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#### IMPROVING RURAL SCHOOLS.

CENTRE COUNTY GRANGE.

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Is the First Step Necessary to Reverse the Meeting Last Thursday Largely Attended In Annual Conference During the We Beginning March 12 in the First M. Although the Weather Man Was Un-Church.

METHODISTS WILL MEET IN ALTOONA

The members of the several Metho The weatherman had no regard for dist churches of Altoona are making consideration at all educational gather- Husbandry, who met in quarterly ses- elaborate preparations for the enterings, marks a turning point in Ameri- sion in Grange Arcadia last Thursday, tainment of the 300 or more ministers for the day was as disagreeable as it who will attend the annual Central at the Lewistown hospital. Three 1913. She had been ill only one week For the better part of a century well could be. The attendance, how- Pennsylvania Conference of the Metho- days previous Mr. McNitt was injured and was confined to bed only two American education developed one- ever, was quite large, and there was dist Episcopal church which will be at the National Limestone quarries held in that city during the week be-

This will be the fourth time for the lation of the United States was and business concerns managed directly conference to meet in Altoona. In sion of the brain being the result. the year 1862 it met at the old First He was taken to the Lewistown Hosto enter the question. There was a At the noon hour an elaborate lun- church and again in 1880 it met in the pital where he lingered in an unconfeeling that the country could take cheon was served, and for an hour and same building. In 1903 the conference scious state constantly until death

Penns Valley, and particularly about 13, 1859, and was thus 53 years, 10 tailing a loss of \$125,000. Democrat and Sentinel says :

a member of the Lawistown Presbyterian church and at the time of his church, a teacher in the Sunday-

The deceased was born December Columbis, South Carolina. was unable to reach the scene of action His father is dead and his mother resides at Reedsville. At the time

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS. The Gazette gives this account ci

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The merchants in Centre Hall have decided to close their stores at six

George Breon, who was housed up for a week, is about again, and is taking care of the stock for the writer, and preparing it for sale on March 22. The recent storm blew over the Meyer and Vonada saw mill, on Pine Creek, near Coburn, and also unroofed a portion of the Auman flouring mill, in Millheim.

Fire destroyed the John P. Hackenberg wholesale china and glassware establishment and the Milton Weaving company's plant, at Milton, en-

W. H. Denlinger and James H. Allport, former Philipsburgers, have just been re-elected president and secretary respectively of the Northern Cambria Street Railway company.

The supervisors of Woodward and Porter townships, Clinton county, were brought before the court of that county on account of the roads. They were hauled into court by the constables of the respective townships.

Samuel Durst and Harry Frontz, of near Centre Hall, one day last week, killed some thirty hogs and shipped them to market. They are farmers, and to facilitate matters the slaughtering was all done on the Durst farm.

The young men of Millheim are preparing a minstrel show, and hope to be able to give the performance

an impersonator, is booked to appear in that town on February 28, under

The reader who is looking for bargains in staple goods, is requested to read the advertisement of the Stuart store, at Boalsburg, in this issue. Mr. Stuart believes in cleaning up stock every winter, and is offering a large discount just now on seasonable goods.

Miss Edna Bradford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bradford, at Red Mill, has been seriously ill for two weeks. For hours at a time she has been in convulsions. Sunday night

Drift of Young Men from the Country to the City.

The realization of the significance of rural education, which receives much the members of the order of Patrons of can history.

sidedly, as a city and town matter. much enthusiasm. To live in the country was to be isolated from the better things of civilization- routine business, and the hearing of church. including education. That the popu- reports of the officers of the various is predominantly rural did not seem or indirectly by the County Grange. school house" could accomplish engaged in social intercourse. everything and nothing; that there The report of the telephone comof living.

blissful indifference toward country mittee. life and country education did not come until the drift from the country startling phenomena of the age. The month. economists exhorted boys to "stay on too late. What boy was going to stay following : on the farm when opportunity seemed Balance in treasury from last year ..... \$ 54 84 largest in Methodism and it it ex- county, near Milroy; a member of the to be everywhere else? There were Cash received during the year from all no adequate educational facilities for him in the country ; nothing to guide him in his desire to get along in the world; so he went to join the city throng and help diminish the producing power of the fundamental class in society-the agriculturists.

Rural education cannot immediately Cash in treasury from last year ..... and entirely reverse this process, but Receipts during the year ... it is the first step. Better rural schools will not only tend to equalize the advantages of city and country

in educational opportunity ; they will meet the greatest economic need of our time by increasing the efficiency also audited, and the report made that one of the members of the body being Alexander and Sara McNitt. of the coming generation as produthus:

The sessions were devoted to the ginning March 12 in the First M. E.

care of itself; that the "little red a half-the recess period-every one was held in the Eighth avenue occurred. church.

The Central Pennsylvania Conferwas an inexhaustible supply of coun- pany brought out the fact that there ence includes 330 pastors and it is ex- Centre Hall, where, some years ago, months and 5 days old. Most of the try school teachers willing to handle were now on the seventeen rural lines pected that all will be in attendance un- he superintended the McNitt farm, time since their marriage the family an assortment of youngsters of vary- going out from Centre Hall, Spring less detained by illness or other unfor- now dwned by E. M. Huyett. In ing ages and abilities, do janitor chores Mills, Millheim, State College and seen circumstances. In addition to speaking of his death, the Lewistown and perform the numerous other Bellefonte, three hundred and twenty- the ministers there will be official duties of the old-time schoolmaster, four telephones, a gain of some seven- visitors, lay members and others inall for a few dollars per week, with ty since the last report. Equally flat- terested in various phases of the work utter disregard of the increased cost tering reports were given by the sec- of the conference, but many of the and influential business men. He Mrs. John M. Shaffer, of Elizabethretaries of the fire insurance company visitors will be entertained at the local was a director of the Citizens Nation- town; Beatrice and Harrison, at

The awakening from this state of and the Grange Encampment com- hotels, paying for their own accommodations.

It was decided to hold a special The conference includes 694 churchmeeting of the County Grange at es, in many cases there being two or past two years ; president of the Dana near Huntingdon. to the city had become one of the Spring Mills some time during next more churches in one charge. Over Lumber company, Lombardy, Ky., the 80,000 members are embraced in the

1458 0 \$1512 91 this part of the state. Bishop Earl of the Sunbury & Selinsgrove Elec-\$1252 25 Crenston, of Washington, D. C., will trie Railroad company; and chairman be in charge.

Star Chamber Meeting of Conneil The statement of the Patrons Rural The Centre Hall borough council \$ 121 45 held a star chamber meeting on Thurs- death was an elder and trustee of the Telephone Company briefly quoted is : 408 76 day evening. It was called a "special" \$ 530 22 meeting to reorganize, and was con-\$178 06 private office of the Penns Valley County Interchurch Faderation. The accounts of the treasurer and bank, and was all over before 7:30 secretary of the Pomona Grange were o'clock. So speedil, was the work done 6, 1868, near Siglerville, his parents

Injured at National Limestone Quarries Near Milroy on Wednesday-Was Caught by Broken Cable.

D. S. MCNITT DEAD.

Without regaining consciousness resulting from a contusion of the skull, David Sterrett McNitt, of Lewisnear Milroy, by being caught and thrown by a cable used to draw a car on the quarry tracks. He was thrown violently upon some rocks, a contu-

Mr. McNitt is well known in

In the death of Mr. McNitt, Mifflin pected that the Altoona meeting will McNitt - Huyett Lumber company be the largest conference ever held in of Waddle, Centre county ; director of the executive committee of the Lewistown Board of Trade. He was

school, and a member of the public

the death of a former resident of thi place

Dora May Witmer, wife of James Witmer, died very suddenly at their home in Benner township at nine o'clock every Wednesday evening. town, passed away Saturday morning o'clock Saturday evening, January 18, days. On Saturday evening she complained that her bed was not comfortable and her husband came to Bellefonte and purchased a new one. Before he arrived home his wife had passed to the great beyond. Death was due to acute myocarditis, inflammation of the cardian muscular tissue.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Witmer was a daughter of John and Susan Laugher Gingerich, and was born near Centre Hall, March had lived in Benner township. Mrs. Witmer was a kindly woman of sincere christian character and generous impulses. She leaves her husband,

county has lost one of its most active James Witmer, and three children : al Bank, Lewistown, the past five home. She also leaves three brothers : years ; president of the Lewistown John Gingerich, of Sunbury ; R. E. Foundry and Machine company the Gingerich and Edward Gingerich, of

Funeral services were held in her past two years ; director of the Mary- late home on Tuesday morning and The auditors statement of the various congregations. The churches land Lumber company; a member of burial was made in the Shiloh cemethe farm"; but the exhortation came Grange Park Association shows the are scattered over 32 counties of the the National Limestone company, tery, Rev. C. W. Winey, pastor of the state. The conference is one of the whose quarries are at Naginey, this United Brethren church, officiating.

> Mrs. Alfred E. Miller died at her home in Alexandria, Virginia, Mon- some time in February. Alva Green, day night of last week, and last Thursday afternoon the body was interred at Spring Mills, beside that of her the auspices of the High school. daughter, laid there some twenty years ago. Mre. Miller had been ili but about ten days, and acute indiges tion, was the disease that caused her death. The remains were accompan-252 15 ducted behind locked doors in the morals committee of the Mifflin ied from the south by her husband, and J. W. McCormick, the latter of

> > The deceased, who before marriage was Miss Jennie McCormick, was the daughter of the late James McCormick and grew to womanhood at Centre

cers on the land.

### Highway neport Wanted.

Advocates of the fitty million dollar loan for the extension and building of good roads in Pennsylvania cannot do more to help the project, and to ease the minds of the objectors and those who mistrust the uses to which the loan will be put, than to bring every influence to bear on having a report made by the highway superintendent immediately. The astonishing thing is that a call for such a report is necessary. Under the act creating the state highway department section 4 specifically sets forth that the commissioner shail "each year submit to the governor a full report of the operations of the department, a report of materials, cost and character of roads built, rebuilt or maintained under its direction, detailed statements of the expense of the department and such other information concerning the condition of the public roads of the state, and particularly of the state-aid and state nighways, and the progress of their improvements, as may be proper or required." Delinquencies of this sort furnish arguments that are hard to comost, and heighten the impression siready too general that the loan would be dissipated in the payment of salaries to men who are incompetent and have nothing but a claim for political services as a reason for their incumbency of office. Get out the report as soon as possible, and make it an exhaustive one.

Pu: Prisoners On Roads.

One of the bills introduced for legislative consideration at Harrisburg that of Johnstown, would only be a which merits more than cursory attention by the lawmakers is the measure fathered by Representative Kuhns, of Lehigh, permitting county commissioners to employ prisoners for the repair and construction of public roads

There will doubtless be an outcry against the bill by those who think violators of the law should be treated for temperamental ills as a puysically sick patient would be treated by medical experts, and by some of the contracting interests which might be affected. Claims have been made that Pennsylvania prisoners are made to do contract labor, and Maurer, of Reading, has promised that he would prove such to be the case. If this is so it will be a good argument for the advocates of the road building bill. One thing that can be said for the measure is that it would give the prisoners outdoor exercise. In the interior counties, where stone is plentiful, the method would go far toward reducing the cost of road building and maintenance.

The Pennsylvania railroad company will invest sixteen million dollars in is worth anything to a corporation, it freight cars. This sum will buy about is worth something to the people. 12.300 cars.

Amount received during the year .... Paid out on orders ... \$ 8.50 of this august body. Cash balance ...

The assets of the Pomona Grange are as follows :

10 shares of Centre Building and Loan Association stock, estimated value ... \$1500 00 2 shares State College National Bank stock ...

17 shares Patrons Rural Telephone 170 0 stock ..... Another asset is Grange Park with

the numerous buildings and equipments; also, the Grange Fire Iosurance Company with assets of \$55,894.

Franchises.

Dale is a borough in Cambria county surrounded on three sides by parts of the city of Johnstown. It has a light, heat, and power company in operation, supplying the citizens with light at seven cents per thousand. This company desires to enter the city of Jonnstown to compete with the citizen's light, heat and power company, and asks for a fifty-years francaise, and will allow the city, after twenty-five years or at the end of any period of 5 years thereafter, to buy the plant at the actual cost of construction, and only charge the Johnstown people seven cents per thousand for electricity, which is 2 cents less than the Johnstown company charges.

The council has passed an ordinance giving toe Dale Co. the franchise. The Dale company agrees to pay down \$3000 for the franchise, \$300 the second year, \$600 the third year, and \$1,000 share of these amounts, comparing the population of Centre Hall with small amount, but it would be sufficient to fill up a half dozen of the chuck holes on Pennsylvania Avenue. I told your readers in a former arti-

cle how the Myersdale light, heat and power company offered the borough of Myersdale, in Somerset county, \$400 per year, or \$40,000 for a ten year franchise of their streets, and that the council demanded \$600 per year. Myeredale is a town about the size of Bellefonte. Some towns charge, telephone, telegraph, electric light and trolley lines from 50 cents to \$1.00 per pole.

The lessons to be learned from the action of such progressive towns are :

First-The streets belong to the people.

franchise. Third-Never give a franchise with out pay. any plant for which a franchise is asked at the actual cost of construc-

tion.

Fifth-Remember that if a franchise W. A, KRISE.

\$ 102 12 in time, and so quietly that not a citi-93 62 zen of the borough knew of the sitting his death he was aged 44 years, 1

the public business of this borough in Cummins of McAlevy's Fort, who a secret manner. Why this should be survives. To the union six children done is a mystery. To hold meetings were born, two of whom are dead, behind closed doors in private offices Two sons, Allan and Sterrett Mc Nitt, suggests crooked actions. Borough and two daughters, Misses Sara and officials ought to be fair, they ought to Frances, all at home. Four brothers, be honorable, they ought to be honest. Andrew R. McNitt, of Bellefonte ; If they mean to be fair, and honorable A. B. Mc Nitt, of Siglerville and honest they will not hesitate to J. McNitt of Reedsville and R. C. Mctransact business in the open. These Nitt, of Midlothian, Md., and three men as borough officers have no pri- sisters, Nancy and Rhoda McNitt, of vate business; no business to transact Reedsville and Mary T., wife of Rev. that will warrant holding meetings William E. Steckel, of Doylestown, behind closed doors.

There has not been a meeting of the two months, yet the auditor's state. Siglerville. During the past six ment does not show an unpaid bill. years he has been extensively inter-If the statement is true, the bills must have been paid irregularly.

#### How Smallpox is Spread.

From Bellefonte smallpox was carried to Johnstown by Miss Blauche Reiber, of Colyer. Miss Reiber had been visiting in Beliefonte, and from Grove, officiated at the funeral. Inthere went to the home of her brother, W. A. Reiber. Monday of last week she became ill, and on Thursday foliowing eruptions appeared that the health officer pronounced smallpox. Later Curtis Reiber, a son of W. A. Reiber, became ill of the same disease. the Reiber home was quarantined. and all the employee of the Citizens' Light Company, of which Mr. Reiber every year thereafter. A prorata is the secretary, were vaccinated, and the health officers now think that the precautionary measures resorted to

## will be effective.

Special Meeting of County Grange,

The Centre County Pomona Grange will hold a special meeting in the hall of Spring Mills Grange on Thurs- \$1.00. day, February 6th, at 9 a. m., and continue in session the entire day. All members of the Grange are cordially invited.

The 5th Degree will be conferred at 2 p. m. It is urged that there be a general

attendance. LEÓNARD RHONE,

Master. D. M. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

Harrisburg's Best Newspaper. The Harrisburg Patriot is the only Becond-Never give a perpetual newspaper in Central Pennsylvania \$1.00. that is not controlled in politics by newsy paper, carrying the Associated \$400. Fourth-Retain the right to purchase Press reports and special features which are unmatched by any paper in the territory which it reaches. It is issued every week day in the year and Boggs twp. \$414. is the paper for the nome. The Patriot is the only daily newspaper published at Harrisburg which reaches its mail and rural free delivery subscrib- \$75 00. erson the same day it is issued. St.

month, and 19 days. On December An effort is being made to conduct 22, 1892, he was married to Annie Cora, Miss Kate and William Mc-Carolina.

> Hall. Pa., are living.

The greater part of Mr. McNitt's council, legal or otherwise, for nearly life was spent upon the farm near ested in agriculture, lumbering, limestone quarrying and other industries, while residing in Lewistown.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday morning from his late residence on West Market street. Rev. W. L. Mudge, assisted by Rev. W. V.

terment was made at Reedsville.

#### Transfer of Keal Estate.

H. H. Frederick to Fred. Brouse, tract of land in Boalsburg, \$50 00. F. P. Musser admr to S. Ward Gramley, tract of land in Millheim. \$575

William J. Butler to Penna R. R. Co, tract of land in Howard twp. \$1100.

\$2100.

tract of land in State College. \$600. H. Laird Curtin et ux to Earie H. Leathers, tract of land in Howard twp. Talitha Robinson to W. S. Bressler, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$60.00.

\$800 Elijah Burd to Virgie M. Kreamer,

tract of land in Coburn. \$265. James Huey et ux to Thomas M. Huey, tract of land in Patton twp.

\$2125. Jonathan Harter to Simon R. King, tract of land in Millheim. \$254.

Thomas Foster et al to Harry N.

Penna. R. R. Co., tract of land in

Edward D. Gill et ux to W. C.

of land in Spring twp. \$75 00

Hall. There survives these brothers and sisters : Mrs. F. S. Snyder, Miss Cormick, all of Tyrone; Orvis Mc-Cormick, of Spring Mills, and J. Witmer Mc Cormick, of Columbia, South

The funeral services were conducted by Di. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Hoffer, widow of the late John Hoffer, died at the Hayes apartments in the Bush house, Bellefonte, Wednesday evening of last week. Twenty-three years ago she

valid, her condition during the past they also paid him a visit. year or so being quite serious.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and of eight children, five sons and three Hall. away.

Forty-seven years ago she was united in marriage to John Hoffer who died in 1885. Mrs. Hoffer continued her life at the old homestead until the death of her brother, the late Col. E. J. Pruner, when she went to make her home with her only daughter, Mrs. R. Goodhart furniture store. The price G. H. Hayes, who is her only survi- paid was \$4,000. Mr. Ripka will vor.

Mrs. Maria Miller, widow of Lewis E. Miller, of Lewisburg, died at the age of seventy-two years. She was

## Deaths of Centre Countians.

Ambrose Joseph Sherry, son of George W. Sherry, of Bellefonte, died in a New York hospital, aged twentynine years.

Mrs. Rovert Tate, of Milesburg, aged ler, tract of laud in Ferguson twp. Iy a resident of Nittany.

John Glenn, of Boggs township, died at Curtin, aged seventy-two years.

#### To Establish a Stock Farm.

farm, the Jennings Brothers, of New \$12,000. "Had" Young, known to York, have purchased the country place of Dr. R. G. H. Hayes, near will manage the hotel. Bellefonte. The firm making the pur-R. Co, tract of land in Howard twp. chase has a stock farm near Buffalo, sive farmers in Ferguson township, is New York, and the Centre county undecided whether or not to leave farm will not be so much of a breeding the farm. In fact, Mr. Koch has It is a clean, bright, independent and Eaton, tract of land in College twp. place as one for development. Both turned over the farm management to

> A petition has been presented in the ing has nothing in common with W. C. Smeltzer to Oscar Gill, tract Capital be closed on inauguration day, course and securing a diploma to en-March 4th.

her condition was very serious, but on Monday the family was more hopeful. J. W. McCormick, of Columbia, South Carolina, who was here for a few days last week, burried home to take care of an electric driven ambulance that cost him over \$4000. He is now housed in a three-story fire proof building, and is enjoying a first-class

business built up by himself.

Joseph Reish and sister, Mrs. Sue Graden, of Lock Haven, last week visited their sister, Mrs. Isaac Smith, near Penns Cave, who has been ill for several weeks. Mr. Reish is a suffered a stroke of paralysis and ever brother and Mrs. Graden a sister of since she had been more or less an in- Frank B. Reish, of Centre Hall, and

Mr. and Mrs. George Michael will move from the Old Fort to Spring Mrs. David Pruner and was born at Mills, where C. P. Long has secured the old Pruner homestead in Belle- Mr. Michael's services. George fonte, and was aged almost seventy- Ethart, who employed Mr. Michael, three years. She was one of a family has engaged Jetome Wilkinson, who assisted Charley Ross in conducting daughters, and is the last one to pass the Mary Potter farm, near Linden

> The Moore property was sold to Emory S. Ripks instead of to his father, A. C. Ripka, as was given in these columns last week. The property consists of a house and two lots, the one lot being occupied by the occupy the place after April 1st.

Messrs. J. Witmer and William McCormick, the former a leading undertaker in Columbia, South Carolins, and the latter a manufacturer the Reporter's callers during the latter part of last week. They were called to Penns Valley, their native home, on account of the death of a sister, Mrs. Miller, mention of which appears in this issue.

The Commercial Hotel, in Mifflin-Henry Ellenberger to W. S. Bress- seventy-nine years. She was former- burg, is being remodeled by a number be conducted as a temperance house. The interested parties formed under the name of the "Mifflinburg Realty Company ", and have applied for a With a view of establishing a stock state charter, the capital stock being many of the readers of this paper,

Frank Koch, one of the progres-William L. Woodcock et al to Holstein cattle will be given attention. city taking a course in undertaking, and since even most advanced farm-

United State Senate by Senator Gal- undertaking, it is altogether likely Smeltzer, tract of land in Spring twp. linger, on behalf of the W. C. T. U., that Mr. Koch will give the farm over asking that all saloons in the National to some one else on completing his gage as a funeral director.

Co., tract of land in Howard twp. the mother of Mrs. Charles F. Loniz, and dealer in Tyrone, were among of Mifflinburg.

Americus M. Butler to Penns R. R. John Hamilton et ux to E. S. Erb.