



LUTHERAN SYNOD.

Central Pennsylvania Body in Session in Lewistown Hears Reports that are Flattering.

A few items from reports read before the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church are reprinted here from the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel:

The treasurer, W. T. Horton, received round numbers during the year \$15,000; paid out for expenses and benevolence \$13,700, leaving a balance of \$236 in the treasury. This proves the churches are working for this is more than has been raised any year previous. The auditing committee, after careful examination of the treasurer's books, found them correct in every respect.

Treasurer Horton said that there are 9,300 members in the Central Pennsylvania Synod.

Rev. Dr. Hartman, secretary of the board of Home Missions, spoke very encouragingly of the mission work. The board built eight hundred new churches. Many new members have been added to the church through mission work. During the past two years, fifty-one new mission churches have been built. These have a membership of 11,000 and these churches have given \$9,000 more to benevolence during the past two years than in any previous period. Fifty thousand dollars has been given to all benevolent work. Home-Mission work pays not only financially, but also in members, said Rev. Hartman. Good work has been done in the large cities. Since 1881 eighteen churches have been built in Baltimore, thirty in New York, nineteen in Chicago and in other large cities in proportion. Pennsylvania leads in Home Mission work.

The board is dependent upon the churches for the money. Some churches are supporting special missions. Many more should do this. The Sunday-school gives much to missions. Large things are expected on Luther day for missions. \$40,000 has been given by Sunday-schools since 1883 for missions. Besides the people are educated. A special Home-Mission campaign should be made among the foreigners. Home Mission week is from November 16 to 23.

A Brotherhood meeting, with Mr. T. M. Gramsly presiding was of great interest to men. A large audience greeted the speakers and listened to the eloquent addresses for two hours.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., secretary of Foreign Missions, informed synod of the proposed "every member" canvass in the entire General synod. All the benevolent boards have united for this work. The aim is to accomplish three things:

- 1. To awaken spiritual interest.
2. Every man and every member to work.
3. Whole work of the church placed before the church.

Five hundred thousand dollars have been contributed by the General synod for benevolence the past year.

Speaking of the Orphans Home at Loysville, Dr. Spangler said the institution has done noble work during the past year. There are 234 children in this large family, twenty-three from this synod. The church paid \$1,800 from this synod to their support. A new building is being erected at the home, size 36x70, three stories in height and a basement; cost \$8,000.

John E. Rishel and C. H. Thomsen, were licensed to preach for one year, at the close of which they will be ordained to the holy office of the Gospel ministry.

Licentiate L. Stoy Spangler of Pine oval; R. V. Derr of Burnham, and A. C. Harris of Hartleton, were ordained.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Rev. B. F. Bieber of West Milton; secretary, Rev. W. M. Reasick of Millburg; treasurer, W. T. Horton of Sellersgrove; statistician, Prof. T. O. Houtz, Sellersgrove.

The next meeting of Synod will be held in Millburg, the first Monday of October, 1914.

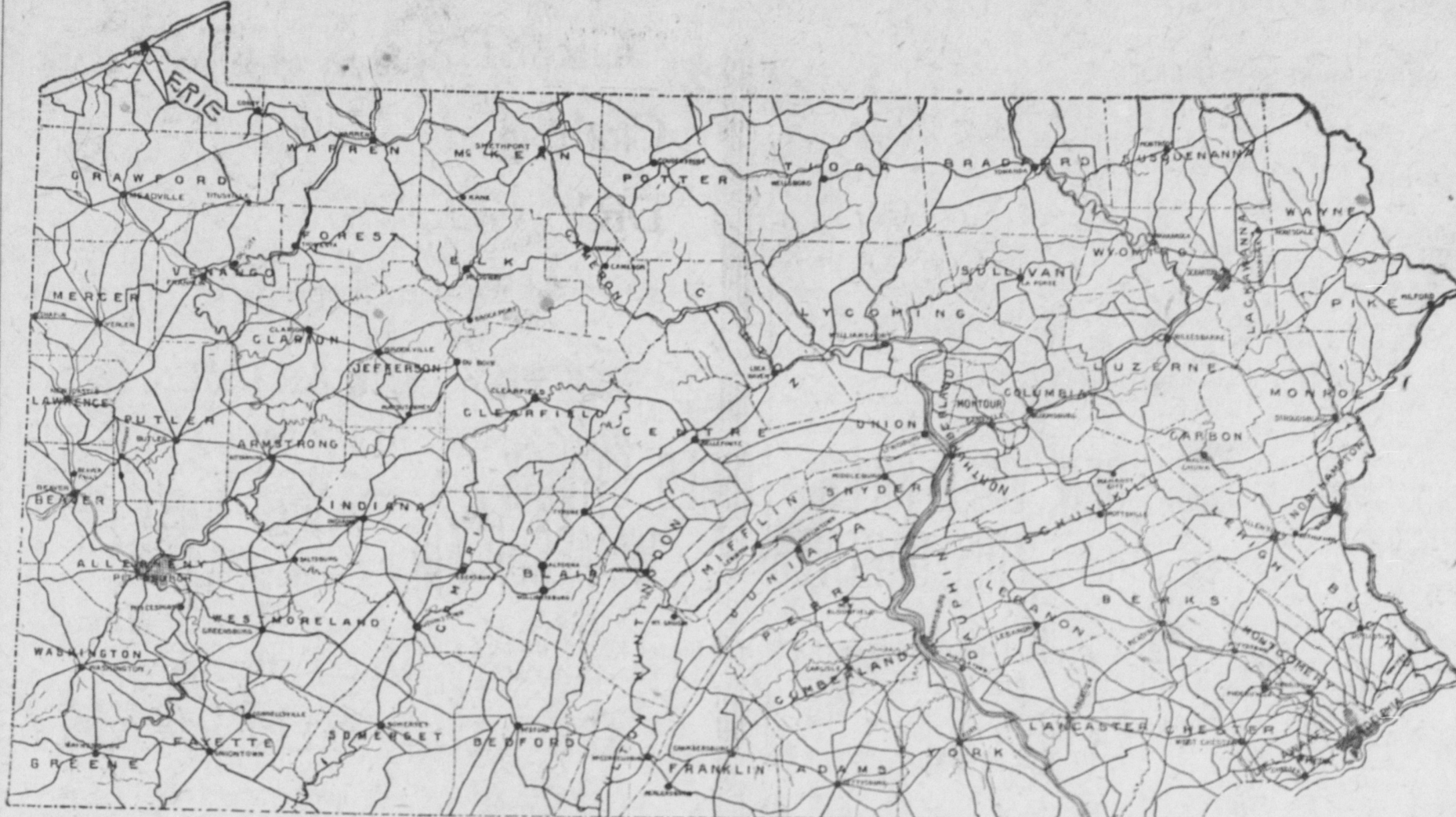
No Proof to the Contrary.

Huntingdon Monitor.

Every newspaper in this state that received the constitutional amendment advertisement is advocating the fifty million bond issue for roads. The amendment advertising is grist from the grist mill that is grinding exceedingly fine by power from the Highway Department.

In Corn Show.

The annual Corn Show of The Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders' Association will be held the third week in January at York, Pennsylvania, in connection with the meetings of the Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders' Association, the Horticultural Association and the Dairy Union.



ROAD MAP OF PENNSYLVANIA.

This map shows the state roads, designated by black lines. The dotted lines are county boundaries. To improve and maintain these main roads a bond issue of \$50,000,000 is proposed. Those who oppose the bond issue contend that improvements made through bond issues should be permanent, and be in existence and of value to the generation of tax payers living when the bonds become due, and further that the state, with its present revenue, could appropriate \$7,000,000, and more annually for road purposes, which fact removes the necessity of issuing bonds.

THE FIFTY MILLION LOAN.

Is there a person in Pennsylvania who for a moment supposes that any man or group of men of sound mind, having credit to the amount of \$50,000,000, would borrow \$50,000,000 and hand it over to be expended in a great business enterprise by a man or a number of men having very imperfect knowledge of the business and with no fixed, definite, exact ideas or plans of the work to be done.

The question answers itself. No man or group of men of sound mind would be so foolish. Nevertheless, that is exactly what the interested promoters of the constitutional amendment to authorize a \$50,000,000 loan to be expended by the State Highway Department, are asking the voters of Pennsylvania to do.

If any man doubts this let him study the public statements regarding the work of the State Highway Department issued within the last few days by Auditor General Powell and State Highway Commissioner Bigelow.

He will find it impossible to reconcile the two statements. He will find a wide disagreement between them as to the number of miles of State roads constructed during the administration of the department by Mr. Bigelow, and as to the amount of money expended and available for different classes of work.

He will find that he cannot possibly ascertain from these statements the average cost per mile of the roads that have been built, including contractors "extras" and engineering, supervision, and other work done by the department.

Auditor General Powell frankly says he does not know the total cost per mile and is unable to ascertain it from the returns made to his office by the Highway Department. Appropriations are made so loosely and accounts are so jumbled that he cannot tell how much money is spent for any one purpose.

This want of system and plan is characteristic of the whole management of the State Highway Department. Mr. Bigelow's figures show that the average contract price per mile of 190 miles of road was \$13,341.18. But this is not the whole cost by any means, and no one has yet been able to ascertain what the whole cost is.

The statement has been published and never disputed, so far as we have heard that for a mile of State road in Chalfont borough, where Governor Tener lives, the contractor got \$25,000; that the Mack-McNichol firm of political contractors, got \$21,000 per mile for a road in Bucks county, and that in Allegheny county the contract price reached \$29,000 per mile.

Nobody knows what the State roads that have been built during the last ten years have cost per mile or in the aggregate, and everybody knows that they did not last; that those building now will not last; that they are mere temporary improvements.

Everybody wants good roads but everybody can see that we are not getting them, though since we went into office Mr. Bigelow has had at his disposal \$12,830,528.26—more than one-fourth as much money as the \$50,000,000 loan, which we do not believe the people of Pennsylvania are going to burden themselves with, in the face of a certainty that they will not get anywhere near the worth of their money, that judging, the future by the past, they will get no permanent good roads at all.

There isn't much hope for the people who would rather tell their troubles than be popular. Badger Dairy Feed—Weber

HOW CONGRESS IS "COERCED."

Public Opinion and Party Loyalty Spurring Doubters in Congress.

The President has deemed it worth while to deny one of the many assertions that he is coercing Congress. If there is any coercion of Congress it does not proceed from the White House.

Public opinion is still powerful, and Mr. Wilson interprets it with accuracy. Party loyalty is still a force to be reckoned with, and Mr. Wilson appreciates the fact. The time when platform pledges could be forgotten overnight has passed, and Mr. Wilson knows it.

The President has arrayed very forcefully all the arguments in favor of political and personal good faith; he has attempted to communicate to others his own high sense of responsibility, and he has properly used to these ends the great resources of publicity at his command.

Such are the influences that are spurring the doubters and trimmers in Congress. It is these influences that are causing the disquiet now visible among men whose sincerity has been brought into question. The persuasion complained of is not due to Executive terrorism, or to spoils, or to any other form of tyranny or corruption. So far as it prevails at all, it is moral, with no rewards proffered save the people's approval and no punishments even hinted at that do not proceed from the people's wrath.

It is not coercion. It is eternal vigilance, which now, as always, is the price of liberty.

The Pennsylvania Road Map.

In this issue of the Reporter will be found a road map that will be of great interest to all readers. All the roads in the state taken over, or provided for to be taken over by the state, are shown here.

All told there are something like nine thousand miles of roads shown on the map. To help carry out this policy a bond issue of \$50,000,000 has been proposed. A bond issue in Pennsylvania requires an amendment to the constitution. The amendment authorizing the legislature to issue bonds for road improvement is now up to the people to be adopted or rejected at the November election.

While this is not a political question but an economic one that may be differently viewed by members of every party or faction, this paper is inclined to think that even if a bond issue were advisable, the highway department has shown such incapacity that it would be dangerous to entrust such a large fund to it.

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DEATHS.

Miss Mary A. Rearick, a well known and highly esteemed maiden lady, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Hunter, in Bellefonte, from heart failure, aged sixty-nine years. Miss Rearick was a daughter of Daniel and Pollie Rearick and was born in Lower Penns Valley. She was a woman of quiet, reserved and cultured manners, a consistent member of the Lutheran church and of the ladies' aid society. She leaves one sister, Mrs. William Thompson of Reynoldsville. Interment was made at Zion.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gelette, wife of Zettie Gelette of Bellefonte, died in the state hospital at Danville after an illness of nearly two years. Her age was fifty-two years, six months and twenty-four days. Deceased was a daughter of George and Elizabeth Grossman, both deceased, and was born near Tusseyville. She is survived by her husband and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Elmira Showers, of Centre Hall; I. A. Grossman, of Potters Mills; Joseph Grossman, of Bellefonte; William Grossman, of Centre Hall. One sister, Mrs. Jane Neese, formerly of Wilmington, Illinois, preceded her to the grave. Mrs. Gelette was a member of the Lutheran church of Bellefonte, and was a woman of kindly heart. Her remains were brought to Milesburg for burial.

Mrs. Anna C. Beck, widow of the late Henry Beck, died at her home in Wilkesburg from bronchial pneumonia. Mrs. Beck, who was formerly well known and highly esteemed in Centre county, had been in an invalid condition for five years past. She was born Jan. 16, 1838, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. Linsbach, and formerly lived at Snyderstown. She was a kindly, consistent christian woman and her death is deeply mourned by a wide circle of friends. Her husband, the late Henry Beck, a former commissioner's clerk of this county, preceded her in death fifteen years ago. She leaves the following children: Lyman, Joseph and Harry, of Wilkesburg; Charles, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Rose Magee, of Altoona, and Mrs. Maggie Beck, of Lock Haven, are sisters.

The body was brought to Bellefonte and funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D., burial being made by the side of her husband in the Union cemetery.

Non-Partisan Act Constitutional.

In its answer to the suits to test the constitutionality of the non-partisan ballot act and the Philadelphia municipal court the state declares that the laws imposed no restrictions upon constitutional freedom of electors.

The state also declares that the secretary of the commonwealth was right in refusing to accept 40 nominations for the Philadelphia municipal court and in declining to certify the names of candidates for judges whose rivals secured over 50 per cent of the vote cast.

We May All Be Boosters.

Good citizens cannot always be in a pleasant humor. There are moments in the lives of all when they are nearer to weeping than to laughing. That is part of one's experience as an inhabitant of the world. But even amid adverse surroundings one does well to imitate the fortitude of Job and to boost rather than knock. When one forms the habit of looking for the dark side of things it soon becomes difficult to detect the brightness. Some persons find it easy to be bright and cheerful. This disposition is an inheritance from an optimistic ancestry. Others come from a dark and sullen race. Yet they may overcome the natural bent toward melancholy—many of them have done so—and they deserve all the more credit when they succeed. The cheerful citizen, the hopeful citizen, the enthusiastic citizen, the resourceful citizen, these are all valuable assets to any community and there is no reason why we shouldn't all be in the ranks. We are only going to stay here a little while; why not leave pleasant memories behind rather than sombre ones?

Transfers of Real Estate.

Abram V. Miller to Wm. H. Noll et al, tract of land in Spring twp. \$3,000. J. S. Holter et ux to Henry S. Williams, premises in Howard boro. \$1,200.

Isaac M. Orndorf, trustee, to Arthur C. Silivus tract of land in Haines twp. \$297.90.

Kate Horner to Samuel Kreamer, premises in Centre Hall. \$1,000.

Antonio De Angelo et ux to George Sliipka, tract of land in Rush twp. \$490.

Annie Cunningham et bar to John A. Finkbinder, tract of land in Bellefonte. \$1,500.

Frank B. Stover Exr. to Elmer E. Vaughn et al tract of land in Rush twp. \$65.

Olive Stein et al to Harry Craft, tract of land in Philipsburg. \$80.

H. P. Beck et ux to Catherine Switzer, tract of land in Philipsburg. \$1.

Frank B. Stover Admr. to Elmer E. Vaughn, tract of land in Philipsburg. \$365.

Isaac M. Orndorf, trustee, to Harvey C. Brungard, tract of land in Haines twp. \$635.68.

A Novel Damage Suit.

What lawyers at Sunbury say is the most novel damage suit they ever heard of was brought in the Northumberland county court by Norman D. Masteller of Point township. He seeks \$20,000 damages from the Germania Brewing Co. of Danville, which he alleges sold him a guaranteed non-alcoholic drink, when, in truth, it was an intoxicating. He sold it and as a result served six months in jail for selling liquor illegally.

City Pays Damages.

Williamsport paid \$1750 damages and about \$250 cost on account of a loose board in a walk. A woman tripped and fell, was injured; sued, and recovered. This is a lesson in a few words.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Even the washwoman feels that she has to draw the line somewhere.

Mrs. F. M. Ackerman of near Spring Mills was a pleasant caller at this office on Saturday.

F. A. Foreman has purchased the W. F. Ertly property, on South Frazier street, State College.

The wheat plants are growing finely. Most wheat fields are now wearing a decidedly green shade of covering.

The fact that a private car in which were a number of Pennsylvania Railroad officials ran over the Broad Top Railroad, renews the rumor that the Pennsy is about to buy that line.

Mrs. L. W. S. Person will be at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Strohm, in Centre Hall, from the 17th to the 21st of October, with a complete showing of the latest New York styles in Fall and Winter millinery.

Prof. U. A. Moyes of Spring Mills was a business visitor to Centre Hall last week. Since retiring from the school room he has been giving his attention to insurance, and is representing a full line of fire, accident and life.

Merchant S. S. Kreamer, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Rebecca, last week, attended the State Sunday-school convention at Williamsport. Mr. Kreamer was delighted to march with the Sunday-school workers and bear Billy Sunday speak.

Arthur Sluterbeck is reported as being the farmer who will succeed A. F. Heckman on the Hosterman farm at Tusseyville, recently purchased by John Hosterman of Penn Hall. Mr. Hosterman at present lives on the James B. Spangler farm, near Tusseyville.

While Mrs. Adaline Fye was sitting in front of her dresser on the second floor of her residence, in State College, making her toilet, a bullet whizzed past her head and embedded itself in the wall. Had she been standing, the bullet would have struck her. As it was the margin was a close one.

Among the Reporters callers the other evening were Harry McClellan and Orvis Horner of Tusseyville. The former is feeling fine over a crop of five or six hundred bushels of apples he is harvesting at present. The crop is being stored, and as occasion demands it will be marketed in the Lewistown district.

Miss Della Heckman, daughter of Commissioner Daniel Heckman, was remembered by her uncle, Elias Heckman of Orangeville, Illinois, deceased, in his will to the extent of \$500. While in Centre county, Mr. Heckman became very ill, and it was on account of her great kindness shown him that the niece was named as a beneficiary.

Considerable surprise was manifested when the patrons of the J. C. Markle meat market at State College found the place closed one day last week. It was at first thought to be only temporary, but subsequent events proved otherwise. His inability to collect outstanding bills—which run into thousands of dollars—left him no other recourse, so he decided to close his shop.

W. L. Walker, who formerly lived in Centre Hall, but now lives in Williamsport, has been unable to do work of any kind for a year or more, owing to an accident that befell him about that long ago. He was employed in a radiator works in Williamsport, and in some manner got his hand into cog wheels, and had it very badly crushed, and since has had no use of the hand of arm.

H. W. Weaver of near Spring Mills, accompanied by Mrs. Weaver, was in Centre Hall on Saturday. Mr. Weaver is a lumberman, and at present has charge of the Thompson lumber operations in the gap north of Penns Cave. He also expects to cut the timber recently purchased by Mr. Thompson from W. H. Homan, the same being a portion of the F. A. Foreman farm. Mr. Weaver thinks these ten acres have the finest timber on them that can be found in Penns Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Musser, who reside near the Pine creek roller flour mill, drove to the home of their son, William F. Musser, in Penn township, where the fall threshing was being done. In the evening the father, wishing to do his son a good turn by doing some of the night work on the farm, proceeded to take the horses out of the stable to take them to water. While doing this work one of the horses kicked him on the right leg, lacerating the flesh and breaking the leg above the knee. He was carried into the house and Dr. C. S. Musser, of Aaronburg, was summoned, who reduced the fracture and took him to his home.