

FARMERS' WEEK AT STATE.

Farmers' week at the Pennsylvania State College is an established institution. This year December 26th to January 2nd is the time that the farmers throughout the state are invited to visit their institution and spend a week with the scientists who are working upon agricultural problems. The research work of the Experiment Station has developed, within the last decade or two, and is continually developing new knowledge which has a very practical application to farm practice.

Good Hunters Here.

The deer hunters who go out from Centre Hall have a good record for killing deer. The number captured were eight, killed by George W. Bradford, Albert Bradford, John Knarr, William Bradford, Maynard Meeker, D. W. Sweetwood, Frank J. Smith, and William Homan. Meeker and Smith are not residents of this place just now, but they learned to draw the bead while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. L. Bartholomew and baby spent Thanksgiving in Centre Hall.

While merchant George O. Benner attended court, William F. Floray was head clerk.

Miss Grace Dale, of Pine Grove Mills, was the guest of Mrs. Kate Sanders, in Centre Hall, from Friday until Tuesday.

John Carson, of Clearfield, is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. H. Shiegal, at Spring Mills, making his annual visit there.

Mrs. H. F. Rossman and son Ray, Miss Mable Long, Mrs. (Dr.) Braucht and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Long, all of Spring Mills, attended the concert in Centre Hall on Thanksgiving evening.

William D. Shoop was in Centre Hall for a day or two last week, and was helping to superintend the construction of the new residence his father, Samuel Shoop, began at that time.

Newton Yarnell, one of the progressive farmers in Harris township, was one of the Reporter's callers on Friday. Mr. Yarnell has been the tenant on the D. J. Meyer farm for seventeen years, and is not even now thinking of leaving. He always aims to keep up with his work, and although the farm he tills is quite large, his crops are planted and sown in season, and as a result the yields are good.

A. Miles Arney, who is connected with one of the largest electrical plants in the world, came to Centre Hall from Niagara Falls, New York, to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Arney, on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Arney has few vacation days, his position being of a character that leaves of duty cannot easily be had. He is a graduate of the electrical engineering department of Pennsylvania State College, and is one of that institution's best productions.

Rev. George E. Hawes, D. D., the popular and successful pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, will preach this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Centre Hall Presbyterian church. Dr. Hawes has just completed his first year in his present position, and has made a most favorable impression on all, this is his first service here. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to the public. There will also be service in the church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Sunday's schedule is Centre Hall, morning, communion; Spring Mills afternoon.

Thomas Smith moved his family to Centre Hall from State College on Tuesday. He occupies the residence on the south of the postoffice, lately vacated by Samuel S. Kreamer. Mr. Smith, as was stated in these columns before, purchased the tin shop and stove business; from J. A. Reesman, just prior to his death. On account of his family living at State College and some uncompleted work there, Mr. Smith was obliged to be away from his place of business very much since coming into possession of it, but from this on he will be on hand at all times and ready to accommodate promptly all who need his services.

The Nittany Light, Heat and Power Company's plant at State College was purchased by Asbury M. Lee, A. J. Musser and J. W. Wrigley, of Clearfield, being representatives of the corporation that within the past year obtained charters for electric light and power companies in the boroughs of Centre Hall, Milesburg, Howard and Unionville, and in the townships of Potter, Banner, Boggs, Spring and Union. Their purchase of the State College plant had been in contemplation since the operations of the company began in this county, the purchase of the plant being the only method by which the company could do business in that borough. This is the same company, it is presumed, that made efforts to secure franchise rights in Centre Hall, one of its members being, as indicated above, A. J. Musser, formerly of Pine Grove Mills. The stock in the company, the Reporter is informed, is held largely by Philadelphia parties.

Laundry goes out next Wednesday.

FRUIT GROWERS CONVENTION.

The second annual convention of the Fruit Growers Association of Centre county will be held in Millheim, Friday and Saturday, 13th and 14th instant. At the first session Friday morning the nomination and election of officers will take place.

It is very much desired to have a display of fruit, and all members of the association and others are invited to bring fruit of all kinds. The fruit may be sent to A. Barges, Millheim, at any time.

The speakers will be Dr. J. P. Steward, of Pennsylvania State College; and Dr. Murray, of Catawissa.

THE PROGRAM.

Friday morning: Fertilization of apple orchards—Steward.

Friday afternoon: The making and use of lime-sulphur spray—Steward.

Friday afternoon: Educating a young orchard—Murray.

Friday evening: The influence of cultural methods alone, and with fertilization upon yield and quality of fruit—Steward.

Friday evening: Business methods in marketing apples—Murray.

Saturday morning: Spraying—Steward.

Saturday morning: Tillage vs. soil mulch—Murray.

Harris township.

Prof. J. H. Harsh spent Thanksgiving at his home near Lancaster.

Prof. H. C. Rothrock spent Thanksgiving at his home at Boalsburg.

Mrs. John Johnson, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of John Charles.

Miss Lizzie Bloom visited from Saturday till Monday, with friends at Bellefonte.

Mrs. L. Mothersbaugh and Mrs. George Mothersbaugh and her children spent Thanksgiving at Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher, with their bright little boy, were visitors from Danville at the Fisher home at Boalsburg.

Miss Margaretta Goldeen spent her vacation at Boalsburg; this week she is attending teachers' institute at Holidaysburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brooks and Mrs. J. M. Ross and daughter, Miss Louella, from near Linden Hall, were guests at the Jacob Meyer home on Sunday.

Rev. H. M. Hart, of Harrisburg, P. G. M. of the I. O. O. F., gave a lecture in the Reformed church on Monday evening, on the subject "The power of a hidden hand." The address was interesting throughout. The speaker closed by relating a humorous story of an old lady, who never went to any church but the Methodist except on one occasion when her pastor was not at home she went to a Reformed church, and got happy there. Rev. Hart lectured at Boalsburg twice before this sixteen years ago and five years ago. Owing to the inclement weather on Monday the attendance was not as large as at previous times.

Rebersburg.

John Smith, the coal dealer at Lamar, was a visitor in town over Sunday.

Miss Schrack and Miss Barner will this week leave for Johnstown where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Maggie Wagner and daughter, of Harrisburg are at present visiting relatives at this place.

Miss Emma Bair, who is employed in Lock Haven, in a hotel as cook No. 1, spent last Sunday in town among relatives.

Charles Zimmerman, while out hunting the other day, had the good luck to shoot a wild turkey; the bird weighed sixteen pounds.

Elmer Hubler, the auctioneer, has rented the Harry Gephart home situated near Noll's mill, and will move there this coming spring.

Thus far this season Thomas Ocker has killed the heaviest hogs in town; next comes Prof. C. L. Gramley, whose porkers weighed almost as much.

On last Wednesday Mrs. Maggie Frantz and daughter and Miss Edith Schrack and Miss Ruth Barner, all of Tylersville were callers at the Reformed parsonage at this place.

Howard Miller and wife, who spent the past summer in Penns Valley at the home of Charles Wolf, returned to town and took up their abode for the winter months in their fine residence at this place.

Howard Krape, after spending several months in the eastern part of this state where he was employed, has returned home and is getting to his home an abundant supply of wood, coal and other household necessities in order that he and the family may live in comfort during the cold blustery winter months.

Emanuel Confer, of near Millheim, has rented the farm known as the Nathaniel Bowersox farm situated near Wolf's store, owned by Emanuel Confer, of Millheim. The present occupant, Edward Gilbert, will this coming spring move to Sugar Valley onto the John Womeldorf farm, two miles east of Loganton.

PEEPING INTO SPACE.

An illustration That Shows the Vastness of Stellar Depths.

Go dig a hole in the ground and set a post five or six feet high. Nail a stick across the top. Tie a fine string to a ring three inches in diameter and suspend it from the end of the stick.

Break up a diamond—if you make the error of wearing one and centering your mind on the useless bauble rather than upon nature and her majestic laws; select a minute fragment so small that if spherical seventy-one side by side would make a row one inch long and suspend the tiny globe by means of a fine fiber of silk in the center of the ring.

Then walk away on a straight line 9.31 miles, turn around and look back. The ring would be invisible, and it would require the keenest eye to see the post, if indeed any could see it.

Get a good telescope and you might just see the ring against the sky on a white background, but the diamond would be invisible.

Come up here, get the sixteen inch telescope, try it, and the diamond sphere could not be seen. Go get a forty or sixty inch telescope, still the diamond would not come into view.

Then get a 3,000,000 candle power electric arc searchlight and by means of a big lens concentrate the light on the diamond. Then a much smaller telescope would reveal it.

Go to the giant star sun, Sirius, the dog star. Take a very large telescope with you, turn around and look back this way.

Then the orbit of the earth, a ring 186,000,000 miles in diameter, would appear to be as three inches in diameter viewed from 9.31 miles, and the sun as the one seventy-first of an inch in diameter.—Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

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And He Had No Use For Portraits of Henry Clay.

In Davies county, Ky., at the time when Henry Clay was running for the presidency against General Jackson, there lived a plain, industrious farmer. He was an ardent politician, noted for his hostility to Clay and his party. But his interest in politics did not make him indifferent to his wife's happiness. While in town one day he thought he would surprise the good woman by presenting her with a set of new dishes. He selected an attractive pattern, and as he was in a hurry did not examine the dishes closely, but had them packed and placed in his wagon.

His wife was delighted with the gift, but no slight examination satisfied her feminine curiosity. In turning over a dish she discovered on the under side a portrait of Henry Clay. Every piece was thus marked. To tease her husband she asked him the cause of his "sudden change of politics."

"Change of politics!" shouted the husband, as excited as if he had been charged with a crime. "What do you mean?"

Thereupon she showed him the portrait on the china. As if he were kidding himself of a noxious thing, the farmer gathered up every dish and, carrying them to the door, broke them into fragments on the stone steps. He purchased another set of dishes in a few days, but not until he had made sure that there was no Whig politician's portrait on them.—Youth's Companion.

Graft in Turkey.

In the days when M. Paul Cambon represented the interests of the French republic at Constantinople Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, who had been touring in eastern Europe, was desirous of giving a dramatic representation at Yildiz kiosk. The sultan was willing and the terms were duly arranged with the keeper of the wardrobe, the worthy pasha who has the control of all entertainments at Yildiz. But the pasha held out his hand for more backsheesh than La Belle Sarah felt inclined to give and so the long looked for representation did not take place. Sarah Bernhardt lost by it \$1,000 and the coveted order of the chekakat. Hermann, the conjurer, knowing the ropes better than the French actress, squandered the keeper of the wardrobe, gave his show and got his thousand pounds.

A Monastic Race Course.

Sandown is the part of Esher that all travelers see from the railway, with the grand stand backed by a fine cluster of dark pines. Among the smaller race courses none is prettier. The estate purchased by a company for the special purpose of horse racing originally belonged to a priory. All the brethren were swept away by the black death about the middle of the fourteenth century and every trace of their monastic buildings has disappeared. Only their memory now remains as a text of warning to thoughtless pleasure seekers.—Westminster Gazette.

Maintenance of a Microbe.

A country schoolteacher was cashing her monthly check at the bank. The teller apologized for the filthy condition of the bills, saying, "I hope you're not afraid of microbes."

"Not a bit of it," the schoolmarm replied. "I'm sure no microbe could live on my salary."—Lippincott's.

He Found It.

"I started out on the theory that the world had an opening for me, and I went to find it."

"Did you find it?"

"Oh, yes; I'm in a hole!"

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