

**CREASY MASTER AGAIN.**

Keystone Grange Exchange Directors Elected—500 Shares of Stock Purchased.

The organization of the Keystone Grange Exchange, the corporation through which the State Grange expects to establish co-operative buying and selling among the farmers of the state, was advanced at the State Grange meeting in Clearfield, when the Grangers elected five directors to manage the affairs of the corporation.

The men elected are Thomas B. Palmer, Delaware county, for five years; T. M. Johnson, Washington, for four years; William Armstrong, Luzerne county, for three years; Harry S. Shanline, Montgomery county, for two years; and Archie Billings, Erie county, for one year.

The Grange voted to purchase 500 shares of stock in the corporation, and subordinate Granges and individual members subscribed heavily to the capital, which was placed at \$100,000 an increase from \$10,000 having been authorized. Officers for the exchange will be opened in Harrisburg. The exchange intends to establish at once a bureau of information upon crop and market conditions and to contract heavily for the purchase of articles for farm use. It will also proceed to organize local exchanges and provide storage facilities for farm crops. A system of farm credits will be worked out and the entire proposition of farm economics gone into. It was voted by the Grange that only members of the order shall be eligible to membership in the corporation.

The election of officers occupied the session on Thursday afternoon. The Grange system of elections is novel. The roll of counties was called and delegates, having been supplied with credentials, presented them to the treasurer and received their mileage in cash. Then they filed past the fifteen sets of tellers and deposited separate ballots for each officer.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Most of the former officers were re-elected. The full list is appended: Master, William T. Crossy, Columbia county; overseer, E. B. Dorsett, Tioga county; lecturer, Reuben P. Kester, Clearfield county; chaplain, the Rev. H. G. Tesgard, Jefferson county; treasurer, S. E. Nevin, Chester county; secretary, J. T. Ailmar, Juniata county; gatekeeper, Arthur Chase, Bradford county; pomona, Mrs. Georgia M. Piolet, Bradford county; flora, Mrs. Anna R. Hungen, Wyoming county; ceres, Dr. Hannan McK. Lyons, Chester county; member of executive committee, for three years, William Armstrong, Luzerne county.

The place for the next meeting was referred to the executive committee. Invitations were received from York, Lebanon, Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre and Greenburg. The newly elected officers were installed Friday morning by Hon. Leonard Rhone, who was master of the State Grange for eighteen years.

Through its secretary, John M. McSparan, the legislative committee brought in a report which was enthusiastically adopted. The items touched on briefly stated are these:

Opposed to snipping liquor into dry territory; in favor of a state antitrust law; against granting license to saloons.

More stringent laws are favored; opposed to the central bank scheme, ship subsidy, and against tariff schedules that enables trusts to maintain a higher price for the home-consumed product than they get for that which they export.

Favor the election of United States senators by popular vote; the payment by the state of the minimum salary of public school teachers.

The Sprout road bill is criticized, and the conclusion of the road question is reached thus:

The roads in which we are most interested are the roads to the store, the station and the market place. We want the low roads stoned and drained, the well drained roads king dragged and the water courses kept open. This will give us all good roads and will not need the services of a civil engineer or an imported superintendent, and we will not need to meet any interest charges on a bonded debt. We demand that the bill which has so often passed the house levying 1 mill additional on corporate and personal property for schools and roads be made law, which law would produce about \$7,000,000 annually for these great needs."

Lady Show You, a hen that won the national egg-laying contest at the state poultry station, Mountain Grove, Missouri, this year, was sold at Springfield, Missouri, for \$800 by J. A. Bickerdite, of Millersville, Illinois.

The hen has a record of laying 281 full-weight eggs this year. She is a White Plymouth Rock.

PARCEL POST.

Law Becomes Effective January 1st—Packages Limited to Eleven Pounds—Special Stamp Must be used.

Postmaster George M. Boal has received instructions relative to the new parcel post law, which goes into effect on January 1st, 1913. The law provides:

"That hereafter fourth class mail matter shall embrace all other matter, including farm and factory products, not now embraced by law in either the first, second, or third class, not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, nor greater in size than seventy-two inches in and girth combined, nor in form or kind likely to injure the person or any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery.

It will be observed that the rates of postage are largely reduced and that the limit of weight is increased from four to eleven pounds. Parcels will be delivered at all free delivery offices, and to patrons residing on rural and star routes; they may be registered and may be accorded special delivery service on payment of the usual fees, and they may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to their actual value, but not to exceed \$15, upon payment of a fee of five cents. Distinctive stamps must be used on all parcels, but they may be mailed in quantities of not less than 2,000 identical pieces without stamps affixed, the postage being paid in money.

The postoffice department is urging that the widest publicity be given to the following features of the proposed parcel post regulations:

"That distinctive parcel post stamps must be used on all fourth class matter, beginning January 1, and that such matter bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as held for postage."

"That parcels will be mailable only at postoffices, branch postoffices, lettered and local named stations, and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster.

"That all parcels must bear the return card of the sender, otherwise it will not be accepted for mailing."

The reason for desiring to give this the widest possible publicity is to be found in the fact that after January 1, all fourth class matter goes under the parcel post law and the ordinary postage stamps will not be valid upon any matter of this class.

It is anticipated that until the public grasps this fact there will be found quantities of fourth class mail bearing the ordinary postage "held for postage" because the special parcel postage stamps were not used.

Rebersburg.

Mrs. Sidney Krumline is at present housed up with erysipelas on her face. John Rudy, of Selma, spent part of this week at this place among old acquaintances.

William Minnich, of Aaronsburg, was in this place on last Tuesday and helped his son Lester to do some work.

Mrs. Sarah Leitzel, of Aaronsburg, is spending this week at the home of Samuel Mowery, where she is employed as a seamstress.

Samuel Winters, who spent the past summer in Indiana, has returned home and will spend the winter months in town with his parents.

C. C. Long quite recently sold one of his fine driving horses to Earl Meyer, of Loganton, who lost his old and faithful horse by death.

The hog cholera is still raging in the eastern part of this valley. Adam Wolf, a farmer, quite recently lost four fattening hogs with that dreaded disease.

Herbert Small, who was for the past two months employed at Tyrone at his trade of masoning, has returned home and will in the near future begin to work for Mr. Meza, the marble man at Howard.

Eighteen fine Percheron colts, ranging from two to four years old were brought to this place from Crawford county, and placed in the stables at the hotel, where they are offered at private sale. This is a fine lot of colts and they take the eye of the buyers.

Miss Maude Moz, of Middleburg, a lady in her twenties, who is visiting at Livonia, took ill suddenly and Dr. J. W. Wright was at once sent for. He pronounced the disease to be appendicitis, and a few days later he assisted by Dr. Ball, of Lock Haven, performed an operation. The young lady is now getting along very well.

Road Application at 718 Miles.

Figures compiled at the state highway department show that from June 1 to December 1, applications were filed for state aid in the construction of 718 miles of highway. This is the largest mileage known in a similar period.

50-CENT POTATOES.

Consumer Grows and Grows is Not Sure He Has a Profit at That Price.

About the silliest thing imaginable is the everlasting complaining because the farmer, the tiller of the soil, is getting the cost of production and a small margin above it, in some instances, for the products of farm and garden. For many years the farmer was a slave. He was obliged to sell below cost, to say nothing of profit. It was only his willingness to work from daylight until after dark that made it possible for him to make a living on a rented farm, or, if he owned it, to live and make an interest of two to three per cent. on his investment.

Consumers now are kicking because the farmer is getting fifty cents a bushel for potatoes. At what price would the consumer like to have them? The average yield of potatoes in Centre county is not over one hundred bushels per acre, which at fifty cents per bushel would be \$50.00. Last spring seed potatoes were worth from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel, and many farmers were obliged to buy. Deduct \$12.00 for seed, and there remains \$38.00 per acre. Before a profit is reckoned you must also deduct the cost of plowing, preparing the seed bed, fertilizers, cultivation, harvesting, sorting, hauling to market, interest on the land wear and tear on implements—how much have you left?

Then again take the potato crop of last year, 1911. Who reimbursed the farmer for the total failure of the crop? He had all the expense last year he had this, yet no return.

What other class of workmen are there outside of the farmers who put their energy, skill, money against a season that will produce a paying crop? The laborer gets his wages at night fall; the lender takes a mortgage; the farmer the chances that the season will be favorable to the growth of a good crop. If the crop fails, he denies himself the luxuries—if he ever enjoyed them—and many times necessities, and when springtime comes he plants again.

Why should not the farmer have a profit? The man who complains because of the high cost of living, nine times out of ten, lives very much better than the farmer can afford to who grows the crop the price of which is complained of.

If some of the city people and those in smaller towns were obliged to accept the small profit—if profit it can be called—earned by the tiller of the soil, they would be in the mad house in a brief space of time.

The field is open. If some of these city and town people would come out and show the farmer how to raise potatoes at eleven cents a bushel, and live on the "profit" the farmer of today would follow his methods.

Linden Hall.

F. E. Wieland and family spent Sunday with friends in Redsville returning in the evening.

Mrs. J. H. Ross and son Lynn were among the Bellefonte shoppers on Saturday.

The United Evangelical church will hold a Christmas service on Tuesday evening, the twenty-fourth.

Mrs. Minerva Fortney, Mrs. William Fortney and little son, of Harrisburg, are visiting at the J. L. Tressler home.

Mrs. Kate Kemmerer who spent the past two months here, returned to her home at State College on Saturday.

Ned Keller, who has been a student at Selinsgrove University, returned home on Saturday for the Christmas vacation.

John Kimpert moved his saw mill from the Gimpert tract to this place where he has a contract to saw a lot of lumber for J. H. Ross.

The many friends of Professor S. C. Miller learn, with regret, of his serious illness with diphtheria at his home near Chester. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Miller, of Pine Grove and well known in this section.

On Sunday evening while on the way from this place to State College Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brooks and uncle Joseph Gross, were thrown from their buggy at the turn in the road near Levi Ross's near Lemont. They attempted to pass a buggy, but got too close to the bank. The buggy upset and the horses ran away but were captured and brought back by Earnest Wagner. Aside from a few bruises all escaped serious injuries.

Christmas Post Cards.

Christmas post cards are on sale at the Reporter office at the popular price of fifteen cents per dozen. Sent by mail, postage paid. Every card is new.

Probably the oldest person in Blair county died when Mrs. Lydia Bixler passed away at her home in Altoona, at the age of ninety-five years seven months and twenty-one days.

S. S. BROWN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Milroy Hotel Man Falls Through Trestle Thirty Feet.

Samuel S. Brown, familiarly known as "Stacky" Brown, the Milroy Hotel man, was seriously injured on Wednesday of last week. In the morning of that day he and several others had gone to Middleburg, and thinking to make a short cut to the home of Hiram Baker, where his wife was awaiting him, Mr. Brown dropped off a Reedsville car at the junction of the Burnham trolley tracks on the Yeagertown side, and attempting to cross the high trestle bearing the trolley tracks over Buck Run, he missed his footing and fell between the ties a distance of thirty feet to the rocky ground beneath, sustaining serious injuries.

He was picked up by iron workers, taken to a near by house, and a doctor summoned. Later he was rushed to the Lewisburg hospital, when he was found to be suffering from concussion of the brain in addition to severe bruises and lacerations. A deep gash was found upon the back of his head, and his face was battered into a shapeless mass, both eyes being swollen shut. The body was generally bruised especially the right leg, but fortunately there were no broken bones. Mr. Brown's back was severely wrenched and it is feared there are internal injuries. He lay that night in a semi-conscious condition, at times irrational, but was able to recognize attendants and faintly understood he had been injured. The doctors, however took an optimistic view of the case and anticipate no fatal result.

Lutheran Ministers Change Fields. Rev. C. H. Bottiger of the Bellefonte charge was unanimously elected pastor of the Burnham Lutheran church, and will enter his new field of endeavor January 1st. Lutherans of Burnham have been without a regular pastor since Rev. D. E. Hosbaur left for Middleburg about one year ago. The pulpit has since been filled by supply ministers from Mt. Airy Seminary.

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DEATHS.

Mrs. Moses Stover died after an illness of but five hours, on Thursday night of last week, at her home at Spring Mills. She was busily engaged to the kitchen performing household duties when she was stricken with paralysis, and her condition at once became alarming. Five hours later she was dead.

Interment was made in the cemetery connected with the Union church, at Farmers Mills, on Tuesday morning.

Before her marriage Mrs. Stover was Miss Catherine Meese, a daughter of the late Jacob Meese. She was aged fifty-eight years, eleven months, and twenty-three days. There survive her husband; one daughter (Annie), wife of Perry K. Detwiler, who lives with her parents, and three brothers and sisters: Calvin, Little Rock, Arkansas; John, Memphis, Tennessee; Mrs. Sarah Armbruster, Farmers Mills; and Mrs. Emma Homan, Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Stover lived at Farmers Mills for many years, but about a year ago they purchased the Spring Mills hotel and moved into it.

Isabelle L. Barree, wife of David Barree, deceased, died on Saturday, aged eighty-five years, two months, and sixteen days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John C. Kuhn, at Old Fort.

The deceased was born in Huntingdon county, but lived at Spring Mills for more than fifty years. She was a life long member of the Methodist church. She is survived by one son, Wm. F. Barree, of Altoona; and four daughters, Mrs. Susan Kuhn, Old Fort; Mrs. Carrie E. Jones, Altoona; Mrs. Mary L. Ream, Harrisburg; and Mrs. Mills Brian, Spring Mills.

[Altoona and Harrisburg papers are requested to copy.]

Wesley V. Tate, born at Martha Furnace in 1854, died in Altoona from a complication of diseases, having been an invalid for four years. He was a blacksmith by trade, and was employed in the Pennsylvania car shops. He was a Civil War veteran, having served in the 54th Regiment. A wife and one brother, Edward Tate, of Washington, survive.

Mrs. Mary Bodie, widow of the late James Bodie, died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Henry Shuey, near State College, aged seventy-seven years and five months. She is survived by one son, William, of State College, thirteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Two brothers and one sister also survive. Burial was made in the Houserville cemetery.

Mrs. Susannah Harnish Tussey Irvin, widow of the late Ellis Irvin, for many years one of Philipsburg's most highly esteemed residents, died in Philipsburg. She was born in Spruce Creek, Huntingdon county, and was aged seventy years, five months, nineteen days.

Mrs. Daniel Kahl died at her home in Greenburg, aged about fifty-two years. Deceased is survived by her husband and four daughters, two of whom, the Misses Anna and Laura, are public school teachers in Michigan. Funeral services were held in the United Evangelical church at Greenburg by Rev. Ralph Smith.

William T. Billets, died at his home in Nittany of apoplexy, after a brief illness. He was seventy-five years, five months and twenty-five days old and is survived by his wife and a number of children.

Joseph Dougherty, born in Bellefonte, in 1849 died in Altoona. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Arthur B. Lee, sheriff to S. S. McCormick, 12 acres of land in Boggs township. \$45.

Arthur B. Lee, sheriff to Mary C. Eckert, premises in Marion township. \$310.

John M. Wisland et ux to L. E. Kilder, 2 lots in State College. \$1400.

John Spencer to John Bodeneest, tract of land in Snow Shoe township. \$500.

Lutheran Church trustees to Howard E. Wells, lot in Spring township. \$1.

Lloyd Eckenroth to Sadie C. Hite, tract of land in Spring township. \$333.33.

William Hite et al to Lloyd Eckenroth, tract of land in Spring township. \$300.

W. D. Zerby, guardian to Sadie C. Hite, tract of land in Spring township. \$66.66.

Margaret H. Ammermans' heir to H. A. Ellis, premises in Boggs township. \$125.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Hon. B. K. Focht will again be a candidate for congress two years hence.

The hotel at New Berlin of which Joel Kerstetter was landlord a few years ago was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Rebecca Echoll is at the home of E. C. Harter, in Georges Valley, where her niece, Miss Annie Weaver, is housekeeper.

"What is Centre Hall's greatest need; how may it be attained?" The best answer will be worth \$5.00 to the contributor.

Daniel Klinger will follow Charles W. Weaver as tenant on the Van Fries farm near Linden Hall, Mr. Klinger now lives on the Speer farm, near Peru.

Miss Helen Luse went to Laurelton and is at the home of her grandfather, Joel Kerstetter. She may remain for the greater part of the winter, but at least until Christmas.

The Reporter will be ready to place the thirteen and fourteen opposite the subscribers' names if they will be willing to send us a small remittance. Look at your label, and see how you stand.

Mrs. George Jackson came from State College with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Smith, last week, and for several days assisted her in getting her home fixed up. The Smiths had their furniture sent here a few days previous.

The Lock Haven Board of Trade and Civic Club have arranged to hold a Chautauque course of entertainment in that city during the summer months. The entertainment will be of a high order, one of the lecturers is William Jennings Bryan, the peerless Democratic leader.

Tuesday morning Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Brisbin, of Centre Hall, left for Hartford, Connecticut, where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. George Robertson. They will likely go to other points, as it was declared that the itinerary had not been completed when leaving here.

Many of the exchanges that reach the Reporter's table, like this paper, were obliged to add extra pages to accommodate the advertisers. This all indicates that newspaper advertising is believed in by merchants, and this is believed because such advertising has proven to be profitable.

It has been informally announced that William Reitz, formerly an instructor in the Agricultural Department at Pennsylvania State College, but now located in Maryland, and Miss Ruth Thomas, until a few weeks ago a compositor in this office, will be married the day before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Keller, at Phoenixville, on Wednesday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The affair was celebrated in a fitting style. A number of invitations were sent to friends and relatives in Centre county, and among those who responded were Mrs. Kate Conley, and Christ D. Keller.

The snow windows in Montgomery's clothing store, in Bellefonte, are especially attractive, and shows excellent taste on the part of the decorator. At Montgomery's the show is not all on the exterior. Every piece of clothing purchased at this store has a distinctive quality. To be clothed with Montgomery's clothing is to be well clothed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Musser, of Zion, were in Gregg township on Sunday, returning home on Monday. They visited Mr. Musser's father, David J. Musser, who is quite feeble. The senior Mr. Musser is in his eighty-fourth year. He was recently visited by Rev. B. R. M. Sneider, his former pastor, and this gave him much comfort.

Charles W. Weaver, of near Linden Hall, announces sale for March 19th. This will be one of the largest sales in the valley, and among other stock will be offered seven head of hogs, forty-five head of cattle, thirty hogs, and a full line of farming implements and tools. Most of the implements are new. This will be a clean up sale, as Mr. Weaver will quit farming operations although he has not decided what he will do after he disposes of his stock, etc.

Harry Neil, after being employed for a period of two years as a farmer by S. W. Smith, will quit his post some time after the holidays. Mr. Neil is something of a horse trainer, and during the time he has been employed by Mr. Smith trained six three year olds in good style, and is now getting the seventh into line. He has been unusually successful in this role, and invariably took the raw animals, and step by step with little or no assistance brought them under good management.