



DAMAGE TO THE TREES.

Snow and Sleet Have Injured Many Young Trees.—Some Remedial Measures That Can be Adopted for the Useful Shade Trees.

The recent heavy rains, followed by sleet and snow, have already caused much damage not only to the forest trees but also to ornamental and shade trees. In the mountain sections of Centre county there is a half inch coating of ice on the limbs and on top of this about three to five inches of heavy snow.

These injuries in the forests are difficult to guard against because they belong to that class known in law as "the acts of God," and for which no remedy or preventive measures are practicable.

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WALTER LUDWIG, Boalsburg, Pa., Dec. 14, 1914.

To contract for Rural Mail Route, to test the reduction of cost and efficiency of service in rural mail service, the postoffice department wished to make an experiment in one county in each state.

To further economize in his department, Postmaster General Burleson contemplated the reduction in the salary of a large number of postmasters of the presidential class, who he thinks are being paid too liberally for the requirements.

Belleville would have been reduced from \$2500 to \$2000; State College, \$2500 to \$2000; Philipsburg, \$2400 to \$2000; Huntingdon, \$2700 to \$2500; Clearfield, \$2700 to \$2500; Hollidaysburg, \$2200 to \$2000.

It was also planned to abolish the office of assistant postmaster, which economy could be enforced without lessening the efficiency of the service.

Postmaster General Burleson's whole plan of economy was blocked when a number of Democrats joined the Republicans in the House to defeat a special rule to permit the Postoffice Department to act.

Election of Grange Officers. Progress Grange will hold an election of officers Saturday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, at which time all members are urged to be present.

BOOST FOR CORN SILAGE.

In an Exhaustive Experiment Corn Silage Proves Superior to all Feeds for Fattening.

An experiment conducted at Pennsylvania State College is of particular local interest because of the fact that silos are just coming into use in Penns Valley, and that in this experiment by the department of animal nutrition all old theories were upset, and corn silage was placed at the head of the list as the most profitable feed for fattening cattle.

For more than 140 days 60 head of cattle, with beef blood predominating, were nourished with five distinct lots of feed, and the summary proves, according to Prof. W. H. Tomhave, in charge of the experiment, that farmers persisting in feeding by the old system are losing money.

One of the most impressive results obtained, said Prof. Tomhave, was the reduced cost at which beef can be produced by farmers having silos. Corn silage as a beef producer was unexcelled by any other ration. And the experiment included alfalfa, cottonseed meal, shelled corn and hay.

At the termination of the experiment it was concluded that corn silage at \$3.50 per ton as the sole roughage is more economical than corn silage and alfalfa hay combined when the latter is \$15 per ton.

LOCALS

State College is having one or more fires a week, but so far the flames have been confined to the original buildings.

Although there will be no paper next week, this office will be open for business pertaining to printing or receiving of subscriptions.

The B. O. Deininger property, in Millheim, was sold by the heirs at public sale to William A. Stover, of Penn township, for \$1,265.

The new laundry building connected with the Bellefonte hospital was put in operation for the first time Wednesday of last week, following the installation of the machinery.

An express load of horses, bought by Thomas Miller, of Philadelphia, and G. E. Homan, of Millheim, was shipped from Coburn station to Philadelphia on Wednesday of last week.

Last winter the first snow to lie on the ground for any length of time began falling on Christmas day and the same snow remained until March.

Mr. and Mrs. Witmer E. Lee of near Potters Mills are on a pleasure trip to Pittsburg, where they are being entertained by the former's brother, Arney Lee, and aunt, Mrs. John Mullen.

Hon. W. J. Kepler purchased the hotel at Pine Grove Mills and next spring will take charge of it. Mr. Kepler has been farming one of the best farms in his neighborhood, but the non-licensed hostelry, which for years has been a profitable stand, has attractions of a greater character.

Mrs. Sarah Larimer, sister-in-law of Mrs. H. L. Curtin, was seriously burned when a lamp exploded in her bedroom. She was visiting her sister, and on retiring she turned the wick of the lamp down and in some manner the flame struck the oil and caused the explosion.

Zero weather puts to action the thief who makes robes a specialty, and Bellefonte appears to be a good field for operations. John W. Hall of Milesburg, one of the freight crew on the C. R. R. of Pa., is the last to be charged with a theft of this kind, and he is accused of lifting a rain coat at the same time.

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WEEK OF PRAYER, 1915.

Customary Annual Union Meetings of Town Churches to Commence in Lutheran Church, Sunday, January 3.

At a meeting of the local ministerium, at the home of Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Friday, the program for the annual Week of Prayer services was prepared. The meetings will commence Sunday evening, January 3, in the Lutheran church, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. R. Jones.

Table with columns for Day, Church, and Subject. Includes entries for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 3-10.

Services throughout the week at 7:15 o'clock. It is designed to devote each meeting to prayer, praise, and a sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

Reformed Christmas Service.

The Sunday-school connected with the Reformed church in Centre Hall was first to hold its Christmas service in town, and did so on Sunday evening. The main audience room and a greater part of the Sunday-school room were filled with attentive listeners.

The offering taken was for the support of the orphan's home at Womelsdorf, which institution is wholly supported by the Reformed church. The home depends upon offerings made at the Christmas season for its support, and to date these have been sufficient for the purpose.

Home for Christmas.

At no other time in the year is the desire to be at home greater than at the Christmas time. Families everywhere make a special effort to be together at this most joyous of all festive occasions.

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Seventy Speakers for Farmers' Week.

Farmers' Week will be observed at State College from December 28 to January 2 and there will be seventy to seventy-five speakers of note who will participate in the daily programs.

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Dr. Surface for a Cabinet Officer.

While everyone realizes that it is the privilege of Dr. Brumbaugh to select his own cabinet, he will not resent the urging of particularly fitted men for particular places.

Will Be a Christmas Bride.

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To-morrow, Christmas day, Miss Elizabeth Olene Saunders and Raymond J. Miller will be united in marriage by Rev. L. Stoy Spangler, pastor of the Lutheran church at Pine Grove Mills.

The party will leave Centre Hall by automobile and immediately following the ceremony will return to the bride's home in Centre Hall where a few invited guests will join them in partaking of an elaborate turkey dinner.

The honeymoon trip will be delayed until after Mr. Miller finishes his work as teacher in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in June.

The bride is the only child of Mrs. Kathryn Saunders, and while very young in years, not having yet attained her seventeenth birthday, is nevertheless qualified to assume the responsibilities of wifehood.

The Reporter and its friends extend congratulations.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Get your New Year's resolutions ready.

Miss Edith Sankey of Potters Mills spent a few days this week at the home of Hon. L. Rhone.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clayton Wagner, Tuesday of last week.

No paper will be issued from this office next week, but we will all be here for business in other lines.

Miss Sophronia Fye of Coburn is spending a few days at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Homan.

Miss Margaret Goodhart is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. H. Glenn, at South Carlisle.

Curtis Bierly has been appointed postmaster for Rebersburg. He succeeds Snyder Miller, who held the position for a number of years.

Mrs. Mary M. Farner of Colyer announces that her entire stock of fall and winter millinery goods is offered for sale at greatly reduced prices.

A few weeks ago it was stated in these columns that Clement Luse had rented his home in Centre Hall. It is now learned that the property has not been leased but is awaiting a tenant.

Upon the recommendation of a grand jury, the commissioners of Snyder county will remodel the court house, in Middleburg, on a very moderate scale.

Bruce Stump, an express messenger on the Pennsy from Altoona to Pittsburg, is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stump, near Centre Hall.

Eleventh-hour Christmas shoppers will find excellent suggestions in the advertisements appearing in this paper today. Read them carefully and then go to inspect the goods.

The local K. G. E. lodge will hold a special meeting Friday night preparatory to their installation which takes place Friday, January 1st. Refreshments will be served at the special meeting.

Prof. H. A. Dodson, D. Ross Bushman, T. L. Moore and Miss Helen Bartholomew—the teachers of the borough schools—are in attendance upon the teachers' county institute at Bellefonte, this week.

Miss Pearl Kurtz, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Kurtz, arrived in Centre Hall from Syracuse University, New York, Saturday, and is assisting her parents in arranging their new home.

Miss M. Delinda Potter left on Saturday for Penna Grove, New Jersey, where she will spend a week with Miss Florence Mitchell. The young ladies formed an intimate friendship during their college days at Bucknell University.

Zoline, while it will do all that was ever claimed for it in taking the place of gasoline, can not be manufactured cheaply enough to supplant the product of the Oil Trust, so for the present we must pay the price for gasoline and wait awhile longer for a cheap substitute.

The Tyrone Times of last week contained this item of news: Leonard Rhone of Centre Hall, in company with Roger T. Bayard, called at our office Friday. Mr. Rhone is a past State Master of the Grange, and was just returning from Meadville, where he had conferred the sixth degree upon a number of eligibles.

In its marriage license register last week, the Reporter erred in printing the name of Miss Mary Shlegel instead of Miss Mary Snavely. The difficulty to distinguish the difference in the names over the telephone was responsible for the error.

Both young ladies happen to be residents of Spring Mills, but Miss Shlegel is at present employed in the Philipsburg hospital as nurse in the surgical department.

Another notice of the marriage of Miss Snavely appears elsewhere in this paper.

Ned F. Church, a prominent resident of Millinburg, was accidentally shot and killed in a rooming house at Scranton, Sunday of last week, by a Mrs. McLaughlin. Mr. Church was employed at Scranton and on the day of the tragedy invited the proprietors of the house, together with Mrs. McLaughlin, also a roomer, to his room to see some pictures he had in his satchel.

Taking a revolver from his bag he handed it to Mrs. McLaughlin, remarking jokingly, "Here, shoot yourself while you're happy." Upon taking hold of the gun it was discharged, and the bullet entered the back of Mr. Church and pierced a lung. He died in twenty minutes, but absolved the woman from all blame before his death.

Charles W. Weaver of Millmont attended the funeral of James Searson, at Linden Hall, Wednesday of last week, and circulated among friends in Centre Hall for a few days.