



"SEE NITTANY MOUNTAIN AND DIE"

Missourian Bewails The Timber Waste On Mountain and in Valley Where as a Youth He Rambled.

The following paragraphs will be read with the greatest of pleasure by many whose memories run back to the time of the boyhood of men and women now fifty and more. It will recall to them the beautiful groves of timber that studded every portion of Penns Valley, and the long belt of oaks, chestnuts, and other sturdy trees that formed the base of Old Nittany.

The letter below is from a Potter township product, one who left here with empty hands, but with a strong heart and gray matter under his hat, and for himself hewed out an ideal citizenship in his adopted state.

GRANT CITY, Mo., Dec. 21, 1914.

Editor Reporter:

I was much interested in reading your article in last week's Reporter under the heading, "The Timber Waste." It brought to my mind the memories of the long ago when I was a boy. At that time Penns Valley was set with many groves of heavy timber. West from Centre Hall I recall that the timber extended from the base line of Nittany Mountain beyond Linden Hall. At some places clearings had been made. Among them were the Hoffer farms, the Lingle farms, the Bruss place, the Omsan, the Boezer, the Gregg, the Neff, the Crotzer, the Potter, the Leach and Boal farms. Along close to the base of the mountain were numerous smaller homes. In the valley I recall the Alexander timber at the Old Fort, the Gregg, the Neff, the Rhone and Potter timber tracts. On the latter campmeetings were held. Nittany Mountain was covered with heavy timber. On the south slope stood giant rock oaks, with here and there a stunted pine and smaller trees of other kinds. The north slope was covered with more varieties of timber, among them being stately white pines.

In my boyhood days I never realized the beauty of the scenery along and on top of old Nittany Mountain. When I was back there in 1901 I could not help noticing the destruction that had been wrought by the woodman's ax. The timber was all gone and old Nittany stood like a king whose power and splendor had been wrested from him by avarice and greed. Often as I sit in the gloaming of my western home my mind wanders back to old Nittany Mountain on those terraced slopes and lofty top I often hunted the wary fox and fleet-footed rabbit. The picture of the mountain is stamped on my mind. In summer time it was a mass of beautiful green. But its real beauty came in the fall after Mother Nature had kissed it with her frosty breath. There was such a harmonious blending of brown oak and chestnut leaves, green laurel and pink and crimson gum leaves, cones and needles forming the canopy on pine trees whose tops reached up as if to kiss the angels in the sky. I see it all as I write these lines and it awakes in me a desire to see it again. But it can not be. The wasteful hand of greed has blotted it out forever except as it lives in the minds of those who once saw its ravishing beauty. "See Rome and die," has come down to us through the tradition of ages. When in its templed and prismatic beauty one might with propriety have said: "See Nittany Mountain and die." To stand on top of Nittany Mountain where the Centre Hall and Bellefonte pike crosses it and take a panoramic view of the valley below that stretches from Linden Hall to Spring Mills is to inspire one the same as the prophet was inspired when standing on Horeb's rock.

E. S. GARVER.

From Michigan State.

Please find inclosed money order for \$1.50 for which please credit my subscription to the Centre Reporter for another year, as I should miss it very much were it discontinued. The news from my old home is very interesting to me as well as to my associates of fifty years ago who have left to reside in other parts of the country. But one of my old friends, W. A. Murray, of Boalsburg, informs me that the names of Minnich, Harpater, Wolf, Shannon, Omsan, Neff, Richard and Lingle do not appear in the borough directory and the writer would miss them very much should he visit the old home.

Wishing The Centre Reporter and all its readers a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain,
Yours truly,
HENRY DASLER
Kalamazoo, Mich.

At a meeting of the Centre county commissioners held recently in their office in the court house, A. Lukenbach, of Bellefonte, was appointed mercantile appraiser for the year 1915.

CYRUS S. GROVE A BENEDICT.

Native of Potter Township and Now Superintendent of Schools of Stephenson County, Illinois. Married Recently.

Cyrus Stover Grove, county superintendent of schools of Stephenson county, Illinois, a native of Potter township and well known to many of the readers of this paper, and Miss Ermina Louisa Barns were married at noon Monday, December 28th, at the home of the bride's father, William H. Barns, at Orangeville, the service being performed by the Rev. G. W. Rebert of the Reformed church. All formality was dispensed with, in accordance with the wishes of the contracting parties.

The following account is taken from the Freeport Bulletin:

The wedding comes as a surprise to all, as not even the closest friends of the couple were aware that the nuptials would be at this time, and the prominence of Mr. and Mrs. Grove lends additional interest. The license was secured at the court house at the close of business Saturday, through a prearranged plan with Fred C. Held, deputy county clerk, who issued the necessary document. Mr. Grove secreted it from the gaze of any person who might have had an inkling as to the purpose of his visit to the matrimonial bureau of the county clerk's office.

The service brought congratulations from a wide circle of acquaintances to the newly married pair. They are widely known in educational circles of the community, Mr. Grove through his long service as county superintendent of schools and previously as a teacher, and his bride as a teacher in the Oneco and Orangeville schools.

The bride is a woman of marked talent and as a member of the teaching corps of the county she has been in the fore rank. The Barns family are pioneers in the county and her father has served as a member of the board of supervisors. Religious and philanthropic work have found in Mrs. Grove a strong supporter and whose work was always in behalf of uplifting those with whom she came in contact.

Mr. Grove has been superintendent of the schools of Stephenson county since 1902. His service has brought the schools to the high point of efficiency which has been attained, and so ably has he filled the duties of superintendent that each election has given him an increased majority. He has given all of his time to the public school system and has shown a personal interest in each school.

Mr. Grove is a native of Pennsylvania, coming to this community from Centre county. He completed the public school course in his native state and prepared himself for teaching by attendance at normal schools and academies, supplemented by a course at the University of Wisconsin. He taught in Pennsylvania for several years, his last work there being as principal of the Madisonburg school. He has taught in Stephenson county at Mill Grove, Mount Pleasant, Eldorado and Orangeville. He was principal of the Orangeville school for ten years, when he was elected county superintendent. He has been prominent in educational work throughout the state and was prominently mentioned for nomination for state superintendent of public instruction, which he declined in order to continue his work in this community. He has been president of the Northern Illinois Teachers' association and is prominently identified with the State Teachers' association. He is at present a member of the state examining board, the state course of study board, and the state pupils reading circle board. Mr. Grove is identified with the Masons and Odd Fellows.

Branch Telephone Companies Elect Officers

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Pine Stump Rural Telephone Co. at the home of W. E. Tate, Monday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. E. Tate; vice president, J. A. Heckman; secretary, J. T. Potter; treasurer, W. S. Brooks; agent, W. E. Tate; director, Central Co., W. E. Tate; local directors, W. S. Walker and Samuel Gingrich.

The Centre Hall-Linden Hall Telephone Co. met at the home of Hon. L. Rhone Monday evening and elected the following officers: President, C. B. Neff; vice president, F. E. Wieland; secretary, Edward Durst; treasurer, Richard Brooks; director to Central Co., D. L. Bartges.

Juniata Aerie No. 419, Fraternal Order of Eagles, has purchased a plot of ground on Chestnut street, Lewisburg, facing the Five Points, in the heart of the business district, for \$10,000, on which it will erect a \$20,000 home.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Saturday afternoon.

Progress Grange Elects Officers.

At a meeting of Progress Grange held December 26, the following officers were elected: Master, J. Cloyd Brooks; lecturer, E. Clayton Wagner; assistant steward, Roy Dutrow; treasurer, G. W. Gingrich; gate keeper, Hugh Ralston; pomona, Mary Whitman; lady assistant steward, Mamie Brooks; overseer, Alfred Crawford; steward, Ralph Luse; chaplain, Dr. W. H. Schuyler; secretary, C. D. Keller; ceres, Anna Dutrow; flora, Lizzie Fetterolf; insurance director, D. K. Keller.

Installation of officers will take place on Saturday, January 9, at 1:30 P. M.

The First Electrocuting.

Governor Tener, last week, fixed the time for the first electrocution in Pennsylvania. He signed the death warrant for John Talap, of Montgomery county, who murdered Mary Talap, fixing the date for the week beginning February 22.

Murderers, who committed their deeds prior to the time of the passage of the electrocution act will be hanged; those that committed their deeds after the passage of the act will be electrocuted. The electrocution will be done in the death house in the new penitentiary at Rockview, Centre county.

I. O. O. F. Building at Berwick Burned.

Fire totally destroyed the handsome \$25,000 I. O. O. F. building at Berwick early Tuesday morning of last week. Six lodges tenanted the building and all lost heavily in paraphernalia and equipment. The building was insured for only half of its value. It was the second time that the Berwick lodge lost its building by fire.

Reception for Pastor.

The members of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran church, at Centre Hall, tendered a reception to their pastor, Rev. D. S. Kurtz, Saturday evening, in the Sunday-school room. The affair was an informal one and was largely attended. Ice cream and cake were served.

LOCALS

Miss Ruth Horton of State College is paying a short visit at the H. E. Homan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Weaver spent a week in Altoona as guests of the latter's brothers, Roy and Ira Stover.

Dr. G. W. Hosterman returned Monday from a ten day visit to the home of his son, S. V. Hosterman, Esq., in Lancaster.

B. H. Emerick and Newton E. Emerick attended the funeral of their nephew, Bruce Emerick, at Penn Hall, Monday.

A number of young people from Centre Hall attended a dance held in the Grange hall at Spring Mills, Wednesday evening.

On Monday evening, 18th inst., the citizens of State College will endeavor to formulate plans for the erection of a public library building and support for it.

B. H. Arney installed a hot air heating plant in his home Monday of last week and the next step in modernization will be the installing of bath room fixtures.

Dr. H. H. Longwell purchased a horse from Daniel Daup, which, hitched to a new sleigh, is taking the place of his Kritt roaster until the brown earth again shows itself.

John F. Ziegler of Altoona spent a few days last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. R. Neff, and also with relatives in Boalsburg. Mr. Ziegler was looking about for a farm with a view to investment.

Miss M. Eloise Schuyler and Miss Velma Simkins the former a student in the University of Pennsylvania and the latter a promising artist operating a studio in Philadelphia, are spending brief vacations at the Presbyterian manse.

Coasting on a steep hill near Philipsburg Monday of last week resulted in the death of Archie Moran, a lad of ten years, when his sled oiled with a trolley car. His arm was severed from his body and he was badly crushed, death resulting in a half hour.

D. Earl Fleming, who was the head of a branch of the New York Auditing Company, at Scranton, has been transferred to Baltimore to an office of more importance. Mr. Fleming was in Centre Hall over the Christmas season, and was greeted by his many acquaintances and companions of his youth.

A six on your label indicates that your subscription is well paid in advance. That numeral is becoming very popular, and to supply the demand for the sixes the stock was increased so that all requests for the handsome six can be filled on the spot. Get a six and be happy yourself and add to the publishers' joys.

INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR WOMEN.

To Be Located Near Muncy Station, Lycoming County, on 500-Acre Tract.

The selection of a site for the Industrial Home for Women has been practically settled, a 500-acre tract of land having been designated for that purpose, the same lying back of Muncy Station and connecting with the state forest reserve on Bald Eagle Mountain.

The home will be built under an act of July 25, 1913, the original appropriation being \$350,000, \$250,000 of which is now available. The entire cost of the site and buildings is limited to \$500,000.

The object of the home is the re-formation of young women convicts of state and county prisons and such other women as may be sentenced to the home between the ages of sixteen and thirty years. Sentences to the institution shall be merely general, that is, the duration shall not be fixed, but the terms shall not exceed three years, except where the minimum term fixed by law for any offense shall be greater than that period.

The home is to have a woman superintendent. When a woman is sentenced the clerk of any court imposing such sentence is directed to forthwith notify the superintendent of the home to receive the prisoner at the county jail and transport her to the home.

An inmate of the industrial home may be liberated after giving satisfactory evidence of improvement as the result of treatment at the institution.

Burkholder-Dale.

Harry F. Burkholder and Miss Laura Dale, both of Ingram, were married on Wednesday, December 23rd. The groom is a Potter township product, having been raised at Centre Hill. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College and since his graduation has been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as an electrical engineer.

The happy young couple arrived at the home of the groom's brother, Morris A. Burkholder, near Centre Hill on Thursday preceding Christmas and enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ripka, the latter being a sister of the groom. On the following Sunday the bridal couple, together with Wilbur Burkholder of Bellefonte, and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ripka were entertained at the home of Morris A. Burkholder.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder will commence housekeeping in Ingram in the spring.

Miller-Rockey.

At the reformed parsonage, by Rev. R. R. Jones, on Saturday afternoon, December 23rd, at three o'clock, there were united in the bonds of holy wedlock Elmer Miller and Miss Myra Rockey, both of Tusseyville. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rockey and is both a beautiful and agreeable young woman. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller and is one of Potter township's most estimable young men. For several years he has taught school and is at present the efficient instructor of the Pottery Mills grammar school. They have a host of friends in the community in which they live who extend to them their best wishes for a long and prosperous life.

Condo-Long.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long, at Spring Mills, John W. Condo and Miss Martha E. Long, were united in marriage by Rev. D. S. Kurtz of the Lutheran church, on Christmas eve.

27 Hunters Killed in State.

Figures gathered by wardens for the State Game Commission were tabulated recently and show that 27 deaths occurred through hunting accidents in Pennsylvania during the 1914 season. This is an increase of two over last year and the majority are shown to have been of rabbit hunters, some of whom were killed by discharge of their guns while climbing fences.

"Black Forest Souvenirs."

Hardly have we finished one volume of interesting stories from the pen of Henry W. Shoemaker, author of "Pennsylvania Mountain Stories," than another equally as interesting appears "Black Forest Souvenirs." It is the latest work of this talented young author, banker, and naturalist. It is a collection of eighteen short stories or legends concerning the folklore and traditions of the common people in the counties of northern Pennsylvania, including Centre, Clearfield, Potter, Mifflin, Clinton and other counties. Mr. Shoemaker loves to mingle with these classes and has saved many a legend as told by an old pioneer, who has since departed this life, which would otherwise have gone with him forever. The book is profusely illustrated with half-tone pictures of wooded scenes and the like and contains four hundred pages.

DEATHS.

The death of Daniel Luse occurred at his home in Centre Hall the night before Christmas, after an illness of but a week. Death was due to pleurisy and enlargement of the heart. Interment was made the following Monday at Centre Hall, the body having been laid beside that of his first wife, who before marriage was Miss Sallie Orndorf. A second wife survives; her maiden name was Miss Martha Gramley.

Mr. Luse located in Centre Hall when a young man, and before marriage learned the painting trade. About the time of his first marriage, or shortly thereafter, he erected for himself a dwelling house in Centre Hall, and since lived in it continuously. When erected—about 1870—it was the most "down town" property. Being a painter, as above stated, Mr. Luse kept his house well painted, and today it has the appearance of a structure erected in the twentieth century rather than near the middle of the past century.

For many years Mr. Luse was connected with the Centre Hall water company in capacity of general manager, and was secretary of the Centre Hall fire insurance company also organized many years ago. Socially he was identified with the orders of Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Patrons of Husbandry; religiously, a Lutheran; and politically, a Democrat.

Although not having had the appearance of a robust man, Mr. Luse was ill but very little during the seventy-seven years, four months and twenty-one days which represents his age.

Three half-brothers survive Mr. Luse, namely, Perry H. Luse, Centre Hall; Lloyd Luse, Coburn; Malcolm Luse, Johnstown.

Bruce Emerick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emerick, of near Penn Hall, died Thursday afternoon of last week from a complication of diseases. The young man, whose age was twenty-four years, was employed as a farm laborer in Nittany Valley and about two months ago contracted typhoid fever. He returned to his home and apparently was on a fair way to complete recovery when complications developed which terminated in his death. Funeral services were held in the Union church at Farmers Mills Monday and interment followed in the cemetery at that place, Rev. D. S. Kurtz of the Lutheran church officiating. Besides his parents he is survived by five sisters and one brother.

Blair Taylor died at the home of David L. Geary, near Red Mill, Thursday preceding Christmas, from pneumonia resulting from a short illness with measles. The young man, whose age was about twenty years, was a township charge and for a number of years made his home with Mr. Geary. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon by Rev. A. F. Bierly and interment was made in the cemetery connected with the U. E. church, near Tusseyville. He is survived by his father, John Taylor, of Tusseyville and several brothers and sisters.

Andrew Swartz, Jr., of Freeport, Illinois, fell dead while shoveling snow from the walk where he lived. He had been in his usual health up to the time of his death. Mr. Swartz was never married, and was the son of the late Andrew Swartz, a native of Penns Valley. He was a cousin of County Superintendent Cyrus S. Grove and the two lived together for a number of years, both at Orangeville and Freeport, where he lived since last September. He was aged almost sixty-two years.

The two-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Page, living with Hugh Runkle on the W. G. Runkle farm near Zion, died on New Year's day after a short illness brought about by a bad cold. The little child was laid to rest the following day.

K. G. E. Elect Officers.

The local lodge K. G. E., No. 365, elected officers at a regular meeting held on the first Friday night in December. Friday night of next week installation services will be held, Joseph Reifnyder of Millheim, District Grand Chief, being the installing officer. The elected officers who will be inducted into their respective chairs are as follows: Fast chief, H. G. Miller; noble chief, Robert Glasgow; vice chief, J. W. Stump; high priest, Paul E. Bradford; six herald, Boyd E. Potter; venerable hermit, R. I. Smith; master of records, D. Milton Bradford; clerk of exchequer, John A. Martz; keeper of exchequer, A. C. Ripka.

Get a six.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Robert Meyer was home from State College on Christmas.

To date the 1914-1915 winter has shown itself to be the real thing. Prof. L. O. Packer was at his home during the close of Pittsburgh's schools over the holidays.

1915 was ushered in Thursday at midnight by the ringing of several church bells and firing of guns.

Harry Kuhn and Ralph Rockey of Boalsburg attended the big dance in Grange Hall Friday night.

Lycoming county's mercantile appraiser is a native of Millheim—J. W. Miller by name—a son of the late Henry Miller.

Several pigs and a faithful dog are known to have frozen to death in Potter township during the extreme cold period about Christmas time.

J. T. Potter and daughter, Miss Mary Delinda Potter, Wednesday of last week, went to Lock Haven where they remained with friends over New Year day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hubler of Lock Haven spent a few days following Christmas at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook Hubler.

A. C. McClintock of Mill Hall is the first to announce his candidacy for office in Clinton county for next year. He aspires to the Republican nomination for sheriff.

The public service commission obliged the Millheim water company to adopt a uniform rate for water rental. To do this the company raised the rates of many of their customers.

Several schools in the township are still closed owing to the epidemic of measles. Egg Hill school, which was sorely afflicted, opened its doors Monday of last week with a full attendance.

If any one in this community borrowed one or more pipe wrenches from Al. Kraps and forgot to return them they will surely do so when they learn that Mr. Kraps needs them badly. Of course, this notice is meant to convey that information.

A score or more of Tusseyville mummies appeared on the streets of Centre Hall on New Year's day in variegated colors and bizarre costumes. They were on their way to Spring Mills where they joined a similar group and delighted the onlookers in a parade.

It is the same old story, we need more houses in Centre Hall. This town's population wants to grow, and it ought not to be hampered. Homes in Centre Hall have been ready sale at satisfactory prices for a number of years, and that makes building a safe proposition.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swartz and four children of near Millinburg were all more or less injured by the sled in which they were seated being struck by a special train on the L. & T., at a crossing above Millinburg. The rear of the sled was struck by the engine and was thrown over an embankment. All the injured will recover.

The mountainside was thick with coasters during the two weeks vacation from school and the excellent condition of the road caused the "bobs" to run with the speed of an express train. No accidents occurred, but the frequency with which we read of serious injury befalling some young person while pursuing this winter pastime should cause everyone indulging in that sport to exercise the utmost care on old Nittany which has many dangerous spots.

Calvin Lingle, nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lingle, who reside on the Brockerhoff farm below Centre Hall, met with a painful accident Thursday afternoon while assisting to saw wood for Cleveland Eangard, on the Zubler farm, near Spring Mills. The young man was feeding the saw which was run by a gasoline engine when the back of his left hand came in contact with the fast-revolving saw, severing the leaders of the index and second fingers. Dr. H. S. Braucht sewed up the wound which is healing nicely.

The Lock Haven Daily Democrat, January 1st, contained this item: J. T. Potter and daughter, Mrs. Alfred Kraps and daughter, all of Centre Hall, are visitors at the home of Hays Stewart and daughter at Island. Mr. Potter, being a prominent Granger, was a guest at the Grange meeting at Island Thursday evening. He was appointed worthy master and filled the position with dignity and ability. It being the meeting for the annual election of officers, Mr. Potter made a very favorable impression on the Island Grangers by the able manner in which he conducted the meeting and the election.