

The Centre Reporter.

ORPHANS' HOME A BLESSING.

Drillmaster Hahn Expresses Opinion About Lutheran Institution, at Loyaville.

The following communication to the Altoona Tribune is from an uninterested party, and coming at a time when the Lutheran churches in the Penns Valley charge are receiving donations for this home, which is their church institution, makes it of special interest to Lutherans. The communication is printed in full:

The writer has spent many days in the past three years at Tressler orphans' home, drilling the boys of the military company. I never charge a cent for my services, but only ask my carfare and board, and that I get with the family.

When donations of canned fruit and vegetable and other supplies are asked for, we have heard people speak in a way that very much wrongs the home. Some think because the home has a farm and gardens and an orchard, that they should have all they need in these lines. You forget that there are 240 children, besides thirty hepers, and for these there must be three meals a day, every day of the year. The home's farm, gardens and orchard do help to supply the need of the family, but there is very little left for storing after the daily needs of the season are provided.

The writer is in a sense an uninterested party, but I have been in the home so much and seen the daily operations, the amount of provisions required, and the efforts on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Wilde and the helpers to make the most out of the things at hand, and the excellent care and attention given those orphan children, that I feel constrained to try to correct a wrong impression. Don't hesitate to give; for your gifts are a great help, and they do go where they should. The orphan children do get the benefit of your gifts. True, the workers must get their meals, as that is a part of their pay for their never-ending labor that few of us would be willing to do. You cannot appreciate the work of those people unless you would live as I have in the home and see them day in and day out, early and late at their duties, not driven by a boss, but prompted by the love of the work of caring for the orphan children.

I have had utmost freedom in the buildings and among the children, seeing them in their dining rooms, and I can assure the friends of the home that there is neither waste nor want, nor partiality shown.

When you are asked to give, do so with the utmost confidence that your gifts will be appreciated and will be helpful. I have never met more conscientious and fair-minded people than Mr. and Mrs. Wilde in their management of the home.

CAPTAIN JAMES BAHN,
Drillmaster at the Home.

Eager Desire to Kill.

The state of Pennsylvania contains a good many thousand folks who are at this very moment demonstrating their love for sport—that is for killing things—and few of the number are suffering any qualms of conscience. Yet it is a wonder and an astonishment to some of us, this persistent thirst for the blood and the lives of inferior creatures. As soon as the law permits the woods are thickly sown with hunters and every year at least one hundred men fall by the bullets of their fellows who mistake them for game. The killing of animals or birds for food, yes; but their slaughter for down right sport is a pastime fit for savages.

Hallow'een Party.

Miss Laura Mitterling gave a Hallow'een party to a number of her friends of both sexes. The evening was spent in engaging in the usual sports popular on the evening prior to All Saints' day. Those present were: Misses Laura Mitterling, Nina Slick, Hazel Emery, Helen Widensaul, Helen Luse, Verna Rowe, Jennie Stahl, Messrs. Rev. Colledge, Bruce Arney, Henry Mitterling, William Bradford, Paul Moore, Bruce Stahl, James Lingie, and Ray Durst.

LOCALS

The stork visited the home of G. F. Breon, in Millheim, and brought a boy.

Indirect taxation is the pleasantest form, of course, but it's none the less real.

The race is not always to the swift. Many a fellow runs into debt and then tries to crawl out.

Mrs. D. Edmond Crowell of Tyrone was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Ishler, in Centre Hall.

John B. Ratto, the impersonator, one of the first numbers in the Centre Hall lecture course, will entertain the people of Philipsburg this (Thursday) evening.

James B. Horner, a notice of whose death appeared in last week's issue of the Reporter, was a member of the Millheim Woodmen, and carried insurance in the sum of \$2000.

H. Laird Curtis sold his farm in Spring township to E. Frank Frain of Tyrone the purchase price being \$16,000. Mr. Frain expects to go into the stock raising business on a large scale.

The horse of quality retains his place at the top of the market judging from the price—\$600—paid for a mated pair of grays by A. G. Morris, Jr. The horses were purchased from F. B. Way of Stormstown.

The marriage of Miss Nellie Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. William Conley, to William B. Willis of Pittsburgh will take place in the Reformed church, Bellefonte, Wednesday evening of next week, and immediately after the ceremony a reception will be held at the bride's home.

Mrs. W. J. Smith of near Fiedler was badly frightened by hunters who discharged a gun the contents of which almost struck her. She was walking in the public road at the time. This is another case of rank carelessness, and furnishes grounds for the posting of trespass notices.

The sale of farm stock, implements, etc., held by Perry Kriese, in the Seven Mountains, on last Wednesday was largely attended. The sale footed up about one thousand dollars. Mr. Kriese was remarkably successful as a farmer. He has now ventured in the hotel business, and is proprietor of the Spring Mills house.

The Misses Keebler and Ishler, both blind, gave a very acceptable entertainment in Grange Arodisia on Thursday evening of last week. The ladies exhibited considerable skill, and their performance would have been a credit to young ladies not minus one of the five senses.

Two Stormstown residents—William Harris and D. W. Way—had the real experience of knocking the kink out of necks of wild geese with a broomstick, one night recently. A flock of one hundred or more geese on their flight to the south were attracted by a light, and alighted on the lawns and gardens of a number of homes in Stormstown. Efforts were made by a number of persons to capture the geese, but the broomstick proved to be the only successful weapon.

This has been a most delightful fall, up to date. The weather has been especially favorable to perform all manner of farm work, and with the shortage of help on the farm the agriculturalist has been very busy. The clover seed and large apple crop added much labor on many farms, but in a week or ten days the great majority of farmers will have all crops housed, and will then be ready for fall plowing or doing the many odd jobs that present themselves at this season of the year.

SEEKING EDUCATION.

Young People on the South Side of Centre County Who are Students in Institutions of Learning.

The Reporter readers are indebted to the several correspondents of this paper for the names of the young men and women who are attending institutions of learning above that of Township or Borough High Schools, the names of the institutions and their locations:

Samuel McMullin, Millheim, Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster.

William McMullin, Millheim, Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster.

Paul Rishel, Millheim, Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster.

Margaret Musser, Millheim, Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.

Adah Musser, Millheim, Keokuk College, Keokuk, Ia.

David Kessler, Millheim, Pennsylvania State College, State College.

Sarah Kessler, Millheim, Indiana Normal.

Cyrus O. Meyer, Coburn, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia.

Gladys Meyer, Spring Mills, West Chester Normal, West Chester.

Ruth Smith, Spring Mills, West Chester Normal, West Chester.

Sara Fisher, Spring Mills, West Chester Normal, West Chester.

Roy Corman, Spring Mills, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster.

Bell McCormick, Spring Mills, Central State Normal, Lock Haven.

Frank Allison, Spring Mills, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg.

Florence Hazel, Rebersburg, Allentown Seminary, Allentown.

Mary Bright, Rebersburg, Temple University, Philadelphia.

Lula Detwiler, Smulton, Pennsylvania State College, State College.

Ethel Detwiler, Smulton, Pittsburgh.

Charles R. Stover, Millheim, Banks Business College, Philadelphia.

Wilbur Decker, Pine Grove Mills, Bellefonte Academy, Bellefonte.

Warren Ward, Pine Grove Mills, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster.

Carl Houser, Pine Grove Mills, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster.

George P. From, Pine Grove Mills, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster.

John K. Stover, Boalsburg, Medical College, Valparaiso, Ind.

Paul Rupp, Boalsburg, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg.

Roy Raymond, Linden Hall, Williamsport Commercial College, Williamsport.

Nedson Keller, Linden Hall, Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove.

Lavin Ferree, Oak Hall, Central State Normal, Lock Haven.

Margaret Ferree, Oak Hall, Central State Normal, Lock Haven.

Robert Burchfield, Tusseyville, Williamsport Commercial College, Williamsport.

Mattie McCool, Tusseyville, Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove.

William O. Heckman, Tusseyville, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster.

William B. Swartz, Tusseyville, Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove.

George K. Swartz, Tusseyville, Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove.

C. W. Crust, Centre Hall, Williamsport Commercial College, Williamsport.

Ruth Smith, Centre Hall, Bloomsburg State Normal, Bloomsburg.

William Reish, Centre Hall, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg.

Sarah Neff, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania State College, State College.

Gross Allison, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania State College, State College.

Ralph Bitner, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania State College, State College.

Cora Luse, Centre Hall, Central State Normal, Lock Haven.

Isabel Rowe, Centre Hall, Central State Normal, Lock Haven.

Henry Mitterling, Centre Hall, Bellefonte Academy, Bellefonte.

CHILDREN SAVE ORPHANAGE.

Main Building of Odd Fellows' Orphanage at Sunbury Narrowly Escaped Destruction.

When fire broke out in the barn fifty feet away from the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Orphanage, four miles east of Sunbury, on Saturday night, the orphans formed a bucket brigade, and by working hard, saved the main building, putting out blaze after blaze while twenty-eight of the smaller children were taken out.

While this building was being saved, a church 900 feet away caught fire and was burned to the ground. The barn, together with hundreds of tons of grain, all the farming implements, seven beef cattle and a small dwelling, are a total loss.

The loss will reach \$10,000, which is partly insured.

J. W. Stroh, Sunbury, president of the orphanage, said that the heroism of the children was wonderful. Without their help the building would have been destroyed. Though close to the terrible heat of the blazing barn, they never flinched.

TRIAL LIST.

The causes to be tried at the December term of court are printed below:

FIRST WEEK.

Austin Swisher Est. vs. Pearl C. Gray; appeal.

Burdine Butler vs. B. P. Swartz; appeal.

Burdine Butler vs. John A. Nestlerode; appeal.

George W. Zeigler vs. W. H. Hindle; appeal.

George Fravel vs. Greek Catholic church, Clarence; assumpsit.

Wm. S. Hammond vs. W. G. Ronkle; assumpsit.

Kelley Bros. Coal Co. vs. Irish Bros.; assumpsit.

Stam and Lincoln vs. F. V. Yothers; assumpsit.

Samuel Markowitz vs. The Penn. R. Co.; ejectment.

Salvant & Salvant vs. Spalde & Stauffer; assumpsit.

Thos. E. Comley & wife vs. Thos. Kelly; trespass.

R. T. Comley & wife vs. Thos. Kelly; trespass.

Thos. E. Comley & wife vs. Harry F. Kelly; trespass.

B. T. Comley & wife vs. Harry F. Kelly; trespass.

Wm. E. Shaffer vs. Jos. D. Diehl; assumpsit.

George L. King vs. Enoch Hugg; assumpsit.

George L. King vs. Fred Eisenhour; assumpsit.

W. S. Budinger vs. Elmer Watson; replevin.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Henry Fredrick et ux to Robert Condo, house and lot in Harris twp. \$187.

Robert Condo et ux to L. E. Kidder et al, premises in Harris twp. \$500.

Emily Alexander's heirs to Emily L. Foster, house and lot in Centre Hall. \$1300.

Arthur C. Harper et ux to Laura C. Harper, water power in Howard twp. \$1.

Margaret Davis et bar to Aaron W. Tressler, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$1200.

Harry Keller, et ux to Grant Hoover, tract of land in Union twp. \$1400.

Grant Hoover to Anna L. Hoover, tract of land in Union twp. \$1400.

Reuben Lucas et ux to Catharine E. Lucas, tract of land in Marion twp. \$1.

J. Frank Smith, C. O. C. to Catharine E. Lucas, premises in Howard bor. \$2,935.

Margaret Billett to W. W. Billett et al, premises in Walker twp. \$1.

Clean Up the Yards.

Although it is scarcely necessary to call the attention of the average resident of Centre Hall to clean up, it will do no harm to say that it should be done now before bad weather sets in and if it is not done and left until spring with the winter's accumulation of filth and rubbish the work will be doubly hard. Owners of vacant lots should see to it that their property is cleaned and put in good condition for the winter. While the housewives are cleaning inside the men folk should get busy on the outside. There are very few places but what would be wonderfully improved by a little brushing up.

The Lecture Course.

The first number of the Centre Hall lecture course will be a musical, and will appear Wednesday evening, 19th. The reseating of the hall will make the rear seats very desirable. Under the present seating arrangement there will be no undesirable seats in any part of the hall.

Send the Reporter the news. Its columns are open for personals and any news items of local interest.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

ADVERTISE!

If your goods are on the square, Advertise!

Always treat the public fair, Advertise!

Be it real estate or cheese, Stocks and bonds or gutter peas, Fling your banner to the breeze, Advertise!

Are you pleased with the verdict rendered on Tuesday?

A number of people from Centre Hall attended the Jones evangelistic meetings in the Armory, Bellefonte.

H. F. Grabe, a former undertaker at State College, has located in Port Allegheny where will open the same line of business.

The directors of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company will meet in Bellefonte Thursday, November 13th, at ten o'clock.

Mrs. Charlotte Harter of State College is in Baltimore and for the winter will remain with her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Salisbury.

Unclaimed letters in Centre Hall postoffice are: Miss Sarah E. Sheasley, Mr. H. E. Tate, Mr. Levi Bloom, John E. Jones, George Reish.

Mrs. Orwig, wife of Rev. S. P. Orwig of Watsonstown, was badly injured in a fall down a stairway. The fall was due to the fact that the lady is almost blind.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Glenn and little son of Huntsdale came to Centre Hall the latter part of last week and were guests at the home of Mrs. Glenn's mother, Mrs. Mary Goodhart.

While Mrs. Henry Houck was coming down stairs, at her home in State College, she fell to the bottom, causing a compound fracture of the collar bone and cutting an ugly gash in her head.

Rabbits seem to be plentiful, at least local hunters have been able to kill a number of them. Farmers and their sons, on Saturday, also captured many of them on the farms posted with trespass notices.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Dale and son were at the home of the former's mother, in Centre Hall, on Sunday. It was the doctor's birthday, and it is his custom to spend the anniversary of his birth with his mother.

Farmers on rural mail routes who keep their mail boxes in tidy condition and plainly display their names on them, will be well repaid for their efforts. It is worth much more than the effort it takes to do it, to have your name displayed on the mail box.

William Geary was in town the other day, and in a chat with the Reporter told of the great success he is meeting in farming the old Colyer farm, in the Seven Mountains. The corn crop alone will be about 2000 bushels. He and his father, David L. Geary, have been conducting the farming operations on the mountain farm.

Willis Weaver furnished a rabbit for the Sunday dinner without the least bit of effort, and without displaying a license number. He was riding a bicycle through the main street of town, when a rabbit with a through ticket from the east to the west ran into the front wheel of the machine. Of course, Weaver dismounted, pulled the rabbit from between the spokes, poked it into his coat pocket and continued on his journey.

A pheasant met its fate in a parlor in a Centre Hall home a short time ago. During the absence of Mrs. Henry Swab, in Millin county, a plump bird of that species flew against a window light, broke it and entered the parlor. Two weeks later, when Mrs. Swab returned to her home, the bird lay dead on the floor, having died of starvation. A prized picture proved to be the roosting place of the imprisoned rooster so long as he had strength to perch.

One of the Reporter's distinguished visitors, last week, was General John P. Taylor of Reedsville, eighty-seven years young. He was in company with George W. Bradford, and came to Centre county to attend to a few matters relative to the sale of the Taylor farm, at Old Fort, to Mr. Hoy of near Bellefonte. General Taylor is enjoying life as much as ever. He is exceptionally fond of company and traveling, and today makes many trips to the larger cities to attend notable gatherings or sit at the board of the Union League, Philadelphia, of which he has long been a member. His home, in Millin county, comprising some four hundred acres, has on it three groves aggregating in all almost eighty acres, that has never been despoiled by the axe, although he has had an offer of \$10,000 for the timber on them.

ENEMY OF SAN JOSE SCALE DISCOVERED.

Dr. Surface Distributing Parasites being Bred in His Department that are Cleaning Orchards of a Most Dreaded Pest—How the Parasite Works.

BY DR. H. A. SURFACE.

Concerning the parasites of the San Jose scale, much has recently been published, but unfortunately of a more or less premature or incomplete nature. The facts are that I have bred or reared several thousand specimens of parasites of the San Jose scale, representing three or four distinct species, two of which are well known and described some years ago.

The originality of our work was in the definite observation and proof that these parasites are cleaning up the San Jose scale completely, over large areas, and in the practical dissemination of the insect thus engaged in this very important and beneficial work. The discovery of new insects is not important as far as the mere discovery is concerned, but the utilization of them for the welfare of mankind is something of immense importance.

THE SCALE ERADICATED.

You may be surprised to know that there are thousands of orchards in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania where the fruit was unfit for sale two years ago, and not a living San Jose scale nor specimen of specked fruit can be found at the present time. Nurseries that were so badly infested that they found difficulty in cleaning up in order to get a state certificate now have absolutely no San Jose scale.

Trees that have never been sprayed, and that were dying with San Jose scale, are putting forth new growth, and while they have an abundance of old scale on the older bark, there is absolutely none on the new bark nor fruit. The old scale is completely perforated, showing where the parasites bored through them to liberty after having destroyed the scale insect itself.

HOW THE PARASITE WORKS.

The parasites live by feeding in the soft body of the San Jose scale insect. The larva or maggot reaches its growth and changes to a chrysalis or pupa and a little later transforms to a most minute wasplike insect, which bores through the scale and mates, and then seeks other specimens of the scale insects, in each of which it deposits an egg. There are several broods of these parasites per year, and they are so numerous that they clean up the scale, even though the rate of multiplication may be as rapid as has been published in the bulletins of the United States department of agriculture, where it is estimated that one may become the ancestor of over three billions in one season.

I have not given energy to the technical naming and classifying of the parasites, but shall now say that one is known to science as *Aphelinus fuscicornis* of the family Chalcididae, named by Howard in 1880, and another belongs to the genus *Anaphes* of the family Proctotrupidae, and the others are also evidently Proctotrupids, but new species.

PARASITES FOR DISTRIBUTION.

We have traced the spread of these parasites over the state, having first found them in Chester county four years ago, and having then called the attention of my inspectors to their possibilities. We have disseminated these parasites by mail and express, not only to different counties of this state, but also to the different states of the union.

I have said that I would send specimens to any person sending postage for the same, but this offer must be contingent upon the number of requests, as we find that we are likely to be overwhelmed with request for the material. Yet at the right places in this state an immense quantity of such material will be found available and can be obtained easily.

WILL NOT BECOME A PEST.

There is no possible danger of this parasite becoming a pest, as it is known to feed only on the San Jose scale and the Rose Scale, and I believe when it is completely known in every detail it will be found to feed only on the smaller species of scale insects.

We are propagating it in our numerous breeding cages and are rearing it by the thousands. We are sending the parasitized scale on cuttings by mail, and it is reaching its destination in a satisfactory manner. There is no danger that it will turn its attention to vegetation, as it is one of the numerous parasites that prey chiefly upon a limited number of species or hosts.

THIS IMPORTANT DISCOVERY and work means that the San Jose scale will no longer have to be fought by the spray pump alone, but that it will, like other insects, have its periods of depletion and periods of increase, and again its suppression by these natural enemies. Why they have been so long developing no one knows. We have had about 20 years of San Jose scale infestation in this state. During the past twelve years it has certainly been something appalling. Now the beneficial effects of the parasites are quite conspicuous, and, of course, very gratifying. Many persons in whose orchards they have cleaned up the scale do not realize that this is due to the parasites, but if they will examine the old scales with a hand lens they will readily see the complete perforations of the holes where these parasites have cut their way through after having cleaned up the scale insects.