegian, the spokesman of the student body: "The loss of such men as Hunt, Agge, Harding, Baker, Coehel, Whitmore, Luville, Clark and others for lack of financial support by the state is well nigh a calamity to the college. It is not a matter of salary to all these men, but a question of having more money and better facilities for carrying on their investigational work. What are we going to do about it?"

President Sparks tries to protect the sensitive feelings of the stingy legislator, the college paper puts the issue squarely up to the men who are primarily responsible. These figures tell the story.

FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

ILLINOIS	
Agricultural college.....	\$410,900
Experiment station.....	143,600
Total.....	\$554,500
NEW YORK	
Agricultural college.....	\$373,000
Experiment station.....	124,800
Secondary schools.....	202,700
Total.....	\$700,500
PENNSYLVANIA	
Agricultural college.....	\$122,500
Experiment station.....	2,500
Total.....	\$125,000

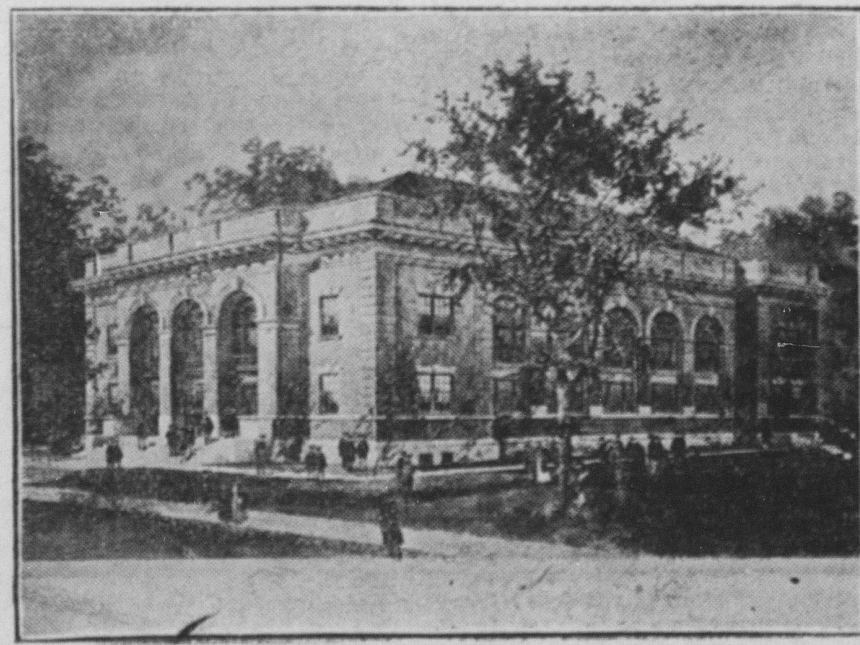
The three states are of the same class, although, according to the census of 1910, in rural population Pennsylvania (3,034,441) leads both Illinois (2,151,662) and New York (1,928,120). Illinois appropriates 9.8 cents per capita for agricultural education; New York, 7.7 cents, and Pennsylvania, 1.5 cents—one-seventh that of Illinois, one-fifth that of New York. Pennsylvania is the second state in the Union in population, the second commonwealth in assessed value of property; but it is far-lung, away from everything and everybody, with all modern means of communication hopelessly befuddled. You can get to State College if you have time

of agriculture. From the founding of the institution in 1855, as a school for instruction in practical agriculture, and more particularly from the acceptance of the terms of the Land Grant Act of July 2, 1862, and the establishment of the college, the legislature of Pennsylvania has been notably parsimonious in its treatment of its state institution of higher education and agricultural training. One might say that the legislature preferred to have the college the beneficiary of "honest graft"—that is, to accept money from the United States Treasury without performing its part of the implied obligation. Figures? For twenty years, from 1867 to 1887, the legislature did not give a single penny toward the maintenance or improvement of State College! In the course of this period there was one appropriation of \$80,000, but that was to take up a mortgage which, twelve years before, the legislature had ordered placed on the college property.

From 1867 to 1903 the average of state aid for all purposes was but \$25,

upon the size of the appropriations. One might wonder at this until making the journey to Penn State. At 3:20 in the afternoon, at Harrisburg, The Observer formed the purpose of visiting State College, and ten minutes later was at the railroad station—at 3:30 p. m. The following afternoon, after uncomfortable vicissitudes, at 3:30 o'clock his destination was reached. Old settlers at State College tell one that the journey can be made in shorter time. But the mere prospect of spending twenty-four hours in a journey of 100 miles ought to discourage the average legislator. To uproot the College at this late day would be to run counter to all of the rules of forestation, but if this cannot be done some effort should be made to bring the institution into reasonably close touch with the workaday world—the world that endows colleges and gives liberally from the treasury of the state.

Penn State deserves well of Pennsylvania; in particular the agricultural department merits liberal state aid. The barns which deface the college property



AUDITORIUM, PENN'A STATE COLLEGE

592 a year, and for this meager outlay the state now owns a valuable permanent plant, worth today every dollar of the state appropriations in the entire aggregate. Since 1903 the appropriations have increased, but as the top notch was reached in 1912 the comparative munificence of this state aid to agricultural teaching and training in the mechanic arts is readily comprehended.

There is no excuse for this—but there's a reason. Have you ever been to State College? We read in the prospectus: "Donations of land as a site for the institution were offered in several parts of the state and, after a very careful examination by a committee consisting of Governor Pollock, Judge Watts and Doctor Ely, the Board accepted the gift of 200 acres in Centre County, from General James Irvin."

If the foresight of the governor, the judge and the doctor rests entirely on this venture in college planting their reputation as men of vision is a minus quantity—unless, of course, their set purpose was to segregate the college from the rest of the world. Anyhow, that is the result. State College is superbly situated, from the stand point of natural beauty, but it is far-lung, isolated—a masterpiece of isolation, away from everything and everybody, with all modern means of communication hopelessly befuddled. You can get to State College if you have time

would be a disgrace to a private farm. They should be razed and new buildings constructed. This is not provided for in the budget prepared for the next legislature. The appeal recently issued to graduates, designed for pledging candidates for the legislature, reads in part as follows:

"Moved by the recent serious losses to the faculty of the Pennsylvania State College through resignation to accept positions in other states and by the unparalleled increase in the number of students, a committee of the Board of Trustees after careful consideration has drawn up the following list of immediate needs of the institution:

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, EXPERIMENT STATION AND INSTITUTE OF ANIMAL NUTRITION	
Maintenance.....	\$240,000
Farm management.....	20,000
Completing and furnishing horticultural building.....	65,000
Enlarging dairy building.....	10,000
Dairy cattle barn.....	20,000
Poultry building.....	10,000
Greenhouses.....	10,000
Total.....	\$380,000

Certainly this is a modest budget. It is to be hoped that under the item, "Maintenance, \$240,000," there will be sufficient money to keep good men at the school of agriculture. At present Penn State is unable to compete with similar institutions in the matter of

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THE STATE CONSTABULARY

To Patrol the Country Within 150 Miles of their Barracks—Will Probably Pass Through State College and Bellefonte. Commencing at once the state police will patrol the country within one hundred and fifty miles of their station. The men will leave the barracks at the same time and will be gone for a period of ten days, at the end of which time they will return and exchange patrols with the other men.

Each patrol will be composed of two men and they will make a special effort to cover the territory within the time allowed. On coming to the different towns and villages in their district the state police will confer with the officials of the municipalities and ascertain what information they wish. In this manner they will be enabled to secure much information that will be of use to them in running down and capturing evil doers.

The decision to establish the patrols is an innovation and the outcome is awaited with interest.

The W. C. T. U. Reception.

One of the flourishing organizations in Centre Hall and Potter township is the W. C. T. U. It is the largest and most progressive organization in the county, and includes in its membership the foremost citizens in the borough and country surrounding it. On Friday evening the society gave a reception to its new members. Among its acquisitions during the past year were a number of young men and young ladies, and others more advanced in years; children, too.

The reception was an informal affair and was held in Grange Arcadia, the number present being over one hundred and fifty. There was a brief address by the president, Mrs. Simpkins, a few remarks by Dr. W. H. Schuyler, music by a male quartette composed of Rev. R. R. Jones, Rev. S. A. Snyder, W. E. Crawford and William Kerlin.

The light lunch announced to be served was delicious, and greatly enjoyed by the children and those of more mature years.

Mrs. Albert Foster, of Lewistown, was introduced. She is one of the active workers in the cause in Mifflin county, and gave some of the experiences in that thriving town. All the business men of standing state that their business is better under the dry than it is under wet conditions, and that it is the intention of the leading business men to erect a temperance hotel. Mrs. Foster is all afire in the temperance movement, and it is due to her activity and others like her that Mifflin county is white instead of black on the temperance question.

Church Suppers.

The ladies of the Lutheran church, Pleasant Gap, will hold another of their noted specialties on Thanksgiving week. The object is to raise the balance of money needed for the rebuilding of their church, the old edifice being about ready to be condemned as unsafe. The session opens on Wednesday evening when an elaborate oyster supper and on Thursday (Thanksgiving day) a chicken dinner and supper will be served, at fifteen cents. Choice ice cream, all flavor, will also be on sale. In addition, the bargain counter will be laden with a very useful and attractive line of fancy goods, all of which will be disposed of at astonishingly low prices. Come and enjoy the festivities and aid in a good cause.

MRS. FRANK WEAVER.

The Next Secretary.

The National Stockman and Farmer, one of the leading agricultural journals in the states, endorses a Pennsylvania for a cabinet position in a manner that the Reporter can support. The Stockman says:

Farmers are particularly interested in one member of the next President's cabinet, the Secretary of Agriculture. Several men have already been proposed for this position by the cabinet-makers who always get busy just after a national election. We are not in politics and don't know much about cabinets, but a. l. e. to propose the name of Vance C. McCormick for Secretary of Agriculture. A famous foot-ball player at Yale, a leader of his party in Pennsylvania, an active supporter of Governor Wilson before and after his nomination, a farmer who runs about two-score farms, a landlord whose tenants are his friends, a man of culture, of ability in business and of honor in everything, he should grace any cabinet. We commend this piece of sound and straight-grained Pennsylvania timber to the chief cabinet-maker's consideration.

The Lingle foundry in Bellefonte is to be put into operation by Philadelphia parties who secured a two year lease, with the privilege of extending the lease or purchasing the plant.

DR. PERSONS

Will Speak on The Country Church and The Country Community, in Centre Hall. Rev. Silas E. Persons, D. D., of Cazenovia, New York, is employed by the Department of Church and Country Life of the Presbyterian church to visit a number of places during the month of November to speak on the above subject. He will be in Centre Hall November 29th and address a meeting in the Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Persons has been very active and successful in solving some of the problems forced upon the church by the newly awakened interest in the development of rural life. He speaks out of his own experience in his New York parish. A cordial invitation is extended to every one. No charge for admission, but a collection to meet traveling expenses will be taken.

Couple's Victory.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker, of near Greenburr, Clinton county, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Sunday, when their daughter Mary was united in marriage with Merrill C. Fink, of Chicago, Illinois. At five o'clock the bride and groom attended by Miss Mabel Shoemaker, sister of the bride and B. W. Sincow, of Lock Haven, entered the parlor. The Rev. G. A. Stauffer, of Rebersburg, pastor of the bride, stepped forward and spoke the words which made them man and wife. Then came the congratulations after which the wedding party marched to the dining room where a bounteous dinner was served. The groom is a young man of sterling character and is employed in the U. S. Railway Postal service and the bride is a most estimable young lady. The couple left on Monday morning for their new home in West Chicago.

Union Thanksgiving Service.

The customary union Thanksgiving Service at Centre Hall, will be held in the Presbyterian church, Thanksgiving morning, 10:30 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. R. R. Jones, pastor of the Reformed church. It is very much desired that all good citizens arrange or rearrange their affairs so that they will be able to attend these services. Thanksgiving is the only real appointed day of worship by the National Government, and every loyal citizen should feel it his or her duty to God, in accordance with the proclamation of His Excellency, the President of these United States, to assemble at this appointed time, and give thanks to the Almighty God for his provision in the prosperity of the country and the abundant harvests during the past year.

Centre County Normalites.

Among the nine hundred and thirty-six students at West Chester State Normal school are these from Centre county:

Mary E. Bariges.....	Spring Mills
Margaret A. Brady.....	Fleming
Sarah L. Fisher.....	Spring Mills
Russel C. Furst.....	Stormtown
Margaret F. Glosmer.....	Blanchard
Clair E. Harm.....	Snow Shoe
Edna J. Koller.....	Bellefonte
Clayde H. Meyer.....	Spring Mills
Ruth N. Smith.....	Spring Mills
Edwin J. Watson.....	Snow Shoe

Transfer of Real Estate.

J. Frank Smith, C. O. C., to J. M. Cunningham, premises in Bellefonte. \$1315.
A. B. Lee, Sheriff, to W. U. Irwin, six tracts in Union and Boggs townships. \$200.
Catharine A. Spotts, et al, to Ely S. Spotts, premises in Union township. \$2100.
County Commissioners to W. C. Heinle, tract in Centre county. \$2400.
Agnes Sulpley, et al, to Edwin A. Conrad, lot in Unionville Boro. \$300.
Charles T. Kennedy, et al, to Sarah H. Kennedy, lot in Rush township. \$1.
Emeline Hugg, et al, to Thomas F. O'Brien, et al, premises in Phillipburg. \$10,000.
Catharine Spotts, et al, to Edna D. Spotts, et al, premises in Unionville. \$1000.
Safe Deposit Trust Company to Harvey H. Woomey, eighty-two acres in Taylor township. \$200.
Harry H. Woomey, et ux, to Ralph Woomey, eighty-two acres in Taylor township. \$200.
Sarah J. Krumrine, et al, to Theodore D. Boal, thirteen acres in Harris township. \$1300.
J. E. McDowell, guardian, to George Swigart, premises in Rush township. \$403.
Etta R. Leathers to Penna. Railroad Company, two acres in Howard township. \$1000.
Charles F. Hartsock, et ux, to C. J. L. Goodling, lot in State College. \$700.
Albert F. C. Hildebrandt to Emma E. Hildebrandt, premises in State College. \$1.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Friday morning there was just a bit of snow on the roofs. It was the first cover of white for the season.

Miss Eliza Moore is at the home of Mrs. Jacob Meyers, in Aaronsburg, and will remain there until some time in the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foster, of Lewistown, are guests at the home of their son, Dr. J. V. Foster, in Centre Hall, and will remain until the close of this week.

The new annex to the engineering building at Pennsylvania State College, will be dedicated on Pennsylvania day (Friday). The department proposes to hold an industrial parade in honor of the occasion.

Rev. F. W. Brown, formerly pastor of the Aaronsburg Reformed charge, resigned the pastorate of a charge at Beaver Springs to accept one at Danville. Instead of six congregations served in his old charge he now has but two.

Here is a little item that presents a real Christmas spirit: The United Evangelical and Evangelical Association churches of Rebersburg will hold a union Christmas service on Christmas evening. They will use the service entitled "Glad Tidings."

Messrs. Barrick and Hostetter, who conduct the Farmers Roller Mills, near Bellefonte, in Mifflin county, are doing a nice business. Mr. Barrick was formerly head-miller at the Centre Hall Roller Mills, and he and his family will be kindly remembered.

A large barn at Pine Croft, in Huntingdon county, owned by Edward Johnson, was totally destroyed by fire, as were also three horses, three colts and several head of cattle, and all of this year's crops. Mr. Johnson was at one time a resident of Ferguson township.

The extension of the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad to Tyrone is again being talked of by newspapers and others. Whether or not the line will be extended the Reporter does not know, but it does know that if this road is ever connected with the main line Penna. Valley will be put on the map at the right place, and State College will not long be the third town in Centre county.

The columns of the Millheim Journal contained this local: On Sunday morning Perry F. Confer had a violent headache and in order to relieve himself of it he took what he thought was a headache tablet, but which proved to be a poisonous compound that he had been using some time ago for a bruised finger. Upon discovering his mistake he immediately sent for Dr. John Hardenbergh, who relieved him of the poison.

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Bieber and daughter Frances, of West Millton, last week came to Georges Valley and were entertained at the home of P. A. Auman, and others. Mr. Bieber spent the time in the mountains hunting for deer, and Mrs. Bieber visited among her many friends. Of course, on Sunday, the minister came to the valley and in the morning was one of the speakers at the missionary service held in the Cross church.

The re-laying of the slate on the Lutheran church was completed last week by Wm. H. Smith, the Millersburg slater. Mr. Smith guarantees that the roof is now much better than when first laid, and states further that the material in the slate is as good as any slate on the market today. The roof had been a source of annoyance for many years, largely due to lack of proper attention and employment of unskilled labor in repairing it.

Margaret Breen, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Breen, of Axe Mann, was taken to the Bellefonte hospital last week, and Thursday was operated on for appendicitis. Her condition at present is very hopeful, and no further complications are anticipated. She has been in delicate health for some years, and the trouble was no doubt due to conditions that resulted in the development of the disease for which she underwent the operation. She was a plucky "youngster," if the statements of the operating surgeons can be believed.

Aside from the killing of a little boy last week, at Millheim, a reckless hunter came nearly snuffing out the life of Mrs. W. R. Young, a Penn township lady. She was in her home, attending to household duties, when a bullet crashed through the window in the room in which she was, sped close by her head and broke to pieces a jardiniere. She was very much frightened, but looked about the premises to see who might be there who was so inconsiderate as to shoot toward the house. She saw two boys with a gun in a field close by, but could not identify either of them.