



PROTECT THE GERMAN NAMES.

List of Town Names Changed by Modern Innovators.

The following is reprinted from the Altoona Tribune, and undoubtedly comes from the pen of Hon. H. W. Shoemaker, owner of that paper:

Like most communities settling down to a permanent civilization Pennsylvania has shown a tendency to change the names of towns. Many of her cities were founded by German pioneers who gave them their names or those brought from the Fatherland. These names are, next to the Indian cognomens, the most distinctive in the state.

Modern innovators, many of them from other sections of the country seem to think these old names un-phonic, and start agitations to change them. Native Pennsylvanians like the sound of the old German names and those of us who are patriotic should resent any effort to foist new names on communities. If all names were changed alike one would not mind so much, but as it is invariably the German names that suffer, it behooves enlightened Pennsylvanians to guard the heritage of pioneer days.

Near Reading was a small village called Dengler's. Innovators changed it to Mt. Penn, although there are fifty other towns and post offices named after the famous Quaker within the commonwealth. A summer resident changed the name of Shoemakerstown, near Philadelphia, to Ogontz, after an obscure Indian fisherman who lived in Ohio, although the village had been known as Shoemakerstown for two hundred years. It was within a few years as old as Philadelphia itself!

Lebanon was long known as Steitztown, Bloomburg as Eyersburg, Middleburg as Swinefordtown, and so on. One of the oldest towns in Central Pennsylvania was Youngmans-town, named after one of the early pioneers, who underwent hardships to settle in a wild country. Newcomers disliked the German sound of the name, and changed it over the heads of the older citizens to Millinburg, although there were already a Millin, a Millinville, a Millintown, and a Millin county, in the state.

Kreemersville, a quaint old village in Centre county, with a long street lined with primitive log cabins was arbitrarily changed to Smiliton Muhlenburg, on the "main line," named in honor of an historic family was changed to Newton Hamilton. Stackton, in Snyder county, named for an early settler and pioneer called Jacob Stack, was suddenly changed to McClure. Strasbustown, also in Snyder county was changed to Freeburg with a record, few Pennsylvania German names will survive unless a determined effort is made to protect them.

Opposed to Bond Issue.

The Pennsylvania Grange News requested the opinion of the members of the legislative committee on the bond issue for road purposes. Hon. Leonard Rhone gives an expression opposing the issue of bonds for road purposes, but is not opposed to the state building roads. He thinks the funds could be raised to a better advantage in other ways than by issuing bonds. His opinion follows:

"It is not a good business proposition for any business enterprise to borrow money when it is not needed. It is better business to create resources to draw upon in case of necessity. The state has abundant resources to construct roads without borrowing the proposed \$50,000,000. Real estate is now taxed on an average eighteen mills, while personal and corporate property is taxed only three and one-half mills, therefore an additional tax could be levied on personal and corporate property without imposing any greater hardship upon this class of property than is now imposed upon real estate. In this way several millions for road purposes would be raised each year without borrowing, and thus save about \$3,000,000 in interest each year, which amount alone with what the state has been appropriating for roads would aggregate \$5,000,000 annually for road purposes, thus the saving in interest alone would create an annual fund for road purposes of \$3,000,000. Then, why issue state bonds and create a debt which will not be paid for years and handicap the state in other needed improvement? No, refuse the bond issue and pay as we go, and save future generations from bearing our burdens."

MORE TROUBLE FOR CUPID.

Prospective Brides and Grooms Must Have Family History to Get Marriage Licenses.

The diffidence with which young couples approach the marriage license bureau will be vastly increased by the new law passed at the recent session of the Legislature. This eugenic product will also more severely tax the knowledge and memory of the applicants. How many of you, off hand, could fill the blank for the date and place where mother was born and where father was born? One effect of this provision will certainly be to cause much more searching inquiry into the antecedents of the prospective life partner than has been the custom, perhaps a not altogether undesirable result.

It will be easier, but possibly more upsetting, to have to answer you are an imbecile, epileptic, of unsound mind, or under guardianship as a person of unsound mind, or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug at the moment of application. Yet these queries, too, may bring to mind the intoxicating qualities of love's young dream and suggest fuller reflection on the importance of the leap about to be taken. The interrogatory as to transmissible disease may put a premium on perjury, but the law does not go so far as to require a physician's certificate.

Two other questions deal with the increased cost of living. One is whether either person has within five years been in a county asylum or home for indigent persons. The other is whether the husband to be is physically able to support a family. Presumably the bride elect thinks he is, but that is not sufficient. If the license clerk is in doubt he can refuse the document. It is not, it is pointed out, a question of bank account, but of physical ability to get out and hustle for a living for two, for according to the legislative ruling, the tradition that two can live cheaply as one has been repealed. It may be added that although the law is now in effect it cannot be enforced for a few days until the new license forms are received. This intimation ought to produce a June-like rush at the little church across the way.

Old Grove Farm Sold.

The John Grove farm, along Sinking Creek east of Centre Hill, owned by Mrs. H. A. Stover of Yagertown, was sold by her to Foster Frazier of Tusseyville for \$5500. The farm contains one hundred and sixty-two acres, thirty of which are well timbered. Mr. Frazier for a number of years has lived on a farm owned by Mrs. Mary J. Swartz at Tusseyville, and has been very successful in his operations. He will take possession of his purchase next spring.

Democratic Clubs to Meet at York.

Notices have been sent from the Democratic state headquarters to the 305 Democratic clubs of the state calling a meeting of the state Federation of Democratic Clubs for September 2 at York. The federation is an adjunct of the state committee, and Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson is president and W. N. McNaught, Pittsburg, secretary.

It is proposed to have several speakers of national prominence at the meetings. The club members will be the guest of the Young Men's Democratic Society while at York.

Meek in Error.

The charge made by P. Gray Meek in the Democratic Watchman that Charles R. Kuriz, surveyor of the port of Philadelphia, and editor of the Centre Democrat, upon taking the oath of office made himself a party traitor by appointing two Pennrose Republicans to the best positions in his department, has been conclusively branded as false. There is no semblance of truth in the statements. The positions referred to are protected by civil service, and Mr. Kuriz had nothing whatever to do with their appointment or retention. It does appear from the records that Mr. Meek made Mr. Carson, a Republican, and the man complained of, chief clerk during the time that he (Meek) was surveyor of the port of Philadelphia, and at a time when it might have been possible to appoint a Democrat.

These statements made by Mr. Meek, were they considered alone, would not be referred to in this paper, but his attitude toward the Democratic party from the local field up, and from the county chairman to Secretary Bryan, is such that it is necessary to say without reserve that much that has appeared within the past few years in the Democratic Watchman's political columns is not the truth.

John Neff, who is one of George H. Bitner's right hand men on the large farm the latter is operating in Millin county, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Neff near Tusseyville.

Reunion.

The reunion of the Reformed churches of the Centre Hall charge was held on Thursday of last week on Grange Park. It was a success in every way. At first it looked as though there were not going to be very many in attendance, but by the time dinner was ready there was quite a good representation present. It was an ideal day for a picnic, and the place, Grange Park, can not be beat. Here we have good water, ample buildings, shade trees, a slight elevation, all in all an ideal ground for a picnic.

During the forenoon the men were busy carrying folding tables under the shade tree which the good wife selected. Never in your life did you see more obedient men, they evidently were well trained. Some of the families made use of the accommodations in the exhibition building, and spread their tables there. But no matter where the table was spread, it was bountifully supplied with food. Several families went together to form a group, which added to the social feature of the occasion.

The committee consisting of Dr. H. F. Bitner, Robert Glasgow, Chas. A. Krape, and J. W. Foreman, together with the pastor, had invited as the guests of the charge the ministers of Centre Hall and their families. Hosts and guests seemed to vie with each other to make the time pass pleasantly. Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Ph. D., a child of this charge, was also one of the guests of honor.

The speaker of the day, The Rev. F. K. Heinrichsohn, Hunan, China, through some misunderstanding failed to reach Centre Hall on time, and arrived on the last train in the afternoon. He gave a most excellent missionary address, and all regretted that he was so pressed for time. This address alone was well worth the whole trouble and expense of the picnic.

From the encouraging outlook and kind words spoken in favor of the reunion, it is likely that this will be an annual feature of the Reformed church.

Two Overcome with Heat.

The torrid heat of Wednesday and Thursday of last week laid out two in Centre Hall. Roy Puff, while assisting T. L. Smith in putting on an iron roof on the barn of Benner Walker, went into a heap from the effects of the sun, and it was with difficulty that he was resuscitated. The other man to feel the effects of Old Sol was J. Wes Whitman, the railroad section hand, and he, while being able to make his way home unassisted, lost his faculty of speech for some time.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Ira F. Davis at Julian, aged seventy-eight years.
W. E. Martin, at State College, from tuberculosis, aged twenty years.
Mrs. Mary Kelley, wife of John Kelley, at Valley View, aged fifty-six years.
Lawrence J. Bathurst, formerly a resident at Curtin, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. W. Verner in Altoona, aged eighty-three years.

"Squaquehanna Legends."

"Squaquehanna Legends" is the title of the latest book published by Hon. Henry W. Shoemaker, who is now on his wedding tour in Europe. This is one of a half dozen books published by this author, and there are more to follow as was intimated in these columns a few weeks ago. This last volume contains almost four hundred pages, devoted to twenty-one legendary stories, having their settings in Central Pennsylvania. There are also a number of illustrations.

In his introductory, Mr. Shoemaker refers in this way to Central Pennsylvania: A word regarding Central Pennsylvania itself. There is no lovelier land that tradition or folk-lore could associate itself. The most beautiful streams and rivers rise in its midst; impressive peaked and castellated mountains, the grandest forests cover much of its area; its farms are fertile, its climate extraordinarily good, its people sprightly, clever, good hearted, the best product of a mixed stock. Charming novels have already been woven about it from the facile pens of Prof. E. S. Patten, Nelson Lloyd, and J. P. Mowbray. The region has produced one poet of the first magnitude in James H. Campbell, an able philosopher in the late Jacob K. Huff.

These legends will be found interesting and instructive to both young and old. The history of one's locality cannot be reckoned without legends as recorded in Mr. Shoemaker's several books.

Warren Wood, who went from the Wood House at Spring Mills to Jersey Shore and engaged in the hotel business in that place, is now located in New York City and is conducting a hotel there.

MILESBURG SOUNDLY TROUNCED.

Centre Hall Scores 16 to 4 Victory—Heavy Hitting and Good Fielding by the Locals.

The Centre Hall baseball team scored its most decisive victory of the season Thursday of last week, on the occasion of the Reformed Sunday-school picnic on Grange Park. Milesburg held the short end of the 16 to 4 swatfest, in which the locals did the swatting.

When the visiting club took the field with Hafler, the crack Bellefonte high school pitcher in the box, a battle royal was looked for, and for the first three innings it appeared as though the home team had met the best combination of ball tossers of the season. Their erstwhile silent bats began to speak in the opening of the fourth and continued to speak and finally about so loud that Hafler took a more distant position from the deafening roar. He turned the job over to Woodring, but Centre Hall had begun and there was no break in their attack throughout the remainder of the game. Every inning from the third the home plate was spiked by one or more of the locals, and the fifth inning clinched the game for all time when seven runs were scored by a combination of errors and terrific clouting. No less than fourteen safe swats were made off the delivery of the Milesburg twirlers, while Bradford held the opponents to seven widely scattered bingles, only one of which was good for an extra base.

Centre Hall played their best game of the year; only two errors were scored against them and these figured only lightly in the run getting. Opposed to this air-tight fielding was thirteen openings in the Milesburg machine which was sadly in need of repair before the close of the game. If the battery partners may be compared with the engine and the fielders with the tires, then it is true that a combination of engine and tire trouble will put any machine to the bad.

It was simply an off day for Milesburg, for they are capable of presenting a better exposition of the national game, and on other occasions have fallen before the attack of the home team in which there was no disgrace in the defeat.

To the boys of girls on the side lines much credit is due for the victory. Their hearty cheering on the occasion of every good effort kept the home boys playing top notch ball all the time.

The following box score gives the details of the game:

CENTRE HALL	R	H	O	A	E
Bailey, 2b.....	3	1	2	2	0
Bradford, P, 3b.....	1	2	3	1	0
Allison, 1b.....	2	2	1	0	0
Bradford, p.....	2	2	1	0	0
Kearz, c.....	2	2	3	0	0
Gartz, ss.....	1	0	2	0	0
Kerrick, cf.....	1	0	2	0	0
Kerlin, lf.....	1	2	0	0	0
Auman, r.....	1	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	16	14	27	14	2

MILESBURG	R	H	O	A	E
Woodring, 1b.....	0	1	1	1	0
Schler, 2b.....	0	1	2	1	0
Melin, ss.....	1	1	2	1	0
Smith, c.....	1	1	2	3	0
Hanck, rf.....	0	0	1	1	0
Clark, 3b.....	1	0	2	2	0
Huge, lf.....	1	0	2	0	0
Miles, cf.....	0	1	1	0	0
Hafler, p.....	0	1	3	2	0
Smith, c.....	0	1	0	1	0
Totals.....	4	7	24	11	12

Two base hits, Kerlin 2, P. Bradford, W. Bradford, C. Smith. Steien bases, Auman 3, Kearz 1. Struck out by Bradford 7, Allison 2, Hafler 2, Umpires, Gartz and Royer.

THE SCORE BY INNINGS.
Milesburg—0 1 0 0 0 2 1 0—4
Centre Hall—0 0 1 4 7 1 1 2 x—16

Farms in Demand.

Farms are very much in demand, especially about Centre Hall. The passing of a number of farms, formerly rented, into the hands of parties who will till them themselves is partially responsible for this condition. John A. Heckman, D. L. Bartiges, and John D. Mooe will retire from active farm life, if current reports are to be believed, and it is probable that the three will move to Centre Hall, provided they can secure properties suited to their tastes. Charles Burris, on the J. T. Potter farm and Milton Kluge on the Bible farm are looking up farms because of sales made. Charles M. Ross on the Mary Potter farm will be succeeded by Mr. Ralston, who is now farming for W. E. Tate. S. E. Sharer will move from the Geiss farm to that of D. K. Keller, and Maynard Meeker of Potters Mills will become the tenant on the Dr. Leib farm. The Lingle farm will be tilled by its new owner, John Treaster, the Bible farm by Mr. Smith of State College, who purchased it recently, and the Potter farm by its new owner.

Loss-Royer.

A quiet little wedding took place at the Lutheran parsonage at Centre Hall on Saturday afternoon, July 26, when Rev. Fred W. Barry performed the ceremony which united in marriage James L. Lose and Miss Susannah Royer, both of Bellefonte.

The Sugar Valley campmeeting will open at Centre Hall on August 10.

LETTER FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Miss Kate Alexander Attended International Convention at C. E. Convention.

Editor of the Reporter:

At the close of the greatest Christian Endeavor Convention ever held, Secretary Shaw requested that every one present take a copy of the enclosed circular and send it to their home paper. I asked him if I might write and say this has been the greatest convention of its kind ever held. His reply was, "That is just what we want you to write." This is the second international convention it has been my privilege to attend. You cannot imagine the inspiration and uplift one receives until you have been to one of them. Was much gratified to learn that the Old Keystone State has the largest number of Christian Endeavor Societies of any state in the Union. Am very loyal to my native state, but not to her cold winters. I am also equally proud of my adopted state, and can sing with the poet, "I love your California."

Yours very truly,
KATE ALEXANDER.
Los Angeles, California.

Sunday as an Economic Holiday.

A new law of Wisconsin, adopted recently by the Legislature, provides that one day in seven be recognized as a day of rest, not from the religious point of view, but as necessary to the health and comfort of employed persons. It applies to all who employ seven or more persons.

It was inevitable that Sunday should at some time be taken out of its exclusive religious atmosphere and made an economic holiday. This does not mean any waning of church influence; on the contrary, it is the highest possible tribute to the churches for the long fight they have made for Sunday. They have proven that the human race gains in productivity and in the quality of its work by resting one day in seven. That fact is now established in the practical economies of the country.

It means a great difference to thousands, for in spite of the growth of the day of rest and the Saturday half-holiday, there are literally hundreds of thousands who work seven days a week. The final application of such a law as Wisconsin has passed will mean much readjustment.

State's Appropriation.

Last November at the Pennsylvania day celebration Governor Tener stated in the Auditorium that the Pennsylvania State College should have the first consideration of the educational institutions in the state, and that any sums remaining thereafter would be given to other institutions that have been receiving state aid. He certainly made good his statement when he approved last week the appropriation bill for the college in the sum of \$1,228,000. The money is divided as follows: For the school of agriculture, \$275,000; for all the other schools, \$530,000; for extension work, \$20,000; for tobacco experiments, \$6,000; for the sewage disposal plant, \$20,000; and for buildings, \$375,000.

Will Move Barn.

D. Geiss Wagner purchased a barn 40x60 feet from Mr. Weaver, along the north side of Brush Mountain below Penns Cave, and will take it down and reconstruct it on the foundation of the barn recently burned. The timbers are said to be in good condition, and the dimensions are the same as the foundation walls, all of which Mr. Wagner thinks will cheapen construction. The walls were damaged but little, and with slight repairing the foundation can be put into shape to receive the structure.

Transfer of Real Estate.

John Shank et ux to Mary Haupt, tract of land in Bellefonte. \$1000.
George M. Marks to Hannah Cowher, tract of land in Worth twp. \$50.
Harry Keller, assignee, to Helen Tipton, tract of land in Curtin twp. \$2400.
Sophia Hale to Theodore Humphrey, tract of land in Philipsburg. \$145.
Thomas A. Shoemaker et ux to Bellefonte Automobile Mfg. Co., tract of land in Bellefonte. \$3500.
John P. Harris, trustee to Bellefonte Automobile Mfg. Co., tract of land in Bellefonte. \$1000.
Hilton S. Kistler et ux to S. K. Hostetter, 5 tracts of land in State College. \$1.
John G. Confer et al to J. F. Houdeshell, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$400.
S. P. Gray et ux to W. R. Grazier, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$5000.
Amos Garbrick to Spring Twp. School Board, tract of land in Spring twp. \$25.

A freight car partially loaded with hay was bumped off the track as it was being shifted at the Centre Hall

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Miss Viola Sharer visited among friends in and about Lock Haven for a week or more.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver in Centre Hall the latter part of last week.

Calvin H. Horn is again back at his restaurant in Altoona, and reports doing a good business.

The following unclaimed letters remain in the Centre Hall postoffice: Miss Helen Poorman, Mr. Hughes Hayes, Mr. J. B. Vance.

George Boozer is back from Chicago, Illinois, where he was sight seeing for several weeks, stopping with his brother, Ralph Boozer, an electrician.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Smith and little daughter Louise went to State College on Friday morning, Mr. Smith having a few days work in that busy centre.

W. A. Magee came up from Philadelphia on Saturday and remained until Tuesday, and while here was at the Huyett home to which place his wife had come several weeks previous.

After a few days vacation which was spent at the home of his parents in Centre Hall, Bruce Rowe returned to Philadelphia, on Monday morning, where he has been employed for several years.

Harry W. Potter, after a few weeks visit to the home of his parents in Centre Hall, returned to the state of Washington again, where he holds a position with a large lumbering firm with headquarters at Edmonds.

Barber F. P. Geary built a neat row boat which will be put on Boozer's pond above town, and will afford a bit of sport. The boat is well proportioned and well made, and is a credit to the mechanical ability of its owner.

Sheriff A. B. Lee and brother-in-law, Foster Frazier, the latter of Tusseyville, made a business trip to Yagertown last Friday to close a deal with Mrs. H. A. Stover for a farm, reference to which sale is made in this issue.

Mrs. J. Emory Hoy of Philadelphia is at the home of her mother Mrs. W. B. Mingle in Centre Hall. Of course, these visits to the old home are looked forward to with great pleasure although her interests are very much centered in the City of Brotherly Love.

Centre Hall needs more builders of homes. Almost every house and lot on the market has been picked up by parties wishing to move here, and the demand is not supplied. The Geiss home was offered for sale by the Misses Geiss of Philadelphia, but recently they wrote to their representative here that the offer to sell had been withdrawn.

Attorney A. A. Dale, while walking on a side walk in Bellefonte, stepped on a dog's tail, and the yelp the cur gave out frightened him, and in his effort to get out of the dog's way fell on the stone pavement with sufficient force to break one of his knee caps. He is in the Bellefonte hospital now, and it will require considerable time until he will be able to locomote in the good old way.

Oats are being cut this week. An occasional field was cut last week, and is already housed, but the harvesting of the crop is now general. Not in many years has the oats been as good a crop as this season. The straw is of good length and the heads well filled. Farmers are very anxious to have good weather to harvest it, as it is one of the most difficult crops to handle in wet weather grown on the farm.

R. W. Mensch of Aaronburg is foreman, under Superintendent J. Russell Gebhart, of a gang of men on the state road between Penn Hall and Woodward. Mr. Mensch will see to the removal of all breakers in his division and all obstructions and ruts. Some sections of the road are in very bad condition, caused by the recent heavy rains, and now that the state has men at work to make needed repairs the road will be again put in at least a fair shape and kept in repair until the entire road will have been rebuilt.

Grange Park is being put in condition for the approaching encampment and fair which will open September 13th and close the 19th. Additions will be made to several of the permanent exhibit buildings, a larger number of tents will be erected than heretofore, the garbage will be better taken care of, and four state troopers will be on the ground. Many requests have already been received for tents and exhibition space. The Sunday services are being arranged for by Dr. H. W. Schuyler. Considering this early date, arrangements for the various features of the great encampment and fair are much nearer completion than