

Church survey.

At the approaching Grange Encampment and Fair the Department of church and country life of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. will exhibit a number of charts giving some of the results of the surveys that it has been making in various rural parts of our country. These charts show the effect of agricultural prosperity on the prosperity of the church, the relation between church-supervised recreations and church membership, also between fraternal orders and the churches, the ratio of church membership to population in the parts surveyed, the effect of tenancy on the churches as compared with conditions where the farms are tilled by owners, also the effect of cooperation, of having a resident or non-resident pastor, etc.

McKean Democratic Secretary.

Arthur McKean of Beaver Falls has accepted the secretaryship of the Democratic state committee. He succeeds James I. Blakely of Carbon county, assistant postmaster general.

McKean is a lawyer and an anti-machine man. He was the Democratic caucus nominee for resident clerk of the state house of representatives and received the votes of thirty-five members.

LOCALS.

Mr and Mrs. W. A. Krise are in Johnstown, and for two weeks will be the guests of their son, Warren S. Krise.

The United Evangelical congregations comprising the Peons Valley charge, are picnicking on Grange Park today (Thursday.)

Centre County Pomona Grange will hold a quarterly meeting in the hall of Victor Grange at Oak Hall Station, the third Thursday in August, which falls on the 28th.

The degree team and other members of the local lodge of I. O. O. F. will go to Spring Mills Friday evening to confer the second degree on a number of candidates.

C. C. Ramsey of Pleasant Gap was at this office Monday morning. He came to town to attend the funeral of Dr. Lee, who was the family physician and greatly admired by him.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Centre county Pomona Grange will be held in the hall of Victor Grange, Oak Hall, on Thursday, 21st inst.; two sessions, morning and afternoon.

Rev. W. A. McClellan of Conyngham, Luzerne county, was a caller at this office the latter part of last week. He was here with his family to attend the McClellan-Fleisher reunion at Tusseyville.

At a recent meeting of the Ferguson township school board the following vacancies were filled: Guyer, Fred Roseman; Tadpole, Edna Ward; Centre, Clair Martz; high school, Prof. Charles Rosenberg, of New Jersey.

Mrs. Paul Murray and little daughter of Chicago, Illinois, arrived in Centre Hall on Saturday and are guests at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Murray. This is Mrs. Murray's first trip to the east. Mr. Murray is expected here in about a month.

Stewart Grayham and Miss Belle Byers of Saint Thomas, Franklin county, are guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. E. S. Ripka in Centre Hall. Mr. Grayham is the postmaster in Saint Thomas and is also manager of a local telephone exchange.

Mrs. Linn Platt of State College is at the home of her brother, George E. Breen. Her husband is Dr. W. E. Sparks' chauffeur, and is absent on a trip to Wisconsin where Dr. and Mrs. Sparks spend a portion of each summer at their country home.

The Postoffice at Kratzerville, in Snyder county, was burglarized by experts, who managed to open the safe without using explosives. The strong box contained \$25.00 in cash belonging to postmaster Jonas E. Yearick and \$30.00, stamps and cash, belonging to the postoffice.

Dr. P. S. Fisher of Zion has been confined to the house and much of the time to bed for over a year. At present he suffers greatly, and is able to communicate but little with the many visitors who call on him weekly to cheer him.

The statement that Charles M. Ross was leaving the Mary Potter farm was an error. Mr. Baleston, now living on the W. E. Tate farm, is now moving to the Potter farm, but to the William Brooks farm, now tenanted by Mr. Brooks' son, H. Lee Brooks. The latter Mr. Brooks will either locate on a smaller farm, or quit the farm altogether.

Prof. W. F. Ziegler, who has a fine record as a high school principal, is now an instructor in Banks Business College in Philadelphia. While at the old home town of Aaronburg, a short time ago, he gave a banquet to the members of a teacher-training class at Aaronburg of which class he was the teacher. The banquet was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bower, and was an elaborate affair. Beside the members of the class, a number of others were invited guests among whom was Dr. Patch of Philadelphia.

DEATHS.

Dr. George Livingston Lee died at his home in Centre Hall on Thursday night at 11:30 o'clock from a complication of diseases after an illness of a little over two weeks. Interment was made at Centre Hall on Monday afternoon.

Dr. Lee was the son of the late John B. Lee, and was born in Potter township, on a farm near Tusseyville, which homestead is in the possession of the deceased. He was a young man full of energy and desired an education. After attending school at various places, he entered a medical college at Baltimore, from which institution he graduated about 1881. He began the practice of his profession at Pleasant Gap, but after being there a short time he located at Madisonburg. About the same time this change of location took place Dr. Lee married Miss Rose Bell McKinnay of Potters Mills. The couple lived at Madisonburg until they moved to Centre Hall fifteen years ago, where Mrs. Lee died in March of last year.

Dr. Lee was successful in the practice of medicine, calls coming from a large field. He was always ready to respond to all calls, although he often knew that there would be no return for his services. He was a man of large proportions standing fully six feet in height, and weighed almost four hundred pounds. When a young man, like the others in his family, he was tall and rather slim, the unusual weight having been attained later in life.

The deceased was one of eleven children, and was the fourth to pass away. There survive these brothers and sisters: Mrs. Ellen Ruble, Caney, Kansas; Mrs. Emma Stamm, Boalsburg; John H. Colville; James, Bedford, Iowa; Frank D., Bellefonte; Hiram, Chester Springs; Felix, Wilkes Barre.

Dr. Lee was a member of the Presbyterian church. The funeral services were conducted at the house by the pastor of that denomination Dr. W. H. Schuyler, and Rev. F. W. Barry of the Lutheran church.

His age was sixty years and eleven days.

Mrs. Sarah Beatty of Spring Mills died very suddenly at Jersey Shore, while visiting at the home of a friend, Mrs. Rhoads. A short time ago she had gone to Avis to spend a few weeks with her son Orvis and from there went to the Rhoads home, where she was stricken with paralysis, death following on Friday morning. The body was shipped to Spring Mills, and on Tuesday morning the funeral was held from her home in that place, the burial being made in the local cemetery. She was a member of the Reformed church, and her pastor, Rev. R. R. Jones officiated at the funeral.

The deceased's maiden name was Miss Sarah Runkle, a daughter of the late Daniel Runkle. She was born in Gregg township, and lived there all her life. Her husband, who died more than twenty years ago, was James Beatty. The children surviving her are: Mrs. Orris McCormick, Penn Hall; Mrs. Ralph Shirk, Glenn Iron; Mrs. Ellis Hazzi, Bellevue, Ohio; Mrs. Edward Wasson, Avis; Orvis Beatty, Avis; Daniel Beatty, Bellevue, Ohio. There survive also these brothers and sisters: James W., Centre Hall; John W., Middleburg; R. Duncan, Shamokin; Calvin, Williamsport; Mrs. Robert D. Musser, Spring Mills; Daniel, Spring Mills.

Miss Annie Rider, housekeeper for John Glasgow at Colyer, died at the home of the latter on the first of this month. Interment was made at Zion Hill. Her age was about thirty-two years. She had been about Tusseyville for seven or eight years. Her former home was at Coburn, where her mother lives.

The way the Journal puts it, J. H. Maize, Millheim's constable, is not a good holder of drunks gathered in that town. Recently he had in charge one who got mixed up in a drunken brawl, and was preparing to take him to Bellefonte to Fort Lee, when the prisoner already handcuffed plead for an overcoat. This kindness was bestowed, and instead of entering the waiting auto the offender made a dash up an alley to freedom, taking with him the bracelets and overcoat. Millheim's lock up has been out of repair, and this incident will no doubt result in making it habitable for law breakers.

WILLIAMS GROVE PICNIC.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad. For the Grangers' picnic, Williams Grove, Pa., August 25 to 30, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Williams Grove from stations in Pennsylvania and from Baltimore, Elmira, Frederick and Intermediate stations on the Northern Central Railway, August 19 to 29, inclusive, good for return passage to reach original starting point not later than September 2, at reduced rates.

Mrs. Mary Miller of Lewis, Illinois, sister of F. A. Heckman at Tusseyville is visiting Mr. Heckman and other friends and relatives.

Our Rude Language.

There are great differences between the richness and poorness of words in the different countries. Japan is certainly richer in its words than England. Just for example we have more than nine words for the word "I." The emperor alone calls himself "Chin," and all his subjects call themselves "Watakushi," "Washi," "Ore," "Boku," "Sessha," "Soregashi," "Ware," "Yo," etc., according to circumstances. The second or third person changes as much as the first person. "I," and all the verbs accordingly. When I started to learn the English. "What shall I call myself before the emperor?" He said, "I."

"Then what shall I say before my parents?" "I."

"What shall I say before my men friends? And before my women friends?" "I."

I was quite astonished and said: "How simple, but how rude is the English language!"—Yoshio Markino in Atlantic.

Force of Short Words.

A man who acts as tutor and companion to a young boy wrote this indorsement on one of the boy's compositions: "Use shorter words. Follow the example of Horatio Seymour. This is part of an address delivered by him to students in 1878: 'Short words, like love, hate or zeal, have a clear ring which strikes our minds or touches hearts. They tell of joy or grief, of rage or peace, of life or death. They are felt by all, for their terms mean the same thing to all men. We learn them in youth. They are on our lips through all days, and we utter them down to the close of life. They are the apt terms with which we speak of things which are high or great or noble. They are the grand words of our tongue. They teach us how the world was made. God said, 'Let there be light, and there was light.' Mark the words of more than one syllable.'"—New York Tribune.

Think Strangers Bring Disease.

The inhabitants of St. Kilda, like those of Nine, regard the landing of strangers as fraught with danger to their health. John Sands, who thirty odd years ago spent some months in St. Kilda, writes that "the most extraordinary complaint that visits the island is called the strangers' cold. The natives firmly believe that the arrival of a boat communicates this disease. They say that the illness is more severe when the ship or boat comes from Harris and that they suffer less when the vessel comes from Glasgow or London. It is curious that every one caught this distemper when an Austrian vessel visited the island during my stay there. Not one St. Kildan escaped. The symptoms are a severe headache and pain and stiffness in the muscles of the jaw, a deep rough cough and rapid pulse."—London Chronicle.

The Word "Transpire."

Richard Grant White in his "Words and Their Uses" says: "Transpire means to breathe through and so to pass off insensibly. The identical word exists in French, in which language it is equivalent to our perspire, which also means to breathe through, and so to pass off insensibly. The Frenchman says 'J'ai beaucoup transpire' (I have much perspired). In fact, transpire and perspire are etymologically as near perfect synonyms as the nature of language permits. The latter, however, has by common consent been set apart in English to express the passage of a watery secretion through the skin, while the former is properly used only in a figurative sense to express the passage of knowledge from a limited circle to publicity."

Child Marriages in England.

Child marriages were common enough in England a century or two ago. Wards of the crown in particular were frequently married before they reached their teens. Some children were married at the age of five, while from nine to twelve was considered quite a marriageable age for girls. Little Moll Villiers, daughter of the Duke of Buckingham, was not merely a wife, but a widow at the age of nine, and there are descriptions of her romping in the garden and climbing cherry trees in her widow's veil.

A Record.

English Poultry Farmer—Yes, I assure you the weather was so hot here one summer that the water in the birds' drinking troughs positively boiled. American Ditto—That's nothing. Why, in New Jersey we sometimes have to feed our hens on crushed ice to prevent them from laying hard boiled eggs.—London Home Notes.

His First Love Affair.

Mrs. Rose—Did your husband ever have more than one love affair? Mrs. Pose—Oh, only one. I believe! Mrs. Rose—And that was when he fell in love with you? Mrs. Pose—Oh, dear, no! He had fallen in love with himself long before he had met me.

Mutual.

"I should think you'd be ashamed to sponge on Gotrox daily at lunch. The meals are always at his expense." "Oh, it's a mutual arrangement. The jokes are at mine."—Exchange.

No Treat.

Mrs. Neighbors—Would you like a piece of bread and butter, Johnnie? Johnnie—Not me. We have that at home.—New York Globe.

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Corrected.

Teacher—If I should say, "Your two sisters are coming," would that be correct? Johnny—No, ma'am. I only have one sister.—Exchange.

We must make our election between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude.—Thomas Jefferson.

Sign Language.

Constable—The prisoner used very threatening language, your worship. The Magistrate—What was the language? Constable—Took off his coat to fight.—London Globe.

Matched.

Suitor—I have no bad habits. I don't smoke or drink. Father—Neither has my daughter. She doesn't play or sing.—Brooklyn Life.

Why They Fall.

It takes some people so long to be sure they are right that they never get time to go ahead.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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