



AIR LINE TO NEW YORK.

Railroad Facilities for Boalsburg, Tusseyville and Coburn When New Line is Built—\$27,000,000 to be Expended.

A dispatch from Harrisburg to the Public Ledger of Sunday, November 22, says:

The sum of \$27,000,000 will be expended in building the New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago Railway Company's air line through the central part of Pennsylvania, if the plans of this company, which was organized after a sheriff's sale in Pittsburgh, October 31, are carried out.

The company is now nominally owned by Edward T. Noble, of the law firm of Evans, Noble & Evans, of Pittsburgh, but in a statement filed with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission he says that he will convey the property, franchises and rights to the new corporation.

Mr. Noble bought the property at the Pittsburgh sale, the company then being known as the New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago Air Line Railroad Company.

The company is owned by the Hariman estate, and the completion of its plans, which have already used up \$500,000 in surveys and the purchase of rights of way, will mean much additional work for the people of Pennsylvania, for this State's resources can be drawn upon for all the iron and steel, timber, ballast and labor.

The approval by the Public Service Commission of the reorganization of the old company, chartered May 28, 1910, is virtually approval of a new charter, for under the Pennsylvania laws the company would have only until next May to apply for rechartering the old company.

The new line will be 837 miles shorter between New York and Pittsburgh than any other road. Issuance of 17,000 shares of common capital stock at \$50 par, or \$850,000, has been authorized. The company, however, desires at this time to issue only \$600,000 worth of this stock. No preferred stock is provided for.

In order that the charter would be valid, the company, a few years ago, constructed a quarter mile of track in Armstrong county, but the survey of the line has been finished. Connections will be made with other lines at Pittsburgh and at Allentown.

The route as surveyed passes through Allegheny, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Indiana, Clearfield, Centre, Blair, Mifflin, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Lehigh counties.

The road will pass through Pittsburgh, Millvale, Sharpsburg, Aspinwall, Hoboken, Montrose, Verona, Millington, Markle, Oklahoma, Apollo, Olivet, West Lebanon, Parkwood, Indiana, Sample Run, Pleasant Valley, Chesterfield, Houtzdale, Dix, Boalsburg, Tusseyville, Synagogue, Sober, Coburn, Glen Iron, Kreamer, Dornisfe, Gotshall, Gowen City, Dowdville, Heifenstein, Mowry, Lavelle, Ashland, Girardville, Mahony Plane, Mahanoy City, Tamsqua, West Penn, Zahners, Jordan Valley, Unionville, Siegersville and Allentown. The Allegheny River will be spanned near Pittsburgh and the Susquehanna River will be bridged midway between Harrisburg and Sunbury.

Counsel for the company points out that it will open new agricultural and mining districts that have been neglected. Most of the line will be through fertile valleys, studded with farms and sections of the bituminous coal fields that now have little railroad facilities. The population of the counties crossed is 2,509,456.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran church at Tusseyville rendered a beautiful program on the occasion of the ingathering of the thank-offering boxes, Sunday evening, in the Union church. The mission cause is close to the hearts of the people in the little community of Tusseyville and no where in the Penna Valley charge do the people give more liberally or more spontaneously than here.

Upon opening the boxes it was learned that \$64.65 had been contributed by members of the society; the plate collection swelled the fund to the amount of \$73.10.

An appropriate service, in which the children were the prominent factor, was given to an audience which crowded the church to the doors. Careful training and earnest effort was manifested by the way in which each child performed his or her part, and reflects great credit upon those who had the exercises in charge, and especially upon Mrs. William Bitner whose untiring labors tended toward success.

The Youth's Companion calendar. The publishers of The Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription is paid for 1915, a calendar for the new year. It is a gem of calendar-making. The decorative mounting is rich, but the main purpose has been to produce a calendar that is useful, and that purpose has been achieved.

THANKS.

Business Men in Centre Hall Emphatically Say Business as Good as Better Than in 1913.

The business men in Centre Hall tell the Reporter that business thus far in 1914 has been equal to or better than in 1913, and for this they give thanks today. Their gratitude may not have been expressed at the morning Thanksgiving services, but yet each one of them is thankful—very thankful—that their business has improved over last year. Business conditions in Centre Hall, of course, do not affect general business, but locally good business conditions here are just as important to Centre Hall as similar conditions in Wall street are to New York. All of us then have many reasons for which to be thankful.

A representative of this paper talked to most of the business men in town, and following is summed up the expressions given by them:

The man whose volume of business is probably greater than any other in this locality is John H. Weber, proprietor of the Centre Hall roller mills. He was quite emphatic in his expression that business in the various lines in his trade throughout 1914 had been entirely satisfactory, and that the \$60,000 of business done last year will be equalled and probably exceeded to a considerable sum. Mr. Weber's business is varied, and some lines have not been as active this fall as last, notably the shipment of hay during the months of September, October and November. Other lines have advanced as much as fifty per cent. During the present year Mr. Weber has materially improved his plant. Over \$700 were expended in improving siding facilities.

William A. Odenkirk conducts a general merchandise business at the station, 1914 being his third year in business in that line. When asked as to the gross sales of 1914 compared to those of 1913 he unhesitatingly replied that the business of the present year was better than last. Mr. Odenkirk is building up a good substantial trade, and at the same time is improving his property.

C. F. Emery has been in business in Centre Hall since 1909, and has kept a close record of sales. He is a general merchant. On the whole the business of 1914 will equal that of 1913. Some of the leading lines have very much increased, while others fell short of last year. From a standpoint of profit the 1914 trade equals and probably exceeds that of last year and the year previous.

The retail business in the Centre Hall market conducted by John G. Dauberman is in excess over 1913, but the wholesales end is slightly less. There is good reason for this, Mr. Dauberman explained. The business was in sight, but he was unable to get after it on account of the deep snows during the beginning of the present year. His wholesale business is largely composed of veal calves, which are gathered over a wide area. During the best season the roads were in such condition that it was a physical impossibility to get to the waiting trade.

The present year is the second T. L. Smith has been in business in Centre Hall. His sales during 1914 have been much in excess of those of the previous year. Mr. Smith is a dealer in stoves, heaters, and hardware and also a skilled tinner. In all these lines business with him has been steadily on the increase since he opened business here.

Kreamer & Son are general merchants and have been in business in Centre Hall for many years. Their statement is that thus far in 1914 their sales have equaled those of the corresponding months in 1913.

The Centre Hall Evaporating Company reports an almost complete slump in business, but for good reasons. The war in the east prevents the exportation of evaporated apples to Germany, to which country almost the entire surplus of this commodity is shipped in time of peace. The general distribution of the apple crop closed the markets for profitable shipments of hand-picked apples to the localities that last year bought something like thirty thousand bushels of this fruit from the Centre Hall and Coburn plants.

The Boczer-Fetterolf livery business is falling back. This is due to the appearance of the automobile that is doing the larger portion of the work heretofore done by the livery horse and carriage. This same firm also conducts a garage and is associated with the C. H. Breon & Co., salesmen for the Ford cars. In this line the business of 1914 is largely in excess of last year.

In the saddlery business, D. A. Boczer reports that last spring's trade was the best he experienced in the thirty years of his business career in Centre Hall. Since then the trade fell back to the normal of the past few years.

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SOME GOOD REASONS FOR GIVING THANKS ON THIS

Thanksgiving Day

By the Ministers of Centre Hall.

The Reporter asked: "For what should the people of Centre Hall give thanks on this Thanksgiving Day?" The following replies were received from the local pastors in the order in which they answered:

Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Presbyterian.

"Centre Hall should be thankful for her share in the peace and happiness of America, for her people's faith in God, their high moral tone, order, and thrift, their overwhelming opposition to the licensed liquor traffic, which will sweat it dead whenever it ventures out of its hole for a fair fight in the open; for her neat homes, clean streets, pure air and water, and freedom from a multitude of ills that flesh is heir to."

Rev. W. H. Williams, Methodist.

"Thankful that we have a knowledge of Almighty God our Heavenly Father, Creator, and Giver of all good and perfect gifts; for a prosperous year, free from pestilence fire and sword;

"For all that God in mercy sends—For health and children—home and friends; For comfort in the time of need, For every kindly word or deed, For happy thoughts and holy talk, For guidance in our daily walk, In everything give thanks."

Rev. R. B. Jones, Reformed.

"The people of Centre Hall have

so much to be thankful for, that because of the very abundance, they may fail to see any of the blessings. We shall name a few:

"1. For the means of grace, furnished by the churches of this town. You, perhaps, look at it as a duty, but it is a blessing.

"2. For national peace, its value is emphasized by contrast with Europe.

"3. For the temporal blessings of life enjoyed by all the residents of Centre Hall—food, shelter, clothing, etc. Millions in Europe lack these blessings."

Rev. F. H. Foss, United Evangelical. "In common with America's millions the people of Centre Hall should give thanks to Almighty God for national peace and plenty, also for our enlarged capacity and more perfect equipment to serve ourselves and mankind; and in particular for the general health which has obtained, for the abundance of temporal supplies, for the continued fellowship of co-genial associates, for the opportunity of assisting others in need and for a wider vision of our individual responsibility and usefulness."

Mowery-Bell.

Henry Mowery and Mrs. Jane Bell were married Tuesday evening of last week at the home of W. H. Miller, at 1712 Chestnut St. and 7th Ave., Altoona, by Rev. W. H. Williams, the Methodist minister from Spring Mills, who at the time was on a short vacation to the Mountain City. The couple are well known in Centre Hall where both lived for a year or more preceding their marriage. Mr. Mowery living in the house now occupied by George W. Bradford. During his residence here Mrs. Bell was employed as housekeeper, and upon his removal from Centre Hall Mrs. Bell continued to live here alone, occupying a room in the Kreamer store building. They will make their home in Aaronsburg.

Christmas Bazaar.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will open their bazaar on Friday evening, December 4, at six o'clock, in the Bartholomew ice cream parlor. Both fancy and useful articles of all kinds, including several comforts, will be on sale. A light lunch will be served. The bazaar will be open to the public all day on Saturday and during the evening. Ice cream, cake, and home made candy will also be on sale.

MILLHEIM HAS ANOTHER BIG FIRE.

Centre Business Block Goes Up in Smoke Early Thursday Morning of Last Week—Loss Estimated \$26,000, Partially Covered by Insurance.

The torch of the incendiary was again applied to the business section of the borough of Millheim and this time a monetary loss of almost \$26,000 is represented in the total destruction of six stores and residences, and two big stables, together with store goods, household goods, and other property.

The fire started at half past three o'clock Thursday morning, in the front part of Mench's clothing store, located on Penn street and close by the race. From here the fire was communicated to the building on the south-east corner of Main and Penn streets, owned by S. Ward Gramley and occupied by Herr & Ulrich's five and ten cent store and Robert S. Stover's jewelry store and postoffice. The fire continued eastward along Main street, leveling the Jerome Spigelmeier store building, the building occupied by Guy P. Springer as a barber shop and by Mrs. J. Russell Gephart as a restaurant; a

dwelling owned by Mrs. F. E. Gutelius and occupied by Nevin A. Auman, also the large stable on the same property; a double residence occupied by P. P. Leitzel and C. G. Boob, and the property of the former; the summer house of G. B. Stover. All the store goods were destroyed and a great amount of household goods. The intense heat did considerable damage to the heavy plate glass windows in the Kessler department store across the street, and also to the Millheim Banking Company's new building.

The loss is estimated at nearly \$26,000 with insurance to the amount of \$15,000. The heaviest loser is J. Spigelmeier, who sustained a loss of \$3500 on his buildings with only \$1000 insurance, and \$3000 loss on store goods with no insurance. Other property owners were well protected.

Thursday's big fire recalled to mind the terrible conflagration of January 5, 1909, when fire swept the opposite side of the street, entailing a loss of approximately \$60,000.

Below is given in detail the losses suffered by the various property owners and the insurance carried.

Table with columns: Buildings Owned By, Occupied By, Loss, Insurance. Lists property owners like S. W. Gramley, J. Spigelmeier, etc., and their respective losses and insurance amounts.

County Grange.

The Centre County Pomona Grange met in regular session in Grange Arcadia, Wednesday of last week. The attendance was not as large as is usually the case, but the meeting was spirited. The regular routine business was gone through, and reports were heard from the heads of the various enterprises conducted by the body, and all of them were favorable, showing growth in all directions.

The partial report of the Grange Encampment and Fair association was especially gratifying, the finances showing a decided balance in favor of the association although the expenditures for general improvements and tents had been large. The initial step was taken to boost the exhibition of live stock at future gatherings, and to do so suitable exhibition buildings will be erected.

Postal Services.

A week of special services will be held in the Presbyterian church beginning November 30th. Dr. George E. Hawes of Bellefonte will preach. Dr. Hawes has been in Centre county only a few years, but long enough to show himself to be one of the strongest preachers in central Pennsylvania. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to everybody.

LECTURE TOMORROW NIGHT.

Don't forget to attend the second number on the Centre Hall Lecture Course tomorrow (Friday) night. Dr. James Hedley will be the orator of the evening and he has a message that will strike to the hearts of his hearers. His "What is a Man Worth" is possibly the best of his seven famous lectures, and an opportunity to hear a man of Dr. Hedley's calibre should not be passed by. The price of admission will be twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for children. Reserved seats are five cents extra.

DEATHS OF CENTRE COUNTIES.

Theresa Z. Meek died on the Meek homestead in Patton township, Wednesday of last week, from the effects of a paralytic stroke. She was born in 1839, and was a sister of P. Gray Meek, editor of the Watchman.

Mrs. Sarah Margaret Shilling died at the Bellefonte hospital Wednesday of last week, following an operation for blood poisoning. She was born at Howard forty-four years ago.

Mrs. Perinab Shields died in Milesburg, of pneumonia, at the age of seventy-one years.

J. C. Rossman shipped a carload of hogs to the eastern market, Friday, for immediate slaughter.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Annie Fetterolf of Warriors Mark Dies From Burns Received While Burning Brush—Was Born in Potter Township.

Death by burning was the terrible fate met by Mrs. Annie Fetterolf, wife of Clayton Fetterolf of Warriors Mark, Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fetterolf, early in the day, gathered together a lot of brush that had accumulated about their farm buildings and set it afire. Mr. Fetterolf attending to the fire while Mrs. Fetterolf assisted in carrying brush. A short time before eleven o'clock Mr. Fetterolf returned to his work in the fields, but not until the fire had been reduced to embers. Mrs. Fetterolf, wishing to put out all trace of the fire before returning to the house, was busily engaged with a garden hoe in breaking up the live coals so that they might become extinguished more rapidly. Whether by this means a spark was thrown on her dress is not known but it is the only plausible explanation for that which followed.

Looking down she observed the lower part of her dress in flames. Frantic, she ran screaming toward the house, the flames making progress in their deadly work, aided by the draft which her running caused. Her younger daughter, Ruth, hearing the mother's cry, ran to her assistance and met her a short distance from the house. Her mother in the form of a living torch presented herself to the daughter, who with rare presence of mind threw her apron about her mother's head, saving her face and hair from burning. Her clothing, however, was all burned from her body, the corset being the only vestment remaining, and this was removed only after terrible suffering to the victim, the flesh coming along with it. With the assistance of her daughter, Mrs. Fetterolf walked to the house and upstairs to her bedroom where she lay upon her bed and in crying tones said: "I wanted to die, but didn't want to burn to death." Medical attention was given her but her burns were so severe that death relieved her of her suffering at 7:15 o'clock the same day.

Mrs. Fetterolf was the daughter of Joseph and Agnes Shires Fetterolf and was born on the old Shirk homestead now owned by William Neff, in Potter township. She was fifty-one years of age. Funeral services were held from her late home, Sunday, and interment made at Warriors Mark. Surviving her are her husband and two daughters, namely, Carrie and Ruth, both at home. The following sisters also survive: Mrs. Frank Decker, near Centre Hall; Mrs. Benjamin Getzel, Spring Mills; Mrs. William Kern, Oak Hill. H. C. Shirk of Centre Hall is an uncle to the deceased.

\$400,000 FROM HUNTERS' LICENSES.

The issuance of hunters' licenses in Pennsylvania will pass the \$300,000 mark this week, in the opinion of men connected with the state game commission, and it is thought that the total for the year will go pretty close to the figure of \$305,000 for last year. The issuance in the large cities is said to be larger than last year.

The next legislature will have over \$400,000 to appropriate as a result of the operation of the law in two years. One-half of this money will go to the reimbursement of counties for payment of bounties on scalps of noxious animals and birds, and the other half will be to aid in establishment of game preserves and in game propagation. It is the plan to establish six additional preserves, the sites having been tentatively selected.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Ralph Kerstetter of Millburg spent Sunday with his parents at Coburn.

Roland Zettle of near Potters Mills was a caller at this office one day last week.

A draft through the chimney won't pay the coal bill, but the coal bin must honor it.

T. L. Smith installed a hot air furnace in the new residence of J. M. Ross, in Boalsburg, this week.

Mrs. J. F. Garthoff of Bellefonte spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Harter at Coburn.

Mrs. S. S. Kreamer spent a few days last week with her cousins, Mrs. Albert Garbrick and Mrs. John Cole, of near Zion.

Dr. James Hedley, in Grange Hall, tomorrow (Friday) night. Hear his "What is a Man Worth"; you will be better for having heard it.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Siegfried of Philadelphia came to the Bartholomew home Friday evening and will remain until after Thanksgiving.

Darlington Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, of Milroy is visiting at the home of his grandparents, Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Kries.

J. F. McClellan is piping the water to the rear of his vacant lot, this side the station, and later will construct a building 15 feet by 40 feet at that point.

A big dance, in which over one hundred participated, was held in Grange Hall Friday night. State College students furnished the music for the occasion.

Mrs. Rebecca Scholl, on Monday forenoon returned from a visit to State College and Lemont, and in the afternoon went to Spring Mills to visit her niece, Miss Annie Weaver, at the home of Ezra Harter.

The residence of S. T. Gray, in Buffalo Run Valley, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday last. The property was valued at \$2000, with an insurance of \$800 in the Centre Hall company, D. F. Luse secretary.

A new lot of writing paper, in box form, and in pound packs with envelopes to match, was received at the Reporter office. All of the best linen, and sells at twenty-five and thirty cents. Also, writing fluid and desk paste.

One of the finest flocks of turkeys in the valley is to be seen on the Peter Smith farm at Centre Hill. The flock numbers over one hundred, and the birds are all large and will command a good figure when put on the market.

Well, the Wabash has the floor again, and this time it appears as though it might be more than hot air. In this issue is printed a dispatch from Harrisburg that will be read with more than passing interest by many of the Reporter readers.

Last week's Millburg Telegraph said: David K. Keller, cashier of the Penna Valley Bank at Centre Hall, was a pleasing business caller at this office on Monday last. He has taken out letters of administration, with the will annexed, on the estate of David Kleckner, deceased.

Thanksgiving services, of a union character, will be held in the Evangelical church toils (Thursday) morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Williams will preach. The offering will be for the benefit of the Bellefonte hospital. A similar service will be held in the Reformed church at Spring Mills in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm A. Luse are spending a few weeks at the home of the former's brother, P. H. Luse, on the Huyett farm. Mr. Luse for the past few years was employed at Norfolk, Virginia, by a contractor, but work in his line for the present is at a standstill and he has decided to locate in Johnstown, where he formerly lived.

A party of eight from Yarnell consisting of Edward Heaton, Edward Baid, Oscar Wensel, James Wensel, Roy Fetzer, Raymond Fetzer, William Peace and Cleveland Packer did their first season in the Seven Mountains, and Friday morning returned home with two large bucks. They were located on State land along Sinking Creek, in the vicinity of Nevill's, east of the Bear Meadows.

Pennsylvania seeded 13,100 more acres for wheat this fall than during the sowing season of 1913 and the acreage devoted to the cereal would have been greater if weather conditions had been more favorable, according to a review of the crop conditions just issued by the bureau of statistics of the state department of agriculture. The acreage devoted to wheat this fall is estimated at 1,325,120 acres against 1,312,000 acres last year.