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## HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Gregg Township Institution Will Hold First Commencement Exercises Tuesday Evening, at Spring Mills.

"By our own efforts, we hope to rise." That is the motto of the graduating class of the Spring Mills High School, Prof. W. R. Jones, principal. The first graduation exercises of this institution will be held in the Grange Hall on Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock. The class orator is Dr. H. M. J. Klein, Lancaster. The program follows:

### PROGRAM.

Invocation.....Rev. Frederick W. Barry  
 Essay.....Jennie Horner Bartsch  
 "Natural Phenomena of Gregg Township"  
 Essay.....John Wilson Corman  
 "Notable Centre Counties"  
 Essay.....Cora Minerva Corman  
 "Panama Canal"  
 Essay.....Eugene Titus Gramley  
 "Centralized Education and You"  
 Essay.....Katie Claire McCool  
 "Dr. Wolf—An Appreciation"  
 Essay.....William Horace Hosterman  
 "Sermons from Stones"  
 Essay.....Helen Rosena Rishel  
 "A Deposed King—Why?"  
 Essay.....Wiley Christie Musser  
 "The Rural Schools and the Country Community"  
 Commencement Oration.....Dr. H. M. J. Klein  
 Presentation of Diplomas—by the President  
 of the Board of Education.....C. A. Weaver  
 Benediction.....Rev. E. Raymond Jones

### COMMENCEMENT ORATOR.

Dr. H. M. J. Klein to Deliver Address at Spring Mills Commencement.

An honor has been conferred on Spring Mills High School in having such an ably-qualified man as Dr. H. M. J. Klein to deliver the commencement oration. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, and The Eastern Theological Seminary of the Reformed church, both of which are situated at Lancaster. While at these places he carried away many honors, having been valedictorian of his class and also the intercollegiate orator. Prizes in oratory and debate, in addition to prizes in sacred rhetoric and church history, also adorned his career. He matriculated as a student of philosophy and theology in Friedrich-Wilhelm's University, Berlin, Germany. As a minister of the gospel, he very ably filled the pulpits of two of the leading churches of the Reformed church in Pennsylvania. He now occupies the chair of Audenried Professor of History and Archaeology at Franklin and Marshall and it is owing to the fact that the principal, W. R. Jones, was one of his students, that Spring Mills High School was able to secure his appearance as commencement orator.

### Movings.

John Coldren from the drug store flat to the Cleveland Mitterling house, and Mrs. Kate Dale from that place to where Mr. Coldren vacated. Another exchange of houses was Edward Riter and Mrs. Aaron Thomas. George Bradford from Old Fort follows Henry Mowery, who moved to Aaronsburg. Mrs. Gertrude Floray to Snyder's house, and Edward Brown to that place; Brown is followed by David K. Keller. Milton Moyer to Rebersburg, and Milton Bradford to that place.

P. W. Breon to his farm west of Centre Hall; B. H. Arney succeeds Breon, and H. E. Homan to the Arney property which he purchased, and John D. Homan to the Homan farm.

James S. Reish to his farm at Potters Mills, and D. L. Bartsch to that place. C. E. Flink to the Wagner farm purchased by H. C. Shirk, and E. Clayton Wagner from that farm to Centre Hall to the house occupied by Mrs. John Martz, who will move into the John Martz, Jr. property. Mrs. Henry Swabb to Pleasant Gap, and John Rubie to that place. L. W. Musser to State College.

Milton Kline to the Swartz farm at Tusseyville, and Mr. Smith of State College to the farm vacated by Kline, he being its owner. John D. Moore to the Benner farm at Old Fort. John Treasurer to the farm he owns vacated by Mr. Moore. Harry McClenahan follows Bruce Hettinger to the Brass farm, and Mr. Hettinger follows Edward Wisner on the Snavelly farm; Wisner goes to near Coburn.

### Threshermen Organize

Forty-four threshermen in Centre county organized under the title of the Pennsylvania Threshermen and Farmers' Protective Association. The officers elected were:

President, W. K. Corl, State College; vice president, John S. Hearick, Bellefonte; secretary, H. L. Curtin, Curtin; treasurer, Isaac Underwood, Bellefonte; executive committee, Charles Corl, Boalsburg; Wallace White, Bellefonte; W. D. Diehl, Nittany; Henry Lewis, Bald Eagle, and N. Frank Kreamer, Millheim.

The rule especially objected to by the threshermen is that if any damage is done a highway or bridge by a traction engine, the same must be repaired by the owner of the engine, notwithstanding the fact that he has paid his pro rata of road tax.

## SECOND HORSE SALE.

Thirty-one Horses and Mules Sold at Centre Hall at Average Price of \$227.

The second horse sale conducted by Messrs. Yoder and Peachy, at Centre Hall, was held last Thursday, and proved to be better than the sale held three weeks previous. There were sold twenty-seven horses and four mules, the average price being \$227. The highest price paid for a team was \$512.50, the highest individual horse was \$120.00, and the lowest priced animal sold at \$145.

The quality of these horses was superior to that of the last sale, and the average price was eleven dollars more. The animals were heavier, and better bred.

The names and addresses of the purchasers are appended:

### PURCHASERS

George Seaman, Linden Hall  
 Dr. J. E. Kilder, Boalsburg  
 J. B. Miller, Lock Haven, 2  
 H. Zimmerman, Lock Haven  
 C. R. Rosman, Millheim, 2  
 H. O. Benfer, Clearfield, 2 horses, 2 mules  
 A. B. Meyer, Coburn, 2  
 W. E. Tate, Centre Hall  
 J. F. Garner, State College, 2  
 H. F. Grove, Centre Hall  
 J. F. Hagan, Farmers Mills  
 John D. Niese, Penn Hall  
 Richard Brooks, Centre Hall  
 A. McCoy, Potters Mills  
 James S. Reish, Centre Hall  
 C. H. Goodling, State College, 2 mules  
 C. W. Taylor, Lock Haven  
 Raymond Walker, Centre Hall  
 E. H. Grove, Centre Hall  
 Carl Rosman, Spring Mills

The prices paid for horses and mules are given below:

TEAMS	SINGLE HORSES	MULES
\$447 50	\$217 50	\$260 00
450 00	257 50	190 00
460 00	235 00	212 50
500 00	287 50	147 50
512 50	222 50	225 00
495 00	194 00	192 50
502 50	201 00	220 00
	218 50	145 00
	232 50	

Messrs. Yoder and Peachy announced that if there was demand for additional horses, they would be along with a third car load as soon as apprized of such demand.

### Made "Hunch Tablet."

The Kalamazoo (Michigan) Telegraph-Press contains a picture of Henry Dasher, a former resident of Centre Hall, and refers to him in this way:

Henry Dasher, Lake street, the official local weather man, has arranged a table for the superstitious people of Kalamazoo to hold as a valuable "hunch tablet." The list includes all months of the year from the present time until 1942 when Friday the 13th, falls over the land. He also gives the "lucky day" or skiddo day the 23rd and each month that this date will come in.

### SUNDAY ON THE SALOON.

Word Picture of the Saloon by the Evangelist in a Sermon in Scranton.

The saloon, he said, is the deadliest foe to home, to church, to school on top of God's earth.

"And if all the combined forces of hell should assemble in conclave, and with them all the men on earth that hate and despise God and purity and virtue; if all the scum of the earth could mingle with the denizens of hell to try to think of the deadliest institution to home, to church and state, I tell you, the combined hellish intelligence could not conceive of or bring an institution that could touch the hem of the garment of the open licensed saloon to damn the home and manhood and womanhood and business and every other good thing on God's earth.

"The saloon is the rat hole for the wage-earner to dump his wages into. The only interest it pays is red eyes, a foul breath and the loss of health. It strikes in the night. It will take the shirt off your back and will steal the coffin from a dead child and yank the last crust of bread out of the hand of the starving child. It will take the last bucket of coal out of your cellar, the last cent out of your pocket and will send you home bleary-eyed and staggering to your wife and children.

"It will steal the milk from the breast of the mother and leave her with nothing with which to feed her infant. It will take the virtue from your daughter. It is the dirtiest, most low down, damnable business that ever crawled out of the pit of hell. It is a sneak and a thief and a coward."

There may be some dirty corners in Centre Hall that need attention, but they will not go long before they are cleaned up. Centre Hall doesn't need a committee to spot the untidy places—the Centre Hall resident by nature cleans up dirt when he sees it.

Wednesday and Thursday, April 8th and 9th, are the days for the opening of the new millinery goods by Mrs. Lucy Henney, Centre Hall. Do not fail to be on hand, and make an examination of the goods.

## THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Russel Auman of Kebersburg Wins Prize Offered by Bank in Contest at Bellefonte.

Russel Auman, a Rebersburg youth, won the twenty-five dollar gold prize offered by the First National Bank, Bellefonte, for the best public speaker among the male pupils in the Centre county public schools. The decision of the judges gave very general satisfaction, and their conclusion was arrived at without any great difficulty.

The contest took place on Friday afternoon in the High School building, Bellefonte, Dr. H. F. Whiting, principal of the school, being the presiding officer. The music for the occasion was furnished by the orchestra connected with the Bellefonte High School. The judges were: Col. H. S. Taylor, Prof. James R. Hughes and James Furst, E. q. The decision was announced by Col. Taylor, who made a few remarks bearing upon the importance of public speaking.

The contest was originated and brought to completion by Prof. R. U. Wasson of Coburn. Local contests were conducted at Millheim, Bellefonte and Phillipsburg, mention of which was made in these columns at that time. The participants in the contest of which this is a brief account were selected from among those who best acquitted themselves in the local contests.

### THE PROGRAM

Russel Auman.....Rebersburg  
 "What We Owe to Abraham Lincoln"  
 Wayne Bryan.....Millersburg  
 "Toussaint L'Ouverture"  
 Orin Farrell.....Phillipsburg  
 "The Decisive Battle of the Republic"  
 Phillip Hall.....Millersburg  
 "The Chariot Race"  
 Forrest Miller.....Boalsburg  
 "Abraham Lincoln"  
 Henry Mingle.....Aaronsburg  
 "Wolfe at Quebec"  
 Walter F. Rathmell.....Hubersburg  
 "The Permanence of America"  
 Richard Steele.....Phillipsburg  
 "Character—The Basis of Credit."

### Taylor Sued Bubb & Son.

John Taylor sued Bubb & Son, lumbermen, for appropriating lumber to their own use. It appears that Taylor had taken logs to the Bubb sawmill to have them cut into lumber, and he claims he did not get all of it. There was a difference of about \$13.00 in the accounts. After hearing the evidence in the case, Justice Brungart decided that Taylor had not established his claim, and was made liable for the costs, which were about \$25.00.

Witnesses on the case were these: Messrs. A. E. Geringerich and W. H. Stover, Boalsburg; Hugh Runkle, Bellefonte; D. F. Miller, David Young, Benjamin Richard, Thomas Swartz, Edward Horner, Samuel Horner, from the south side of the valley.

### 28 Licenses Finally Granted.

Saturday afternoon Judge Orvis finally granted twenty-two hotel, five wholesale liquor and one brewer's licenses. Those held over were the Garman House, Bellefonte, on account of there being two applicants; the Coburn Hotel, Lewis E. Stover, proprietor, and the Old Fort Hotel, Edward Royer, proprietor.

Last year thirty-four licenses were granted in the county, and with the three refused and three held over the number so far has been reduced to twenty-eight.

### Masonic Institution.

From the Johnstown Democrat it is learned that the grand officers of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Universal Free Masonry organized Orient Lodge in the Flood City, with 100 members. The degree of Entered Apprentice was worked. This lodge will be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Scottish Orient of Madrid which affiliates with many Masonic bodies all over the world, but not with the York Rite of Pennsylvania nor with other York Rite Masons in the U. S.

### Pretty Easter Cards.

Pretty Easter cards, with illustration and text matter thoroughly in keeping with Easter time, can be had at the Reporter office. Some are of the post card variety while others are artistic folders, in brown and violet, with envelopes to match; the prettiest thing of the season.

### Winter Layers—We Have Them.

We housed this last winter, a flock of ninety-four white Leghorn hens that laid during the month of December, 1515 eggs; January, 1144 eggs; February, 1294 eggs; March, 1789 eggs; a total of 5739, or 52 eggs better than 50 per cent in 121 days—the four winter months. These hens have been mated up with males that came from hens with a record of 250 eggs a year.

Eggs for hatching can be had at a reasonable price. F. E. ARNEY, Centre Hall.

## MURDERED HER HUSBAND.

Joel Kahl, a Sugar Valley Farmer Shot to Death—Wife Supposed to be Demented.

Thursday afternoon at about four o'clock Mrs. Joel Kahl shot to death her husband. Two shots were fired, the first taking effect, and striking about three inches below the right shoulder blade, and severing one of the large arteries, causing death in less than five minutes. The second shot went wild.

Mr. and Mrs. Kahl and the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Kahl live together on a farm about three-fourths of a mile from Green Burr. The junior Kahls have always lived happily together, and there was no friction between the two families, the male portion of which jointly own the farm on which they live.

Just before the incident Mr. Kahl had gone to the cellar to do some work. Mrs. Kahl secured the key to a locked cupboard, took from it an old revolver, went to the cellar, and without parley opened fire on her husband. The elder Kahl was in the yard, and on hearing the shots, ran to the cellar in time to hold his son in his arms while life passed out. No statement was made by the dying man. On reaching the cellar, the father was obliged to look into the muzzle of the revolver, and although there were yet two cartridges in the chamber, the woman did not fire at him.

After the shooting, Mrs. Kahl threw the revolver on the ground at the woodshed, and went to the home of her sister, the wife of Daniel Tyson, justice of the peace, at Green Burr.

Constable John Rowe placed Mrs. Kahl under arrest, and took her to the Clinton county jail. When questioned as to the shooting and killing of her husband, Mrs. Kahl seemed not to be impressed with the gravity of the crime, and stated that if she had done the deed she knew nothing of it, and must have been demented. She further stated that she and her husband had never had any trouble, and there was no reason at all for her having killed him. She stated that she had undergone several operations in the Lock Haven hospital and that her illness had affected her to such an extent that she did not know at times what she was doing.

Mrs. Kahl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Renninger, residing near what is known as Bull Run gap in the southern side of Sugar Valley. She is aged thirty-eight years and her husband was of the same age. Mrs. Kahl is neat and trim in appearance, and in mild manner. The couple have one daughter, Martha, an exceedingly bright young lady of eighteen years, who graduated from the Loganton high school last spring and who is now a student at State College, where she is boarding with Dr. and Mrs. Wyoelf, formerly of Loganton.

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### Millinery Opening—April 8th and 9th.

Everything desirable in the millinery line will be found at the millinery store of Mrs. Lucy Henney, Centre Hall, on the opening days for the Spring trade—Wednesday and Thursday, April 8th and 9th. The selection of the stock was made personally by Mrs. Henney, whose long experience in the business has cultivated a taste not to be had otherwise. She is so intimately acquainted with the needs and tastes of her customers that her purchases are almost equal to special orders for the individual trade.

The styles this year are very pretty, and vary sufficiently to suit all types. Remember the opening days, Wednesday and Thursday, April 8th and 9th.

### 1914-1915 LECTURE COURSE.

Five Numbers Selected from Central Lyceum Bureau—Colored Jubilee Singers.

The five attractions for the 1914-1915 season of the Centre Hall lecture course were selected on Wednesday evening of last week by the committee in charge. The numbers were again purchased from John S. Arnold, manager of the Central Lyceum Bureau, Harrisburg. The attractions will appear during the months of October, December, January, February and March, and will come in the order they appear below:

- I. The Greater Jubilee Singers (colored), a company of five, three men, two ladies.
- II. Dr. James Hedy, lecturer.
- III. Glenn A. Baldwin, travel lectures and the traveler; or Col. George W. Bain may be selected as a substitute for Mr. Baldwin.
- IV. Round's Orchestra, seven ladies, one gentleman.
- V. Dr. Thomas McClary, humorist.

Many a woman's head has been turned by clothes, especially those worn by another woman she passes on the street.

## METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

Ministers Ask Legislature to Pass Law Permitting Concessions to be Made to Them.

Just before the Central Conference of the Methodist church adjourned its session in Harrisburg a resolution was passed by a majority of one asking the legislature to pass a law that would permit railroads to issue the clerical cards which would entitle them to travel at the half-rate fare.

There were few changes in appointments compared with former years. A few below are noted:

Blandburg, Gideon P. Sarvis  
 Curwensville, J. Max Lantz  
 Mill Hill, Elmer F. Ilgenfritz  
 Penna Valley, Walter H. Williams  
 Salona and Lamar, Franklin A. Lawson  
 Snowshoe, Irvin S. Hodgson  
 Laurelton, H. M. Trantman (supply)  
 Lewisburg, Jeremiah B. Brenneman  
 Millinville, John W. McAlarney (supply)  
 Lewistown, D. N. Miller  
 Pine Grove Mills, A. A. Price (supply)  
 Yeagersown and High Avenue, H. C. Burkholder  
 Lock Haven, Main Street, Robert J. Allen  
 Lock Haven, Circuit, R. Frank Koch  
 Renova, J. K. Lloyd

### Furnace Plant Sold.

The plant and equipment of the Bellefonte Furnace Company, 500 acres of real estate, ore mines and rights on 300 acres of land, together with a limestone quarry, valued from \$75,000 to \$100,000 were sold by Sheriff A. B. Lee in Bellefonte on Friday afternoon on foreclosure proceedings for \$52,000. It was purchased for the J. Lowber Welsh estate, holders of the mortgage. This is the property located on the old fair grounds.

The mortgage taxes and accrued interest amounted to about \$78,000. The purchasers have no intention of operating the plant.

### DEATHS.

Mrs. Melancthon P. Musser died at her home near Zion on Friday evening after an illness of about three weeks, during which time her sister, Mrs. Annie Emerick of Centre Hall, aided in caring for her. She had been in delicate health for a year, but it was only for the time mentioned above that her condition was thought to be serious. Interment was made at Pleasant Gap on Tuesday forenoon, Rev. Shultz, pastor of the Lutheran church of which the deceased was a member, being the officiating minister.

Mrs. Sadie Musser was the daughter of Jonathan Weaver, and was born at Fiedler. When but two years old she moved with her parents to the Weaver farm east of Centre Hall, now occupied by H. E. Frankenberger.

Besides the husband there survive these children: Mrs. Jerry Corman, Coburn; Mrs. Frank Irvin, Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Louis Biddle, Unionville; Elmer, Pleasant Gap; Abner, Pittsairn. One brother and four sisters also survive, namely: William Weaver, Jacksonville; Mrs. William Dukeman, Winburne; Mrs. Harvey Shaffer, Zion; Mrs. Annie Emerick, Centre Hall; Mrs. George F. Emerick, Centre Hall.

Mrs. Leah Shaffer died on Wednesday evening of last week at the home of her son, Milton Kline, east of Centre Hall, where she had made her home for twenty-five years. Interment was made at Tusseyville on Monday, Rev. F. W. Barry officiating. Mrs. Shaffer's maiden name was McCool, and she was born in Gregg township, July 11th, 1828, making her age eighty-six years, eight months, fifteen days. She was thrice married, her last husband, Frederick Shaffer, having died thirty years ago. The surviving children are the son named above, Mrs. Lydia Moyer, Port Royal; Mrs. Mary Reiber, Colyer; Mrs. Ellen Clarno, Kansas; Conrad Decker, Coburn.

Mrs. Margaret Baney died at Hollidaysburg from apoplexy. She was eighty-one years old on October 21st, last. She was born in Union county and was a daughter of the late John Witmer and a sister of the late William Witmer and Mrs. Daniel Eberhart. Her husband, Eli Baney, died about five years ago. Surviving are these children: Mrs. Katharine Brown, Isaac Baney, Mrs. Lillie Robb, Bellefonte; William and Frank, Lewisburg; Clayton, Niagara Falls; George, Punxsutawney, and Edward, Indiana. The body was brought to Bellefonte and taken to the home of Thomas Cowher, from which place funeral services were held.

### Revenue Collector Appointed.

James H. McAndrew, Locust Gap, was named deputy United States internal revenue collector for the counties of Lycoming, Sullivan, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, He succeeds Henry W. Schofetal, Sunbury, who has held the office since 1900.

Tomorrow (Friday) is the date set for the Millheim horse sale.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Spring Mills summer normal will open Monday, April 13th.

George Nearhood of State College was in Centre Hall on Thursday and Friday of last week.

F. A. Foreman is now a resident of State College, having moved there from the farm near Spring Mills.

William Cook Hubler ventured down town one day last week, the first time in seven or eight weeks.

Messrs. Harro and Close, Boalsburg, have established a good trade in their line—plumbing, tinning and heating.

On Saturday, April 4th, one o'clock, Miss Phoebe W. Potter will make sale of personal property of the late Fergus Potter. See posters and sale register.

Miss Ruth Krise, daughter of Warren S. Krise of Johnstown, is at the home of her grandparents, Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Krise in Centre Hall.

If you want real stylish headwear, strictly up-to-date, be on hand at the opening of millinery goods at Mrs. Henney's, Centre Hall, April 8th and 9th.

T. C. Foster, the demonstrator connected with the state department, will visit supervision orchards in Centre county, beginning on Monday. There are yet twelve orchards he will visit.

Mrs. George Hart of Pittsburg died at her home a few days ago. She and her daughter, Miss Lulu, last summer visited Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerlin, and will be recalled by many in Centre Hall.

County Commissioner D. A. Grove attended the horse sale at Centre Hall. He is a great lover of horses and never misses an opportunity to see a lot of good animals, especially if they are to be put on the block.

George Felding reports killing a big hog on the Felding farm at Linden Hall. The hog dressed just six hundred and three pounds. At present prices of pork a carcass like that would make a nice lot of pin money.

A farewell luncheon was tendered Mrs. M. A. Sankey and Miss Edith Sankey by the Ladies' Literary Club at the home of Mrs. H. F. McMannaway in Millheim recently. The Sankey family has moved to their farm near Potters Mills.

Tuesday, May 5th, is the time advertised for the school directors of Centre county to assemble in convention in the court house, Bellefonte, for the purpose of electing a person as county superintendent of public schools for a term of four years.

Messrs. A. E. Geringerich and W. H. Stover of Boalsburg were witnesses on a case heard before Justice Brungart on Monday. The former is a member of the firm of Wieland, Wieland and Geringerich, builders of buggies, carriages, etc., that is doing a good business.

Burgess Stein will insist upon a more complete observance of the Sunday closing laws in Philipsburg, Clearfield, Osceola, Curwensville and Winburn townships have previously insisted upon better observance of the Sabbath in their respective towns, and the results have been pleasing.

Three deer were seen in the wheat field of John Venrick in the Seven Mountains a short time ago. A close inspection showed that they did considerable damage to the plants, and that they had made a number of previous visits. The deep snow of the past winter drove many deer and birds into the valley in search of food.

Guy W. Jacobs was at his home for a few hours Saturday before leaving for Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in the interest of the York Manufacturing Company. He was sent there to oversee the repair of a large ice plant. Bay St. Louis is but a short distance from New Orleans and he expects to visit that great metropolis of the south before returning home.

Prof. Wasson's announcement that he is a candidate for the office of superintendent of public schools in Centre county is causing more or less discussion among school directors. For a number of years Prof. Wasson has shown a great interest in the rural school, and in his talks to directors he is pointing out that the present rural schools can be made very much more efficient.

Mice and rabbits did great damage to fruit trees during the past winter. In many orchards trees were girdled just above the ground by mice, and on top of the deep snow, sometimes two or three feet above ground, rabbits cleaned off the bark from the trunks and small limbs. The destruction by rabbits was done where every possible care was taken to protect the trees against vermin, as their operations were above the line of trunk protection.