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REFORMED CATECHISM'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Jones Tells of the History of the Heidelberg Document.

In his Sunday evening sermon Rev. R. R. Jones, pastor of the Reformed church, gave a bit of history concerning the catechism of the church. His remarks were highly instructive to the members of his particular church as well as to others in his audience. Rev. Jones is a man of broad principles, and while to him the Reformed church is first and foremost, he is willing to give other churches their just due.

Sunday marked the 350th anniversary of the publication by the Elector Frederick of the Heidelberg Catechism. The Reformed churches in this country made the occasion one of special celebration throughout their whole denomination, and they are linking up the catechism anniversary to four other anniversaries that occur this year, as well as to the every-member canvass by which they will be commemorated.

Catechisms are not taken largely into account by the man of the street, and yet they are more influential in shaping the thought of people than much literature that makes more stir in the world. The fashion of teaching the catechism to children has by no means gone out of existence. So important is the place of the Heidelberg Catechism in its church that the committee of union between the Presbyterian denomination and the German Reformed church agree that the Heidelberg Catechism should be accepted on a plane of equality with the Westminster Catechism. Both of these documents, the Heidelberg Catechism being the older, have had stormy and notable careers, and in hundreds of pulpits last Sunday the stories of the Elector Frederick's courageous defense of his catechism was told.

The minds of the church folk are being refreshed by the denomination leaders upon the history of this catechism. Summarized, it runs thus:

The Heidelberg Catechism was published in the year 1563 by the order of Elector Frederick III, of the Palatinate, a district in western Germany, of which Heidelberg is the capital. It was written by Zacharias Ursinus and Caspar Olevianus, and was published in the city of Heidelberg, from which city it gets its name. It became the creed of the Reformed Church, which was founded at Zurich, Switzerland (1519-25), by Ulrich Zwingli, one of the reformers. After his death (1531) his work was continued by John Calvin at Geneva (1536-64). From Switzerland, the Reformed Church spread into France, Holland, Poland, Hungary, Bohemia, Germany and Scotland.

The Heidelberg Catechism, which was the most prominent of its creeds, was carried by these churches to the ends of the earth. It was brought to America in the eighteenth century, together with their Bibles and hymn books. It has been in use in the church in America since the year 1725, when the church was organized by John Philip Boehm.

While it is the German Reformed denomination that is creating most commotion over this 350th anniversary of the catechism, the truth is, the document was first brought to America by the Dutch Reformed Church when the Dutch entered New York. The Heidelberg Catechism is the catechism of the State Church in Holland, and is also the official standard of the Dutch Reformed denomination everywhere. In Hungary and Bohemia Protestants adhere to the Heidelberg Catechism, and everywhere the German Reformed Church has been carried by its missions this catechism is taught.

The denominational leaders say that in the 1700 congregations of the German Reformed Church, this celebration was observed on January 19. There are 1200 ministers and about 400,000 members of the church at present recorded.

Standard Works to Boom.

The officials of the Standard Steel Works, at Burnham, give it out that by February all the departments of the plant will be in full operation. The \$5,000,000 order for locomotives received by the Baldwin Works in Philadelphia is responsible for the prospective boom at the Burnham works.

The Standard gives employment to about 3,000 men, with possibly 12,000 persons gaining their sustenance through the local industry. \$35,000 to \$40,000 is disbursed by the weekly payroll which means considerable to local business men and the country roundabout.

The Ladies' World for February can best be described as a very "live" number, for it contains many contributions that not only entertain, but which make you sit up and think. One of these is "I Wish I Had Married Again," by A Woman Who Didn't.

PAYS IN DOLLARS AND CENTS.

Agricultural College Graduates Daily Prove Value of Education.

Nothing has been watched so critically as the progress and conduct of the agricultural college graduates who have gone back to the farm. Their book learning and new ways have been the object of derision and scorn which has gradually given way to respect as they have made good and proven by their success that the things which they learned resulted in growing bigger crops and raising better stock.

More important than all this, it made better citizens of them so that they were able to be of greater service to their communities.

Farmers are becoming more appreciative of what an agricultural education and expert training means. They see the tangible results in dollars and cents through larger crops and greater profits from the farm, and there are thousands who regret that they had no such opportunity for study while young. State and national governments are doing much to provide for all who want to learn more about agriculture. It is not even necessary to go away from home if one is anxious to study, although it is much better to go to the college. Parents can do nothing that will prove of such benefit to their children as to help them get a better education if they really want it.

A Good Democratic Measure.

A measure pending in congress and giving to the states absolute power over the shipment of liquor is good and ought to be enacted into law. It is called the Kenyon-Sheppard bill and proceeds upon sound Democratic theory.

In the Commoner Mr. Bryan states that congress should pass a law recognizing the right of each state to prescribe the conditions upon which intoxicating liquors can be transported, sold and used within its borders. He also believes that the federal government should dissolve partnership with law breakers and no longer issue licenses for the sale of liquor in communities where local laws prohibit its sale. If it is thought unconstitutional to discriminate, in the issue of licenses between different communities the same end can be reached by reducing the license to a nominal figure and requiring the applicant for a federal license to give written notice to the local authorities, and newspaper notice to the local public of his intention to apply for a license. Now let those who oppose these propositions meet them with argument.

4th Class P. M.'s Becoming Usual.

The undisturbed sit of the fourth-class postmasters is becoming a bit more uncertain as the weeks go by. President Taft's order putting this class of office holders on the civil service list was a partisan measure in which he rewarded the faithful few. There was a time when a Republican, who (politically) had high regard for himself, refused to occupy an office under a Democratic administration, and we all know that under Republican administrations Democrats could get no credentials that would admit them to a place among the office holders.

The certainty of the death of the Republican party was not sufficient reason for a president to issue an order to give his faithful followers a reward at the expense of the victors. Even in this day there is some sense in the expression to the "victors belong the spoil."

Woodward.

The following persons attended an oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Stover, on Friday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Harris Stover, Mr. and Mrs. Sparr West, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fiedler, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolfe, Misses Mabelle Stover, Alma Berry, Grace and Eva Fiedler, Lida Winkler, Lida Benner, Lodie Motz, Naomi Smith, Ada Corman, Mary Guiswite, Dortha Whitley, Lida Hosterman, Florence Guiswite, Florence Benner, Telma Walter, Mary Stover, Esther Stover and Mabelle Wolfe, Messrs. Guernies Fiedler, Noah Ketner, Maurice Yearick, Charles Arney, Earl Motz, Orvis Orndorf, Roy Bowersox, Roy H. Musser, Glenn Wolfe, Stanley Fiedler, Deway Motz, Edgar Stover, Charles Wolfe, Paul Stover, Edward Sheesley, Harry Sheesley, James Stover, Eugene Stover and Fred Snyder.

Game Commissioner Kalbfus is making an appeal to all to aid in feeding the birds. The winter so far has been open, and feed plentiful, but when snow comes many game birds will suffer. The Bob White, or quail, and wild turkeys need particular attention. Write to the Commissioner, at Harrisburg, for bulletin No. 2, which will be forwarded free.

One builder is worth a hundred destructive critics.

STORM DOES DAMAGE.

A Rain Storm Passes Over Penna Valley and Leaves Trail of Wreckage.

Saturday afternoon between the hours of two and three o'clock a heavy wind storm passed over Penna Valley, and did damage to some extent at many points, the most serious being in the vicinity of Centre Hill, which seemed to be the storm center. A half hour before the storm arose the sun was shining brightly, having the appearance of an April day. Dark grey clouds were seen rising in the west, and soon they were rolling over each other. There were several peals of thunder, a dashing rain, and then the wind broke loose, driving the rain and hail at a terrific speed.

At Centre Hill the dwelling house of Miss Katie Burkholder was partially unroofed, the wind ripping up about a square and a half of slate. Two large pine trees on the George L. Goodhart farm, tenanted by his son James C. Goodhart, south of Centre Hill, were blown over, one of them striking the west gable end of the house, crushing in about one-half of the brick wall above the square. A large limb was pushed through the wall at another point and broken off even with the wall. A portion of the roof and two rafters were also broken in.

The large bank barn owned by Peter Smith, located one-half mile east of Centre Hill, was partially pushed from its foundation walls, and it is a great wonder that the whole structure did not collapse. After the storm the stable doors were piled loose and all the stock was removed to neighboring barns.

At Centre Hall the large brick smoke stack at the old foundry plant, now owned by D. J. Meyer, was toppled over.

A number of Commercial telephone poles were blown over, and others were broken off ten feet from the ground.

Among the heavy losers on account of the storm was Hon. Leonard Rhone, the damage having been done at Rhoneymede, south of Centre Hall. A wind pump, erected but a few years ago, was totally demolished. Every casting of any size was broken, and the iron beams were twisted and bent so as to become entirely useless. A number of large trees were also blown over. Rhoneymede is tenanted by Cloyd Brooks.

There was also damage done in various parts of Nittany Valley. At Bellefonte the steeple on the Presbyterian church was demolished, and a part of it was carried to the opposite side of the street and crushed in the slate roof on the residence of former Prothonotary M. I. Gardner.

Postal Savings Funds Taxable.

In these columns quite recently mention was made of the fact that postal savings deposits had been declared taxable the same as other interest-bearing moneys and that assessors should be governed accordingly. It now develops the commissioners will be expected to require local assessors to take up this line when they make their inquiries as to personal property, moneys at interest, bonds and other forms of personal property. It is expected that the postal savings in this state approximate close to half a million dollars.

Cartoonist Pleases at Spring Mills.

Ash Davis, the cartoonist, the third number on the Spring Mills lecture course, pleased a large audience in the Grange hall at that place, on Thursday night of last week. Many of his caricatures were full of human interest and the speed with which his fingers wielded the chalk that portrayed the hobo as well as the most beautiful landscape scenes, was indeed interesting.

Stamm-snyder.

On Wednesday of last week, Calvin L. Stamm, of Boalsburg, and Miss Claudia V. Snyder, of Oak Hill Station, were united in marriage by Rev. Ambrose Schmidt, pastor of the Bellefonte Reformed church, the ceremony taking place at the parsonage. Both the young people are popular in their respective homes.

Boezer's battery of ice plants have not been working full time up to the present, but their owner hopes to harvest a crop between now and the warm days in April. The ice ponds, however, did have a chilling effect on a lad who ventured too far toward the centre, and then dropped into the water up to the neck. His companions rushed to secure poles, and by pushing them to him there was no trouble in inducing him to "take hold and hold tight" until he was dragged onto the ice.

Superiority is shown chiefly by acts; seldom by words; never by boasting.

PENNA. STATE ASKS \$1,800,000.

President Says 2446 Students Are Enrolled—\$600,000 Asked for Building Purposes.

The trustees of the Pennsylvania State College met at Harrisburg on Monday and received a report from the president showing that there are 2446 students enrolled in the college this year, of whom 973 are in the school of agriculture, 724 in engineering, 163 in chemistry and 98 in mining. Every county in the state is represented, with Philadelphia first, Allegheny second, Dauphin third, Centre fourth, Luzerne fifth, and York sixth.

During the last ten years the number of students has increased 400 per cent., the available state appropriation 72 per cent. and the buildings 28 per cent. Owing to this growth and the lack of necessary funds the college has lost many valuable instructors during the year, especially in agriculture. For the same reason few new projects have been begun in the experiment stations of agriculture or engineering, and the extension work of every school has been greatly hindered. No agricultural or good roads trains will be possible this year.

Owing to the critical financial condition of the institution, the report recommends asking the legislature for \$1,800,000 for the different schools and departments, two-thirds of this sum to be applied to maintenance and one-third to new buildings.

Surprise Party.
About seventy-five friends of Mrs. John Homan gathered at her home on the Homan farm, east of Centre Hall, to participate in the celebration of her birthday anniversary. An evening of merriment and social intercourse made the event an enjoyable one. After indulging in choice refreshments and the hour for parting came, many kind words and hopes of many future similar occasions were tendered the young hostess.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tressler and son Glenn; Mr. and Mrs. Jamison and sons Guy and Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker and son Clarence; Mr. and Mrs. James Decker and son Myles; Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Keller and daughter Lottie and sons James and Harold; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mark and son Ray; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stump; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Homan and sons Ralph, Edward and Earnest; Mrs. E. O. Lair; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fye and daughter Grace; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dutow and family, Erma, Anna, Mary, Roy, John and Claude; Mr. and Mrs. William Fetteroff and daughter Elizabeth, and sons George and Burton; Charley, Corist and Mary Durt; Anna, Laura and Henry Mitterling; Frank Goodhart, Iona Tibbets, Henry Gradin, Lottie Hettinger, Elizabeth Bibbe, Cora Homan, Andrew Mark, Lee Brown, Ramon Walker, Chester and Ruth Homan, Lida and Vera Homan.

Progressive Party.

The above caption refers not to a progressive political party, but to one of a social character, and was held at the homes of the Misses Verna Rowe, Hazel Emery and Ruth Smith, in Centre Hall, the participants being members of the senior class, former graduates and under graduates of the Centre Hall High School. The social function began at the home of Miss Rowe at 7 o'clock and prior to 8:30 light refreshments had been served and the guests were on their way to the home of Miss Emery, and at 10 o'clock Miss Smith's home was reached. Refreshments were also served at the latter two places. The party consisted of Misses Verna Rowe, Ruth Smith, Hazel Emery, Helen Luse, Edna Neff, Nina Slick, Jennie Stahl, and Messrs. William Reish, Alfred Crawford, Ray Durt, William Bradford, Earl Lambert and Ralph Dinges.

Aaronsburg.

Harvey Crouse is improving slowly. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond will move to State College next week.

Mrs. James Wert was called to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dave Bohu.

Guy Call, of State College, spent a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Keener.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stover and son John, spent Sunday with Mrs. Stover's mother at Penn Hall.

John and Mary Foster, and Mrs. William Guiswite and Josephine Edmonds spent a few days in Millinburg.

Mrs. Henry Mowery will have sale on Saturday and will go with her daughter Mrs. James Rupp to Oklahoma in a few weeks.

Mrs. Clarence Musser was called to the Bellefonte hospital where an operation was performed upon her daughter, Miss Bertha, for appendicitis.

Attorney James C. Furst will erect a home for himself in Bellefonte.

Who Will Help the W. C. T. U.?

The Reporter mentioned last week the fact that the W. C. T. U. had rented a room in the Reporter building for the use of themselves, their auxiliaries, and, if possible for the public. There may be some in the community who would like to assist in the furnishing. The donation, or loan, of chairs, settees, tables, carpet, rugs, an organ, lamps, magazines and other reading matter, and anything that will add to the comfort and convenience of the hall, we are authorized to say, will be gladly received, and will aid a worthy cause. The society is grateful for the liberal patronage of Saturday; but more help is needed, and aid doubtless can be given in the above way with comparative ease to the donor and with great advantage to the ladies and their good work. An organ is especially needed; and there may be some one in possession of one never used, which, if given or loaned, would do good service here. Any one disposed to answer this appeal should report as promptly as possible to any member of this society so that the work of furnishing may be done wisely and quickly.

I. O. O. F. Banquet.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the I. O. O. F., No. 895, and Rebekahs, No. 283, of Centre Hall, together with their families, in Grange Hall, Wednesday of last week, in honor of the thirty-seventh anniversary of the I. O. O. F. lodge. Although the weather was inclement, about one hundred and seventy were present.

The time was spent in a delightful manner, and at the call to luncheon the company formed into line and marched down to the dining hall to the strains of music on the piano, Prof. P. H. Meyer, presiding. The three tables, the entire length of the hall, presented a beautiful and inviting appearance; the menu was elaborate, and the eatables of the choicest.

Guests were present from Renovo, Spring Mills, State College and Boalsburg lodges.

Marriage.

Fresmont S. Hile and Miss Edith Tate, both of Pleasant Gap, were married recently at the United Brethren parsonage, by Rev. C. W. Winey. The groom is a painter by trade, and is skilled in his line of work.

Transfer of Real Estate.

J. M. Krader et al to H. W. Kryder, tract of land in Gregg twp. \$50.00.
Mary Barrett et al to Peter Kaspik, tract of land in Rush twp. \$375.
J. Spigelmyer et ux to Jonathan Harter, tract of land in Penn twp. \$225.
Susan C. Geary to Jonathan Harter, tract of land in Penn twp. \$635.
Sadie L. Emerick to S. K. Emerick, tract of land in Unionville. \$1125.
E. J. Markle to J. W. Lee, tract of land in Hubersburg. \$700.
Frank C. Kohlbecker et al to Penna R. R. Co., tract of land in Boggs twp. \$150.
Willard S. Fisher et ux to Penna R. R. Co., tract of land in Union twp. \$150.
Samuel Spangler et ux to James Herlacher, tract of land in Eagleville. \$60.
Margaret Hewitt et bar to Anna L. Krumrine, tract of land in State College. \$500.
John W. Brusa et ux to Carrie Green, tract of land in Huston twp. \$900.
Elizabeth M. Wagner to Louisa V. Wagner, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$100.
John Wagner et ux to Elizabeth M. Wagner, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$100.
John L. Holmes et al to Henry M. Cori, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$175.
George A. Confer to Penna. R. R. Co., tract of land in Howard twp. \$2000.
Maria S. Eisenhauer et bar to Penna. R. R. Co., tract of land in Boggs twp. \$205.
Charles F. Harrison to Maude Harrison, tract of land in State College. \$5500.
Elsie H. Noll et bar to Dwight Stover, tract of land in Marion twp. \$500.
Jennie R. Andrews et al to Edward G. Jones, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$100.
Adam Stover et al adms to John Homan, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$12000.
John I. Thompson, Jr., et al to John M. Homan, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$60.85.
Emma Mitterling et bar to Edward Gill, tract of land in Spring twp. \$1.

Who of the hunters that scour the woods and mountains for days and days during the open season is now concerning himself about the game as to whether or not the little animals and birds can secure food?

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The State College Times reports several cases of diphtheria in that town.

J. M. Robb, a Howard liveryman, lost three horses by death within a short period of time.

Miss Bertha Myers, who is a graduate of a New York state hospital, is pronounced very efficient in her profession.

January is pretty well spent, but you have another issue of the Reporter coming to you on the next to the last day in the month.

The Howard iron and tool works, at Howard, received an order for a large number of rakes, and operations at the plant have been resumed to manufacture them.

Dr. W. H. Schuyler will be absent from Centre Hall next Sunday to fill appointments in Petersburg and Shaver's Valley, consequently there will be no services on the Presbyterian charge.

William Kausche, representing a furniture establishment, was in town after an absence of over six months. He also conducts a book and stationery store in Millinburg, and suffered a considerable loss at the time of the Strunk fire in Millinburg.

The firm of Joseph Katz & Co., Lewistown, will be dissolved by mutual consent, February 1st. Max Lovelright, of Philadelphia, who was the company of the firm, will retire and Joseph Katz will continue the business under his own name.

Edward Riter has leased the new dwelling house on Hofer street, erected by Clement Luse, and nearing completion. He will occupy it by the first of April. Aaron Thomas and family will move into the Rearick house recently vacated by F. J. Tibbitts.

Hon. Leonard Rhone went to Harrisburg on Monday to confer with members of the order of Patrons of Husbandry from various parts of the state, who will discuss legislation very much desired by farmers generally, whether members of the order named or otherwise.

The Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association will hold five missionary temperance institutes, at the following points: Pittsburg, 27; Oil City, 28; Altoona, 29; Harrisburg, 30; Scranton, 31. The speakers will be Mrs. M. J. Baldwin, Philadelphia; S. E. Gill, Pittsburg; W. A. Brown, Chicago.

Two prisoners made their escape from the Clinton county jail by digging through the outer wall of their cell, and then used their bed clothing to lower themselves to the ground. One prisoner, Thomas F. Parker, was held for forgery, and the other, Carl McDerrott, for burglarizing a barber shop.

The property owned and occupied by Mrs. George Butts, in State College, was purchased by William L. Foster, who will make it his home after making some changes on the place. Mrs. Butts will not leave State College, but will move into one of her properties in the western portion of that town.

The latter part of last week John G. King passed the eighty-third mile stone. He is in good spirits, walks up and down town like a lad of seventy-five, and enjoys a joke as thoroughly as a youngster of less than ten. He spends much of his time in his shop where he works with his hands and brains in completing various mechanical contrivances.

Messrs. Michael Smith, of Potters Mills, and M. L. Smith, of Johnstown, were among the Reporter's callers. The latter is engaged in conducting a general house furnishing establishment and works it on the installment plan. He is also much interested in politics, and is very much pleased with the present political outlook for the Democratic party. He was firm through the periods when the party was living in hopes of success, and is now all the more firm because that success has been attained.

Thursday morning of last week Chas. E. Flink left Centre Hall for Joliet, Illinois, with a view of engaging in business in or near that city, or purchasing a dairy. Mr. Flink came here with his family last spring, but having lived in the west so long he was not contented in the east and always had a longing for Northern Illinois. Mr. Flink is a whole-souled fellow, and the corners of his mouth are always up, and added cheer wherever he went. Mrs. Flink and son Harvey, are waiting here until Mr. Flink is located, and then it is their intention to join him. Their departure, as well as that of Mr. Flink, will be regretted by all who have an acquaintance with them.

Never Moved West