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STATE HOME FOR DEFICIENT WOMEN.

The Institution Will be Built at Laurelton, Union County, and Will Likely Cost \$1,000,000.

At the last session of the Pennsylvania state legislature, a bill was passed authorizing Governor Tener to appoint a commission to establish a home for feeble-minded women, the purpose being to segregate all women in the state who are deficient, with a view to preventing the reproduction of defective offspring.

Eventually all feeble-minded women in the various state institutions will be transferred to the new state home, but the powers of the commission are very broad and any feeble-minded woman, whether in an institution or in her own home, may be removed to the new home. This practical step in the interest of eugenics is highly commendable and the results will be far-reaching.

Governor Tener appointed the following persons to act on the commission: Dr. Mary Wolfe of Lewisburg; J. K. Johnston of Tyrone; Dr. Murdock of Polk; Judge Biddle of Carlisle; George H. Earle of Philadelphia; Mrs. Brown of Lancaster; Colonel Frank Vandling of Scranton; W. T. Tilden of Philadelphia and Rabbi Levy of Pittsburgh.

On Wednesday the commission met in Philadelphia and decided upon the site for the home. A number of desirable locations had been investigated and finally the choice narrowed down to a spot in Cumberland county and one in Union county.

Senator Penrose and ex-Congressman Benjamin K. Focht of Lewisburg, were present at the meeting and after careful consideration, it was decided that Laurelton, in Union county, should be the site of the new home for feeble-minded women.

Laurelton is on the Lewisburg and Tyrone branch of the P. R. R. and has an altitude of 1,000 feet. It is an ideal spot, with its wooded hills and pure mountain water. The grounds will be divided by the great state highway from Easton, which Commissioner Bigelow is building and which he believes will be the finest in the world. The road runs through Lewisburg and Millburg and between these two towns there is a stretch of six miles which ex-Congressman Focht says is the finest auto speedway on earth. Upwards of 1,000 cars have been counted on this road on a Sunday. This highway will go past the new state home to the site of the new penitentiary and past State College.

Another unusual feature in connection with the site chosen is the unique mode of transportation on the Pennsylvania railroad between Montandon and Millburg. At the present time the cars are operated by batteries in the cars. There is no trolley pole or visible apparatus for propelling the cars and the project, which is a Westinghouse patent and has been in operation for over a year is an assured success. The cars have a capacity of 150 persons and eventually it is expected that storage battery cars will be used in taking the inmates of the home from Montandon to Laurelton.

In all probability, the new home will cost \$1,000,000 and it may be two months before actual work begins. Plans must be prepared and approved by the state board of charities and this will take several weeks.

Dr. Mary Wolfe of Lewisburg, formerly superintendent of the state hospital at Norristown, a woman of remarkable ability, was elected superintendent of the new home at a salary of \$2,500.

The Philadelphia Sunday Record.

In every home, where keeping abreast of the world's progress day by day is regarded as an educational duty as well as a pleasure, the Sunday newspaper ought to be a welcome visitor. In discriminating homes, particularly where there are young people whose tastes and opinions are largely molded by what they read, as much care and judgment should be exercised in the selection of a Sunday newspaper as in the choice of books. We commend "The Philadelphia Sunday Record" to our readers as a paper that is as clean as it is conscientious in the presentation of the news; as varied in its appeal to every member of the family as it is vigorous, and as indispensable as it is interesting.

"The Sunday Record" is a bigger and better daily "Record," built upon the sanest and soundest lines of Sunday journalism, with the idea that the intelligent reader, having more leisure for literary entertainment on Sunday than any other day, looks to its quality as well as its quantity. When we say that daily "Record" quality is maintained in "The Sunday Record," that is the highest praise we can give it.

Millheim is holding its town picnic today (Thursday.)

School Opens August 31.

At the regular meeting of the Centre Hall school board last Thursday evening, the time set for opening the coming term of school was Monday, August 31st. Two weeks of school will be held before the Grange Encampment and Fair, and then the schools will be closed during the entire week of the fair.

The school board appropriated twenty-five dollars towards establishing a reference library in the high school. A sum almost equal to this amount is in the hands of Prof. H. A. Dodson, and was realized at the class play given by last year's graduating class. This total of almost fifty dollars will purchase a goodly number of reference books, it is said.

The first Monday in October was set at the time that all school children between the ages of eight and fourteen years must commence school in order to be in attendance seventy per cent. of the school term, as is required under the compulsory school act.

Words From Colorado.

Mrs. F. R. Belmont of Lamar, Colorado, in a communication to the Reporter in which she made a few complimentary remarks concerning this paper, said further: "Colorado believes in woman suffrage and that the hand that rocks the cradle should help to rule the world. Colorado is also working for state-wide prohibition, and it is surely coming." Enclosed in her letter was a copy of the Lamar Daily News. An item of interest to farmers in this section is one that tells of a buyer of cows returning from a trip to Illinois where he purchased 125 head of choice Holsteins because of the feed famine in that state. The purchase was made in the dairy district in Illinois and the owners parted with them very reluctantly, selling them only after they found it utterly impossible to keep them. A large condenser in that state is furnishing the ranchers with hay at cost in hopes to keep their herds intact as far as possible. The hay crop was a comparative failure and during the past month no less than one thousand cows have been sold in that one dairy section in Illinois.

Weaver-Stover.

Orvis Weaver and Miss Grace Stover were married Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McClenahan, the latter a sister of the bride, by Rev. R. B. Jones of the Reformed church. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Sarah Stover and for several years had been employed in the home of Prof. and Mrs. J. D. P. Smithgall at Franklin. She is a young lady of fine womanly qualities. The groom is a son of Mrs. Angeline Weaver of Centre Hall, and is an industrious and trustworthy young man. They will take up house-keeping at the home of the groom's mother. The Reporter extends congratulations.

Transfers of Real Estate.

J. Thomas Mitchell et ux to W. E. Rumberger, tract of land in Benner township. \$350.
John W. Shamp Admr. to Rachael Jane Shamp, tract of land in Marion township. \$509.
Rachael Jane Shamp to Winfield Dietz, tract of land in Marion township. \$509.
George C. Harvey to H. Laird Curtin, tract of land in Boggs & Howard township. \$1.
Robert Brennan et ux to Ellen B. Garman, tract of land in Benner township. \$1000.
Phillipsburg Coal & Land Co. to Alice J. Seibert, tract of land in Phillipsburg borough. \$4000.
William H. Meyers to Edward H. Meyers, tract of land in State College borough. \$350.
David Williams et ux to Mike Kasper et ux, tract of land in Rush township. \$800.
W. H. Poorman et al to Lloyd A. Stover, tract of land in Spring township. \$80.
J. M. Heinle et al Adms. to William Showers, tract of land in Miles township. \$300.
Thomas Foster et al to Carrie B. Gernard, tract of land in College township. \$450.
Alfred C. Leathers et ux to Maynard C. Reynolds, tract of land in State College borough. \$5500.
Benjamin F. Deitrick to Emma Dugan Deitrick, 2 tracts of land in Bellefonte borough. \$1.
Edward H. Frank et al to Albert Johnson, tract of land in Aaronsburg borough. \$350.
Halinda Sloteman et bar to Pearl Hajel Ripks, tract of land in Spring township. \$500.
Mary Gertrude Boone et al to Helen C. Irvin, tract of land in Bellefonte borough. \$1.
Andrew Lytle et ux to C. H. Meyer & Co., tract of land in State College borough. \$525.
Andrew Lytle et ux to C. H. Meyer & Co., tract of land in State College borough. \$400.
Andrew Lytle et ux to C. H. Meyer & Co., tract of land in State College borough. \$200.
P. E. Womelsdorf Atty in fact to G. H. Lichtenhaier, tract of land in Rush township. \$75.

BARN BURNED.

William Beck Barn at Nittany struck by Lightning—Crops but No Stock Consumed.

During an electrical storm that passed over Nittany Valley on Saturday afternoon, the large barn belonging to William Beck, just to the west of Nittany, was struck by lightning at 2:30 o'clock and totally consumed. The farm is tenanted by George Long, and by quick action on his part and those nearby, all his horses and cattle as well as implements, harness, etc., were removed from the burning structure. The loss consisted of the barn, all the wheat and hay, and one half the oats crop.

The wheat crop belonged to Michael Delaney, now living just south of Earlstown, who last year was tenant on the farm.

There was insurance in the sum of \$1000—\$900 on the building and \$100 on contents of same—in the Centre Hall fire insurance company.

McClellan-Fleisher Reunion.

The third annual reunion of the McClellan-Fleisher clan was held in the large orchard on the farm of Harry A. McClellan, near Tusseyville, Thursday of last week. About four hundred were in attendance on this joyous occasion, coming from all parts of the country, and representing many walks in life. The day was ideal and business cares and worry were thrown to the winds and the time devoted to renewing old friendships and enjoying the program of the day.

Short addresses were made by Rev. S. H. Deitzel, Rev. F. H. Foss, Dr. S. C. Runkle, and Sheriff A. B. Lee. Dr. Runkle's address, dwelling on reminiscences of his earlier days, when he was a school teacher in the Tussey Slick school, was highly enjoyed by all.

The time set for the next reunion is the first Thursday after the first Wednesday in August.

LOCALS.

Miss Ruth Parsons is visiting relatives in Reedsville.
J. W. Smith and daughter Ruth of Williamsport spent several days last week at the home of Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Isaac Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Stahl, Misses Jennie Stahl and Sadie Gferrer, and William Gferrer on Sunday made an auto trip from Centre Hall to Juniata county.

Miss Helen Bartholomew, accompanied by Mrs. G. W. VanDamant of California, and Mrs. Leese Cummings of Spring Mills, made an auto trip to Mill Hill one day last week.

Samuel Herr, the junior member of the clothing firm of Harry Herr & Son of Millheim, purchased a clothing store at St. Mary's. The senior Herr will in the future conduct the Millheim store.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Jackson and son Walter of State College came to Centre Hall in their car Saturday and took back with them Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith and daughter Louise, who spent Sunday in that town.

Mrs. Beese Forest and daughter Rachel of Cleveland, Ohio, and Pauline Keim and sister Catharine of Lewisport, are spending this week at the homes of William Brooks, above Centre Hall, and Lee Brooks at Boalsburg.

Miss Maude Gehrett of Newark, New Jersey, arrived at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. A. Dodson, Saturday, and will remain for some time. Miss Gehrett spent a short time at Reedsville before coming here, and was accompanied to Centre Hall by Frank Kyle, who spent the day at the Dodson home.

Superior Court Judge George B. Orady of Huntingdon attended the funeral of Mrs. Malissa Boal, on Monday. From here he went to New York to renew his efforts to get into communication with Mrs. Orady and daughter, who were in Karlsbad, which is located in Bohemia, a northwestern province of Austria Hungary.

Mrs. J. Emory Hoy and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, last week came up from Philadelphia to spend a few weeks with the former's mother, Mrs. W. B. Mingle. On her way here, Mrs. Hoy stopped at Millburg, and while there was entertained by Mrs. Snodgrass. Later Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass came to Centre Hall and were guests of Miss Grace Smith and at the Mingle home.

Dr. W. E. Fischer and Rev. J. M. Runkle held services in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening, the edifice being well filled, a number in the audience having been strangers who are here among friends. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Fischer, a former pastor. The assistant, Rev. Runkle, now serving a Reformed charge at Newport, is also well known here, having been born and raised in Potter township. The services throughout were greatly enjoyed by the audience.

NEWS OF 1880.

Notes Taken From Files of The Centre Reporter of Thirty-four Years Ago.

June 24th—Centre Hall will petition next court to be incorporated into a borough.

The army worm has crossed the Pennsylvania line and made its appearance in Delaware county, causing great injury to the wheat and rye fields. Let Centre county farmers get their shot guns ready.

The ranks of single men at Spring Mills were thinned out on Wednesday, by the marriage of Dr. Frank Van Valzah to an estimable lady of the same place.

A. P. Luse, of Gregg, put up a barn the other day in short metre, and no doubt in shorter time than any other carpenter in the United States can boast of. Mr. Luse had the contract for the new barn of David Keller of Boalsburg; the building is 50x100 and with the assistance of about 50 hands, it was raised in three and one-half hours. Irvin Leech, of course, was there too, and this was the ninety-eighth barn Irvin helped to raise in his life-time. He intends to score the hundredth and will come one nearer, at Colyer's raising, in a short time.

The Spring Mills correspondent says that that town is booming up as a summer resort. Already two persons are there to enjoy the invigorating breezes of the beautiful valley of Penns.

Mrs. Uriah Osman died at her home near Centre Hall on Friday, 18th, of typhoid pneumonia. She was aged fifty-one years.

July 1st—The hay crop in our county will be less than an average owing to the dry spell in the spring, followed by the grasshoppers.

The population of Potter township is 2370, an increase of 12 over 1870. There are 237 farms in the township, and 24 industrial establishments, each producing over \$500 annually.

Spring Mills enumerates 278. On 24th ult., between 9 and 10 a. m., some person entered the house of Catharine Rtsel, in Gregg, unlocked her bureau, and stole about \$70 in gold and silver and a purse containing two promissory notes.

Married—At the residence of Peter Wilson, Esq., Spring Mills, June 23, by Rev. J. D. Wilson of New York, Dr. Franklin H. Van Valzah and Miss Jane R. Van Valzah.

Pleasant Gap.

Jack Mullinger has just recovered from an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Samuel Zong is slowly improving from her recent illness from kidney trouble.

Mrs. (Dr.) Shelly is visiting her parents in Philadelphia.

Miss Kathryn Wian of Bellefonte spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Noll.

Mrs. Riggs and son of Altoona are guests of Mrs. Paul Brooks at the W. H. Noll home.

John Noll took a load of carpenters, who are employed at the "pen", on an automobile trip on Sunday.

Miss Nell Raush, who has been staying at John Noll's for some time, is visiting at her home at Oak Hall.

Mrs. Edna Fatkins of State College was a visitor in town the past week. Mrs. Fatkins keeps the "Viking" club at State.

J. C. Barnes is seriously ill with pneumonia. George Wise, assisted by Joseph Barnes, is running his milk wagon.

There is work for the W. C. T. U. in town, and at once, if they only know it, owing to the illegal sale of liquor.

The Wolf hotel is doing a fine business. They now have seventeen regular boarders and lots of transient trade.

The Leathers Bros. were in Pleasant Gap the past week trying to negotiate with some of the land owners for a section of land.

Reports are that William Bilger sold his farm to A. D. Smetzler, and Mr. Smetzler sold his farm near Snyder church to Owen Decker.

J. T. Noll and force of men have been beautifying "Hunkiey-town" at White Rock with a coat of red paint. The town is quite often painted red.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Noll are visiting in Erie and Niagara Falls. Mr. Noll went to attend the commissioner's convention and expects to combine business with pleasure.

Leslie Miller is hopping around with a lame leg. He and Rev. Noll took a motorcycle trip to Centre Hall on Sunday and on their return trip the wheel struck some obstruction and threw Miller off. He is under Dr. Shelly's care.

Piano Tuning.

Arthur S. Dornblaser of Hagerstown, Maryland, expects to be in Centre Hall next week tuning pianos. Anyone desiring his services will please refer his name to the Reporter office or with Prof. P. H. Meyer or write him at once to Hagerstown, Maryland.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Malissa Boal died at her home in Centre Hall late Thursday night of last week, death being due to the effects of an obstruction in the esophagus which made the partaking of food for the past few weeks an impossibility. She had been in delicate health since February. Funeral services were held at her late home Monday morning and interment was made in the local cemetery, Rev. W. H. Schuyler officiating.

Mrs. Boal was the daughter of Johnstone and Mary Bell and was born in Mifflin county August 18, 1846, being almost sixty-eight years of age. In 1867 she was married to William A. Boal whose death occurred in 1892. To this union six children were born, four of whom survive, namely, Mrs. John Heckman, of near Centre Hall, and Misses Cora, Martha, and Elsie Boal, who lived with their mother and who tenderly cared for her during all her illness.

Mrs. Boal was a consistent Christian woman and practically all her life was a member of the Presbyterian church. She was devoted to her home and family and won the admiration of a host of friends who sincerely mourn her death.

Sarah Ann Horner died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Horner, near Tusseyville, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Wednesday previous she was stricken with a paralytic stroke and was rendered unconscious, in which state she continued until her death. Funeral services were held in the Union church at Tusseyville Wednesday morning, and interment was made in the cemetery connected with that church. Rev. R. R. Jones was the officiating minister.

Deceased's maiden name was Sarah Ann Lee, daughter of John and Elizabeth Lee. She was born at Penns Cave December 22, 1840, being at the time of her death seventy-four years, seven months and eighteen days old. She was twice married—first to Jonas Boal and then to Daniel Horner. Both husbands are dead. No children were born to either union and no brothers or sisters survive.

Mrs. Horner spent practically all her life near Tusseyville and exactly one year ago suffered a paralytic stroke that started an illness which terminated in her death. During all this time she was tenderly cared for at the home of her step-son and niece, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Horner. She had become a great burden and during the entire period of her illness was helpless, requiring constant attention and care.

Mrs. Lizzie Noll, relict of William R. Noll, died at her home in Jeannette Saturday morning, after a short illness with heart trouble. Monday the body was shipped to the home of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Huss, at Spring Mills. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning and interment made at Spring Mills, Rev. R. R. Jones of the Reformed church, officiating.

Deceased was born at Linden Hall forty-three years ago, but for a number of years had resided at Jeannette. She is survived by three children, namely, George Noll, State College; Mrs. David Miller and Charles Noll of Jeannette. Her mother, Mrs. Ellen Huss, of Spring Mills and the following brothers and sisters also survive: John Huss, Spring Mills; Calvin Huss, Troy, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary Bugher, Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Eliza Dolbeer, wife of Rev. Wm. H. Dolbeer, died at Mt. Holly Springs, July 21st. She was fifty-three years and seven months of age.

She was always active in the work of the various pastorates where she resided, especially in connection with the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, having been president of the Synodical Society of Pennsylvania Synod at the time of her removal from its bounds in April of this year.

Rudolph E. Limbert, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah C. Limbert of Altoona died Thursday morning of cholera infantum. The remains were shipped to Coburn for interment.

\$875.50 In Bounties.

The amount of money paid out by the county for bounties during the month of July was \$875.50. During June it amounted to \$1098. The July amount includes bounties on the following: 289 weasels, 22 gray foxes, 4 wild cats, 26 hawks and 9 owls. The first few days of August showed a big increase over July, and judging from the amount already paid out this month, the total amount will be greater than any previous month.

Give Progress Grange your support Saturday night by attending the festival in Grange hall.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

September 1, 2, 3, and 4 are the dates of the Centre County Fair this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garbrick and two children of Zion spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Kreamer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hubler returned Saturday from a week's visit to the home of their son, Harry F. Hubler, at Lock Haven.

Mrs. William Houser, east of Centre Hall, cut a deep gash into her thumb while using a knife in performing household duties.

Rev. W. A. McClellan of Rockwood spent a few days following the McClellan-Fleisher reunion at the home of his brother, J. F. McClellan, in Centre Hall.

Corn will be a very good crop on all farms where the planting was done in good season. The late corn may yet make a fair yield, but it is very uncertain what the result will be.

Miss Mabel Kline of near State College left Saturday for a trip to western cities. In Cleveland she will visit her uncle, Wilson Kline, and family. At Rocky River, Ohio, she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Avina.

Mrs. P. McManus of Harrisburg came up to Centre county to lay in a supply of fresh country produce. On her return she took with her her sister, Mrs. William Bower, and the latter's daughter, Miss Ruth.

The oats crop on some farms is cut and in the barn, and on others it is yet to harvest. The excessively wet weather in the spring delayed the sowing of oats on many farms and this accounts for the varied conditions as to maturity of the crop.

Farmer Frank P. Flory is erecting a mature shed on his farm between Centre Hall and Tusseyville. The Flory farm has been very much improved, and today yields as good crops as any in that neighborhood.

John C. Bailey is enjoying part of a two weeks' vacation in Centre Hall with his brothers and sister. He is employed as bookkeeper in the Frederick Sabin Company, Incorporated, Philadelphia, a concern which does an extensive business in installing heating systems.

Among those from a distance who attended the McClellan-Fleisher reunion at Tusseyville on Thursday, was Dr. S. C. Runkle of Philadelphia, who is always glad for an opportunity to "come back" to the old home community and mingle with the associates of his more youthful days. Mrs. Runkle and daughters are summering at Rockwood, Somerset county, with Mr. Runkle's sister, Mrs. (Rev.) W. A. McClellan.

Thursday morning Miss Helen Bartholomew, Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew and children, and their guests, Mrs. G. W. VanDamant and children of California, made an auto trip to Lewisburg and Sunbury. At the former place Mrs. Bartholomew and children spent a short time with Lawyer and Mrs. David Getz, and the remainder of the auto party went to Sunbury and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stoeley. They returned Friday.

W. F. Miller, who succeeded Mr. Stoughton as supervisor of the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad, with headquarters at Lewisburg, has been transferred to Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, and will hold a place in the general office in the valuation department of the Pennsylvania. Mr. Miller is a young man full of snap and vigor, and determined in his efforts. He is a born railroad man, and lives for his company. His successor is W. V. Betts, a Philadelphiaian.

Some anxiety is felt concerning the safe return of a number of instructors of the Pennsylvania State College who are now in various parts of Europe. Among them are Dean John Price Jackson and family, Dr. and Mrs. Runkle and son, Dr. and Mrs. Stecker, Professor and Mrs. Fehr, Mrs. Boyson and daughter, Professor and Mrs. Given, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Butz and two sons and Professors Crockett, Moore, Jones, Boucke, Smith and Miss Forrest, librarian.

The Lewisburg Journal of last week, in speaking of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ocker's return from their extended trip in the west says: Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ocker arrived home Friday evening after an absence of about six weeks spent visiting and taking in the sights on a western trip. Enroute they took the trip leisurely, taking in the sights of all the big cities and important points. In Colorado Mr. Ocker took a trip up Pike's Peak, and enjoyed the distinction of rolling snow balls during the heated term of July when everyone of his friends in the east was sweltering and fuming. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ocker were greatly benefited by the trip.