



THE REFORMED SYNOD.

Measures Adopted by That Body Recommend a Fixed Minimum Pastors' Salary—Next Meeting at Allentown.

Cure-alls, fake patent medicine and questionable financial, drink, cigar and cigarette advertising will be prohibited in all publications of the Reformed Church within the jurisdiction of the east Pennsylvania synod, according to a resolution adopted at the 167th annual convention in session at Sunbury.

St. John's church, Allentown, was chosen as the place of holding the 1914 meeting.

A \$25,000 dormitory will be erected at the College for Women at Allentown, the churches of the synod to contribute to its cost.

Resolutions favoring the holding of the general synod every two years instead of every three and asking that body to fix a minimum pastors' salary at a living wage were adopted.

The standing committee on theology reported that there are too few students for the ministry. At present eighty young men are divinity students, and there are seventy-five vacancies in the synod's pulpits.

The Rev. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer, Harrisburg, urged that church aid to divinity students should not be looked upon as pauperizing. He said that the young man seeking an education at West Point or Annapolis is proud to accept government aid, and divinity students ought to be proud to accept the aid of their church.

The Rev. Dr. C. B. Schreder, president of the synod, announced that catchmen in the synod are raising a fund for the erection of a memorial tablet to Ursinus, the writer of the Heidelberg catechism, at Neustadt, Germany.

The following elections were made: The Rev. Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Harrisburg, state superintendent of public instruction, and the Rev. J. B. Kerschner, Freeland, to be members of board of trustees, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster; Washington K. Heister, Lancaster; Dr. Eugene Santee, Philadelphia; James F. Hunsicker, Allentown, and Dr. H. F. Bitner, Centre Hall, trustees of Theological Seminary, Lancaster; the Rev. Robert O. Boyle, Sunbury member of board of visitors, Theological Seminary, Lancaster; the Rev. John S. Slabr, Lancaster, and the Rev. C. B. Schreder, Sunbury, trustees of Allentown College for Women; the Rev. Edgar V. Louche, Blue Bell, dean of Allentown College for Women; George M. Lutz, Allentown, attorney in fact of synod; the Rev. Calvin M. DeLong, East Greenville, member advisory Sunday-school board.

Transfers of Real Estate. Margaret Reese to Minnie Walk, 51 acres of land in Taylor twp. \$1200.

John S. Myers et ux to Josephine McClure, 77 acres of land in Rush twp. \$1100.

John M. Weaver et ux to Z. A. Weaver, tract of land in Penn twp. \$900.

Phillipsburg Coal & Land Co. to James F. Dunlap, 15 acres of land in Rush twp. \$300.

Dorothy M. Eisenhauer et bar to Geo. W. Ricketts, tract of land in Rush twp. \$500.

Joseph Griffith et ux to James Daws, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$1.

Edna G. Irvin to J. Howard Turner, tract of land in Huston twp. \$1000.

Mary A. Walker to E. N. Kelley, premises in Spring twp. \$1200.

Alfred L. Auman, assignee to Cyrus H. Meyer et al, two tracts of land in Haines twp. \$80.

Thomas Foster et al to Charles Brouse, 126 acres of land in State College. \$300.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Prof. R. U. Wasson is Arranging for Such a Contest—Banks Offer Prizes.

Through the efforts of Prof. R. U. Wasson, principal of the Penn township school, an oratorical contest for male pupils of the public schools of Centre county is being arranged. The boy who is declared the winner will receive a prize of twenty-five dollars in gold, the gift of the First National Bank in Bellefonte.

The Millheim Banking Company, of Millheim, offers a prize of ten dollars in gold to the winner in District No. 1. The following tentative plan for the contest will be submitted to the teachers for their approval at the annual county institute:

In order to encourage public speaking among the male pupils of the public schools of Centre county the First National Bank of Bellefonte offers a prize of twenty-five dollars in gold to the male pupil in the public schools of Centre county who shall excel in an oratorical or declamatory contest.

The county shall be divided into four districts and each district shall be entitled to two contestants, who shall be declared to be the winners or honor pupils in the several district contests.

No pupil who is a member of the third or fourth year class of a first-grade high school shall be allowed to enter the contest.

The judges of the county contest shall consist of the judge of the district court and the professor of English of the Pennsylvania State College, or persons named by them, and one person named by the county superintendent of schools.

The time and place of holding the contest shall be named by the judge of the district court and the county superintendent of schools. The principal of the schools of the town in which the contest is held shall preside at the contest, or some person named by him.

The time should be about one month after the district contest.

The names of the contestants shall appear on the program in alphabetical order.

The district contests shall be governed by the following conditions: Each township and each borough high school shall be entitled to at least one pupil in the district contest.

The county superintendent should appoint one person in each district, and one for the county, to act as secretary; such person to arrange program of contest and keep a record of same.

District No. 1 shall consist of the following townships and all boroughs situated within them: Miles, Haines, Penn, Gregg, Potter and Harris.

No. 2—Ferguson, College, Benner, Spring, Marlon, Walker, Patton and Half Moon.

No. 3—Liberty, Curtin, Howard, Boggs, Union, Huston, Worth and Taylor.

No. 4—Rush, Snow Shoe and Burnside.

It is expected to have a local prize for each district.

Pennsylvania Day at State. Friday, November 7th, has been set aside as the date for the celebration this year.

THE FIFTY MILLION ROAD LOAN.

Twelve Reasons Why the Pennsylvania State Grange Opposes the Proposed Loan for Roads. The Grange has been the Pioneer of Good Roads and Favors Taxing Corporations for Road Purposes and the "Pay as You Go" Plan.

FIRST—It is not a good business proposition for any business to borrow money when it is not necessary. The State has abundant resources to construct roads without borrowing a dollar.

SECOND—Should more money be needed, the State Grange proposed a plan many years ago providing for a tax of one mill on corporate property. The Tax Commission reported to the last Legislature to the effect that if the bonds of corporations were taxed in the hands of corporations in place of the hands of the holder, \$10,000,000 more could be added.

THIRD—Every cent of the tax on anthracite coal should go on the roads—that was the understanding. The Legislature appropriated for road purposes for 1913-14, \$3,355,000 per year. Add to this the automobile licenses and we have \$4,500,000 for roads annually.

FOURTH—The interest and sinking fund charges on a \$50,000,000 loan will require from \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000 annually. On 50 year bonds the interest charges and principal would cost us \$150,000,000 until paid.

FIFTH—Years ago the State borrowed at various times sums amounting to about \$50,000,000 for our public works, canals, etc. The interest and sinking fund charges plus the cost of repairing and maintaining them became so burdensome to the people that they were finally sold at a trifle.

SIXTH—Before submitting this question to the people some plan should have been worked out by the Highway Department so that the voters could vote intelligently. As the law now stands, this money, if the bond issue is carried, can all be spent in one county or used to build a national boulevard across the State.

SEVENTH—The Highway Department has proved itself inefficient and wasteful. It has disobeyed the law in not preparing bulletins to systematize and instruct township supervisors. It has issued no report since 1909.

EIGHTH—The big corporations are for the bond issue in order to head off any change in the tax laws. The argument that the farmer pays no State tax is true as a direct proposition, but indirectly he pays not only his local taxes but is charged up with the taxes on corporations, either in added freight rates or decreased appropriations for schools and dirt roads.

NINTH—New York has borrowed \$100,000,000 for roads and road scandals. Ohio has borrowed no money and has three times as many miles of good roads as has New York. Ohio has equalization of taxation. All kinds of property pays the same mill rate and the maximum mill rate is fixed at 10 mills.

TENTH—The permanent road has not yet been discovered. Our expensive roads are lasting from two to ten years. It is a wrong principle to issue long time bonds for improvements that will be gone long before the bonds are due.

ELEVENTH—The farmers of the State have been deceived, ignored and buncoed in this whole road business. State aid for township roads provided for by law has been refused, the township roads stolen, and now under the new Township Road law, passed at the last session of the Legislature, the local road taxes are to be spent under the orders of the Highway Department.

TWELFTH—The Grange believes that by defeating the bond issue the confusion and chaos in our road affairs will be systematized and all our roads improved in the course of 10 to 12 years, so that legislation can be passed to protect our roads and keep them in repair at the lowest possible cost.

Letters from Subscribers. New York, Oct. 27, 1913. Dear Mr. Smith: I have been trying to get together a collection of relics of the old days in Central Pennsylvania.

WANTED—Pennsylvania panther hide; Pennsylvania wolf hide, set Pennsylvania elk horns. Apply to H. W. SHOEMAKER, 71 Broad way, New York City.

There is a possibility that relics of this kind may still exist in some of the old attics and cubby-holes in old farm houses in the Seven Mountains.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 25, 1913. Editor Reporter: You will find draft enclosed for one dollar due on the Reporter.

Very truly, JOHN F. MULLEN.

Reporter Register. Mrs. Wm. Blitzer and son Samuel, Tusseyville; Harry Harshbarger, Potomac Mills; R. D. Mosser, Spring Mills; Mrs. H. J. Mehauff, Altoona; Mrs. Clyde E. Dutrow, Centre Hall; Mrs. C. R. Neff and daughter, Edna, Centre Hall; George Gierich, Tusseyville; A. J. Weaver, Colyer; Wm. M. Geary, Colyer.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Teachers Training Class at Madisonburg Holds Exercises on Saturday Evening. On Saturday evening the Madisonburg Teachers Training Class was graduated with exercises held in the Reformed church, in that village.

The class was organized more than a year ago with twenty-five members, fourteen of whom received diplomas. The four Sunday-schools of the town had representatives in the class at its organization, at the graduation the Reformed and United Evangelical schools composed the class.

THE PROGRAM. Professional—Miss Dorothy Roush; Music—"Sweet Hour of Prayer,"—The Class; Scripture Lesson—Rev. D. C. Carl; 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Invocation—Rev. J. W. Rumberger; Salutatory—"Life,"—Mrs. George Keen; Essay—"Myself,"—Robert M. Ziegler; Music—Miss Alma Dietrich, Accompanist; Mrs. Boyd Hazel; Mrs. Bertha Boyer; Mrs. Thomas Wise; Miss Rebecca Hazel.

Recitation—Miss Mabel Fiedler; "The Ragged Little Boy,"—Miss Mabel Vonada; Essay—"Cost and Compensation,"—Mrs. G. A. Stauffer; Music—Solo—Mrs. Boyd Hazel, Accompanist; Address and Presentation of Diplomas—W. F. Ziegler.

Valedictory—"Truth,"—Boyd Hazel; Music—"Nearer My God to Thee,"—Audience; Benediction—Rev. J. A. Bingham; Presiding Officer: W. H. LIMBERT.

The members of the class who received diplomas are: Miss Alma Dietrich; Miss Mabel Fiedler; Mrs. Mary Hazel; Miss Rebecca Hazel; Mrs. Boyd Hazel; Mrs. Anna Kern; Mrs. George Kern; Mrs. Bertha Boyer; Miss Mabel Vonada; Mrs. Thomas Wise; Miss Mary Zeigler; Mr. Robert M. Ziegler; Mr. Boyd Hazel; Mr. W. H. Limbert.

It once was said: "Everything comes to him who waits," "But here is one that's slicker," "The man who goes after what he wants, Will get it all the quicker."

The Election Ballot. The election ballot this year will be another blanket affair about as large as the ones used last November.

THREATENED TO SHOOT THE JUDGE. John Maguire, convicted of robbery, got Five Years for Threat.

Joseph W. Kyle, a Democratic no-license-non-partisan candidate for associate judge of Mifflin county, withdrew his candidacy in an open letter to the public, in which he requests his friends and supporters to cast their votes for George W. Sheary, who won a nomination with him on the same platform against seven other candidates, either admittedly "wet" or unpledged. This will give the drys but one candidate, and will insure his election.

Bill to Increase Free Delivery. Congressman Warren Worth Bailey introduced a bill in congress to inaugurate free delivery of mail in all towns of 1000 population and over.

\$200 Per Day for Travelling Expenses. You will get just a faint idea of what is meant by "overhead" charges in connection with road building when you recall that the Legislature appropriated \$125,000 for the travelling expenses of the commissioner and his assistants for two fiscal years, or 600 working days, which is at the rate of \$200 per day, and which is extravagant, to say the least.

New Laws for the Grocer. According to the law which went into effect April 25, any merchant, who sells cold storage eggs as fresh eggs must, on complaint of customer, replace them with fresh eggs, or be liable to prosecution. It also provides that the merchant must replace spoiled eggs. Another ruling provides that anyone buying a box of strawberries or other fruits is entitled to a full quart and the merchant who sells less is subject to penalty.

The campaign in favor of the bond issue is full of inaccuracies, half-truths and untruths.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

ADVERTISE! If you're lagging in the race, Advertise! Business soon will take a brace, Advertise! Tell the public near and far Who and where and what you are, Let'er flicker! Be a star—Advertise!

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th. A stubborn man is simply one who doesn't think as we do.

Mrs. Eliza Smith of Centre Hill is in Emporium, Kansas, where she will remain until spring. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bradford of Lemont announce the engagement of their daughter, Bertha, to Forest L. Evey, also of Lemont.

William Confer will move onto the Perry Krise farm, in the Seven Mountains, after it is vacated by Mr. Krise. The place is now owned by Frank Royer.

Mrs. D. W. Sweetwood of near Spring Mills was in Centre Hall for several days last week. Her husband is regularly employed at the evaporator, in this place.

Miss Lena Emerick, the night operator in the Bell telephone exchange at Centre Hall, purchased a Weaver piano from Prof. P. H. Meyer and had it placed in her home.

H. C. Quigley, Esq., was mighty successful as an attorney before the federal court at Scranton. He had a naughty and a knotty case, but came out victorious for his clients.

Rev. W. H. Traub was installed as pastor of the State College congregation on Sunday. The ceremonies were conducted by Rev. M. S. Creelman, D. D., pastor at Lewistown.

Miss Helen Weidensaul of Reedsville has been the guest of Miss Hazel Emery in Centre Hall since the latter part of last week. The girls were schoolmates when both their parents lived near Reedsville.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church of Pleasant Gap will hold a supper and supper in Noll's hall on the evening of Halloween. There will be served a regular supper, including ices and ice cream.

Jacob Royer, who for some time had been in Centre Hall, is now employed at the Centre Mills flouring mill by J. A. Kline. Mrs. Rebecca Emerick and daughter Besse also went to that place and are keeping house for Mr. Royer.

While out hunting for pheasants Rudolph Nieman of Ramey was accidentally shot in the leg by his companion, receiving a very painful wound. He was taken to the Cottage hospital, Phillipsburg, where he is receiving treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mehauff of Altoona were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Dutrow, east of Centre Hall. Mrs. Mehauff is Mr. Dutrow's mother, and the couple's visits here are not at all infrequent. Mr. Mehauff is a hunter, and spent most of his time during his visit here in the woods, and was successful in bagging a nice lot of gray squirrels.

The Lock Haven Democrat printed this personal: W. D. McClintock and wife, Earl McClintock and wife, John Campbell and wife and son, Clifford, of Lock Haven and Al Curvin and wife of Flemington, have returned from Aaronsburg, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Crouse. William Marr and wife of Renovo, W. S. McClintock and wife, Harry Weber and wife and Mrs. William Eberhart of Lock Haven, have also returned from attending the same funeral.

George W. Potter is raising good crops on the Brockerhoff farm, near Old Fort, and on completing thrashing the grain found he had a yield of eight hundred bushels. Lime has been the secret of the success on this farm, that some years ago was in such bad repute that it was difficult to get a tenant to sign up a lease. Solomon Lingle, who preceded Mr. Potter as farmer on this place, was the first tenant on the place for some years who raised anything like a fair crop. He began the use of lime.

Kill every fly in sight. This is the slogan uttered by the Department of Health. Now is the time to hunt down the impudent enemy and reduce his miserable business of carrying poison germs. About this season of the year the fly gets chilly and slow. He hates the breath of frost and seeks comfort indoors. By and by he will creep into any warm crack of the boards and lodge there through the winter. Swat these domestic imps before they have the chance to lay plans for the next summer and before they have the chance to lay eggs.