LOSING IN MAIL ORDER TRADING.

What Happened an Iowa Farmer and His Community Can Happen Elsewhere Un der Similar Conditions.

Hans Garbus, a German farmer of Iowa, has discovered that the benefits which appear on the surface as attaching to the mail order plan sometimes spell disaster and has written a

"We farmers need awakening to the fact that we have unmistakably reached the period where we must think and plan. I am one of the slow German farmers that had to be shown, and I am now giving my experience that others may profit, for knowledge is more expensive now than ten years

"Twenty-nine years ago I began my farm career. I had an old team and \$50. Our furniture was mostly home-made-chairs, cupboard and lounge made from dry goods boxes, neatly covered with ten-cent cretonne by my girl wife. We rented eighty -acres. Being a boy of good habits I got all needed machinery and groceries of our home merchants on credit, until fall crops were sold. The first subscription to the Reporter for the year was a wet season and I did not year 1915. Your paper comes as a make enough to pag creditors. I very welcome visitor every Friday went to each on date of promise and evening. I do not think I could get explained conditions, paying as much along without it for it brings to me so as possible, and they all carried the many pleasant memories of old acbalance over another year. They con- quaintances and friends whom I knew tinued to accommodate me until I was | years ago in Old Centre. able to buy a forty-acre piece of my

"As soon as I owned these few acres the mail order houses began sending medation when I needed it.

"We then had one of the thriftiest little villages in the state-good line of business in all the branches, merchants who were willing to help an honest fellow over a bad year, and a town full of people who came twice a week to trade and visit. Our little hotel on Tuesday. country town supported a library, big celebrations every year.

"A farm near a live town soon days. doubles in value. I sold my forty Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary spent acres at a big advance and bought as had 200 acres of the best land in Iowa. heim. I then felt no need of asking favors, and found it easy to patronize the that I was the first in the county to keep their feet. make up a neighborhood bill and send it to a mail order house. Though we got bit every once in a while, we got in the habit of sending away for stuff.

"Gradually our merchants lessened their stock of goods -- for lack of patronage. Finally we began to realize that when we needed a bolt quickly places where they were appreciated, be used in the foundation walls. and men of less energy moved in. taxes to keep things up. Hotel is paint brush to the interior woodwork. closed for lack of travel. Go down to the depot when the freight pulls in the local Methodist Episcopal charge, and you will se the sequel in mail and now located at Curwensville, paid order packages.

It is too far from a live town-so every farmer has said that wants to and churches, where his children can law. have advantages. I have awakened to the fact that in helping to pull the town down it has cost me \$5,600 in nine years."

Deaths of Centre Countians.

James Cross, long a resident of Taylor township, aged fifty years.

Paul, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Wolk, of Milesburg, aged twenty-one years. Death was due to tuberculosis. Lee Musser, aged thirteen years, son of H. N. Musser of Struble.

Miss Zelda Katharine Bathurst, in Lock Haven, aged twenty-one years. Interment at Mount Eagle.

Mrs. Helen Hollister, aged nineteen years, a bride of but three weeks, died of typhoid fever near Munson. She was a daughter of Michael McTygue of South Philipsburg, Mrs. Hollister became ill when on her wedding trip.

Mrs. Lavina Winslow, widow of Jacob Winslow, at Blanchard, following a stroke of paralysis, aged sixtynine years.

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

Friday of last week marked the fiftieth anniversary in the wedded life Third Number on Centre Hall Lecture of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Miles and the event was most fittingly celebrated at their most hospitable home at Martha. Seventy-five or more invited guests were present. A sumptuous dinner was served and Mr. and Mrs. Miles very interesting story of his views in a were the recipients of many beautiful instrumental and vocal—and will be tendance was large, members of the certain farm paper. Here is a part of presents and a number of gold pieces. given by a group of seven talented Fourth and Fifth Degree being present started housekeeping at their present comes highly recommended, having but one absentee among the officers, though her condition showed imresidence. Their three children were pleased large audiences in all the prin- and this was due to the illness of D. present at the celebration. They are cipal cities in the United States. Mrs. O. D. Everts, with whom the Mrs. D. W. Bradford.

> I etter from Chicago Subscriber. Editor Reporter:

Enclosed find check for \$1.50 for

We have had an old-fashioned? winter in Illinois; very cold weather with

good sleighing for the past six weeks. Times are very dull, none of the me catalogues, and gradually I began factories are working full time and sending my loose change to them, many not working at all; rents and letting my accounts stand in my home living higher. Wishing you and all town where I had gotten my accom- the readers of the Reporter a very prosperous year in 1915

Very truly yours, MRS MARY K. DAVID. Chicago Heights, Itl., Jan. 26.

LOCALS

A piano was placed in the local

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burris of Yeag high school, ball team, and we had ertswn were guests of the former's brother, Lanson Burris, for a few

eighty, gradually adding to it until I sister, Mrs. N. A. Auman, in Mill-

Icy sidewalks as a result of the Frantz. rain which fell Sunday night and mail order agents that came almost Monday made walking difficult and weekly to our door. I regret to say many there were who had trouble to

> E. S. Ripka, who for two weeks was | Calvin Meyer. compelled to remain indoors because of a very sore throat, has improved William Showers. sufficiently to take up his work for the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company.

Work on the foundation wall for B. W. Gramley's new building is profor machinery, or clothing for sickness gressing rapidly, considering the or death, we had to wait and send weather conditions, says the Millheim | derwriters. away for it, which wasn't so pleasant Journal. Ninety-six two-horse loads One by one our merchants moved to of mason stones have been hauled to Insurance Co.

F. P. Geary, the tonsorial artist, is Gradually our town has gone down ; taking steps to improve his parlor. our business houses are 'tacky' in The most important change will be appearance, a number are empty; our the placing of a twelve-foot French schools, churches and walks are going plate glass mirror which will run the down, we have no band, no library entire length of the counter and stand sylvania Fire and Brick Co. nor ball team. There is no business three feet high. He will also cover done in the town, and therefore no the floor with linoleum and apply the and I. A. Shawver.

Rev. J. Max Lantz, former pastor on a fine for shooting a doe deer during "Nine years ago my farm was the recently-closed hunting season. worth \$195 an aire; today I'd have a The deer was killed in Centre county hard matter to sell it at \$167 an acre. and the fine paid at Snow Shoe. It's a ten to one shot that the reverend gentleman mistook his game, but that buy. He wants a place near schools doesn't help any in the sight of the

Edgar Breon, a brother of George E. Breon of this place, was recently promoted to a higher position in the Goodrich Rubber Company's employ. points: For several years he was auditor in the office of the above named company at Akron, Ohio, and a short time ago these regular students, 900 farmers and of the inner man, was devoted to was promoted to traveling auditor. His business will be to visit all the the college one week between Christlarge wholesale rubber firms in the western states and take inventory of stock. The position carries with it has enrolled over 5,000 persons in dif- ing will be fixed by the executive also survive: Gust Kennelly of Carlarger salary.

A doe elk came down off Tuesey Mountain one day last week and after ture, Home Economics, Engineering, appearing about the farm buildings on and Education. Resident agricultural Philadelphia held its annual barquet several farms came so close to the advisers are now maintained in four- at Hotel Walton, Thursday evening of Tusseyville schoolhouse that it created teen counties of the State. Night and last week. The dinner committee no little excitement among the schol- apprentice schools were conducted in was made up of William A. Furet, ars. At this place a dog gave chase 44 cities and towns, with an attend- Hon. U. R. Kuriz, Max Liveright, but the fleet-footed elk soon lost its ance of 3,150. Over 500 educational William A. Magee, Dr. Stuart C. pursuer and took to the mountain, meetings were held in different parts Runkle, Isanc P. Miller. Representa-The animal was seen by a number of of the State with a total attendance of tives at the balquet from the south farmers who say they approached it to about 60,000. a point where they could see that the "It is estimated that 600,000 people Mrs. Stuart C. Runkle, Mr. and Mrs. Unclaimed letters in Centre Hall present winter had reduced it greatly saw the agricultural "safety first" W. A. Magee, Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, postoffice, February 1st., 1915; Miss in flesh. The eik no doubt is one of a and educational exhibits shown in Miss Bertha Wolf, Prof. William F.

ROUND'S ORCHESTRA, FEBRUARY 11.

Course Will Entertain Thursday of Next

Thursday evening of next week the third number on the Centre Hall Lecture Course will appear in Grange Ar- held at Centre Hali, in Grange Arcadia. It is a musical number-both Milesburg by Rev. Henry Wilson and Herbert O. Rounds. This company

Their program consists of renditions parents make their home; Mrs. G. O. on violin, clarinet, cornet, trombone, Benner of Centre Hall, and John B. bells, chimes, and vocal music consist-Miles who resides on the Miles home- ing of solos, duets, quartets, whistling, stead. Friends from Bellefonte, Port etc. Readings, impersonations, and Matilda, Pittsburgh, Clearfield and monologues also form part of their body. Julian, State College and Tyrone were complete program. Such a variety present. Those from Centre Hall were of art will not fail to please the Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Benner, Mr. and most fastidious. There will not be a one number following another in rapid succession.

In Grange Arcadia, Thursday evening, February 11th.

Trial List for February Court, Following is the list of cases down for trial at the February term of court

FIRST WEEK Christian Sharer vs. D. O. Downing. Mrs. Effle Taylor and John Taylor vs. Edward Bubb and John Bubb, trad-

ing as Bubb & Son. Allon Baney vs. J. T. Beckwith. The Potter-Hoy Hardware Co. ve.

Christian Sharer vs. C. P. Crughey Lumber Co.

SECOND WEEK.

American Lime & Stone Co. vs. Intire, Admrs. of J. C. Meyer, Dec'd. C. T. Gerbrich vs. Elizabeth S. Meyer and W. H. McIntire, Admrs. of J. C. Meyer, who was co-maker with for one year. The total operating ex-Ellis L. Orvis, F. H. Thomas, Harry penses of the company for the past Keller, R. G. H. Hayes and W. Harri- year was but \$319 28. This includes son Walker.

Brick Co., a corporation, guaranter of penses, cost of adjusting losses, treasthe United Brick and Clay Products urer's commission, and auditors' fees.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Wilbur H. Wining vs. Wilson G.

Peter Mendis vs. A. E. Schad. Chester L. Neff vs. The P. R. R. Co.

aret J. Thompson, his wife, vs. W. William Witmer & Son's Co. vs.

F. E. Naginey vs. Fidelity Phoenix Fire Insurance Co.

F. E. Naginey vs. The London Assurance Corporation. F. E. Naginey vs. The Delaware Un-

F. E Naginey vs. The Teutonia Fire

F. E. Naginey vs. The Northwestern National Insurance Co. Company of North America.

Charles Kelley vs. A. E. Schad.

The W. T. Rawleigh Medical Co. vs. Ray Allison.

Yearly Report of State College.

More than one million citizens of this State during the last year received pany, report reveals a handsome aur. Pierce Gates, of Philipsburg. help in one way or another through plus for the year 1914, and a decided the Penneylvania State College, ac increase in business in all its lines. cording to estimates announced recently by President Sparks, of the been free of debt, the pay-as-you-go State College, in his report to the policy having been strictly adhered to. Legislature, which was presented at John 8. Dale was appointed chairthe annual meeting of the Board of man of a committee to encourage corn Trustees over which Governor Brum- growing contests in Centre county baugh presided.

The report indicated the following

mas and New Year.

great responsibility and, . f course, a ferent parts of the Commonwealth who are being instructed by correspondence in various courses in Agricul-

Alma Detwiler, Mies Katherine Smith, C. H. Luse, C. D. Swab, Milford Zonada, Roland Zettle.—S. W. Mountain hunting grounds.

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Zeigler by 50,000 persons received the various bulletins issued by the college.

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POMONA GRANGE MEETS.

All Enterprises Operating Under Grange Management in Excellent Condition, Reports Show,

A highly interesting session of the Centre County Pomona Grange was cadia, Thursday of last week. The at-M. Campbell, secretary of the body.

The session was called to order Master Austin Dale, and after a few tive chairs, tusiness was before the the Reformed church, officiating.

Being the first meeting in the new and discussions on the same.

transacted when Prof. C. R. Neff was nois, survive. elected to represent Centre county on the State Board of Agriculture.

Reports were heard from various which will begin on Monday, Febru- Granges, and each speaker had favorable conditions in his home Grange to which attention was called.

Possibly the chief enterprise of the county Grange is the fire insurance company, conducted under the title of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Patrons of Husbandry, that just issued its thirtyeighth annual report. D. K. Keller is the secretary of this company. The business for 1914 was all that any one could ask, there having been a gain in insurance of almost \$150,000. The Elizabeth S. Meyer and W. H. Mc- average cost of insurance, since the organization of the company, on one hundred dollars, is tut twenty-one cents, or \$2 10 for one thousand dollars the salary of the secretary, postage and Stoney Brook Slate and Brick Co., a supplies, office rent, fuel, directors corporation, vs. Centre Clay and mileage, executive committee's ex-

The chairman of the Grange E Mrs. Camilla B. Beightol vs. The campment and Fair Association, Hon. port will be submitted later in writ- survive: Kerney, Jersey Shore : John I. Thompson, Jr., and Marg. ing. The treasurer of the association, G. L. Goodbart, presented a full complete and flattering financial report. The gross receipts were considerable in Mrs. Maynard Meeker, Centre Hall. the net receipts were also sufficient to grave four years ago. Mts. Bush at these funds were ordered; aid into the mer for a few weeks. treasury of the County Grange.

The Patrons Co-operative Creamery Company, Limited, made its first years, Mrs. Mary Anna Frantz, wife annual report. The monthly reports of Samuel Frantz, died at her home in made during the last half of 1914 show Taylor township. She was born near a gradual increasing of profit. On a Gatesburg, having been a daughter of F. E. Naginey vs. . The Insurance capital of but \$1100, the company in Henry Gates. In addition to her eleven months aid a business of over husband she is survived by the follow-\$15,000, the volume being much in ing children: Mrs. Sarah McMonigal, Alexander Heverley vs. The Penn excess of that anticipated when the at home; Mrs. Susan Flood, of Powelundertaking was launched. The di- ton; Mrs. Mary Vaughn, Reuben, W. H. Sheats vs. M. M. Shawver rectors of the concern are confident John and Pius, of Sandy Ridge. She that during the next year a steady also leaves one sister, Mrs. Sarah New- Mr. Robinson is from State College, profit will be realized. All bills of the man, of Philipsburg ; two half-sisters, company have been promptly met. Mrs. Nora Miller and Mrs. Hanna Kel- as it was impossible to see the coaster The largest individual stockholder has ley, of Philipsburg; three brothers,

but three shares-\$30-invested. The Patrons Rural Telephone Com-The company from the beginning has among the boys and girls.

The session continued until after four o'clock, but at noon there was an "There are 3,385 students attending hour for luncheon. This period, not the college this year. In addition to consumed in providing for the wants road supervisors attended sessions at social chate, little groups of men and women forming for the discussion of matters not brought before the Order. "In its Extension work, the college The time and place of the next meetcommittee.

> Centre Co. Association of Philad. Basquet, The Centre County Association of side of Centre county were Dr. and

Round's Orchestra.

DEATHS.

Mrs. I. S. Lindley died at the home Thursday morning, following a second stroke of paralysis which she sustained ago Mrs. Lindley was brought from after she had sustained a paralytic Mr. and Mrs. Miles were married at young ladies, under the leadership of from many of the subordinate Granges this place. She never fully recovered stroke, to the home of her brother in | Hazel Emery. throughout the county. There was from the effects of the first attack, al- settlement on the highways next

> Funeral services were held at the promptly at ten o'clock by Worthy Brisbin home Saturday afternoon and interment was made in the Centre G. Hassinger did the installing. moments, all officers in their respec- Hall cemetery, Rev. R. R. Jones, of

Mrs. Lindley was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brisbin and was year, the time was largely taken up in born at Milroy on March 4th, 1844, hearing reports of the officers of the consequently was almost seventy-one Mrs. G. L. Goodhart, and Mr. and dull movement from start to finish, various enterprises operated under the years old. For many years she lived rules and regulations of the Grange, at Winnebago. Her husband precedthe reports of auditing committees ed her to the grave six years ago. One brother, B. D. Brisbin, and one sister, Business of general interest was Miss Mary Brisbin of Tower Hill, Illi- wrist.

> Mrs. Margaret Emerick, wife of John Emerick, died at her Lakemont Terrace home, near Altoona, beginning of last week, and interment was made in Bellefonte Thursday following, the funeral having been held from the home place was closed and the section, since of a brother. Death was due to a Febuary 1st, served by a rural carrier. complication of diseases. Her age The Oval postmaster was H. J. was sixty-four years.

was Miss Margaret Love, and was born from the White Rock quarries near and raised near Bellefonte, where her Pleasant Gap. The White Rock comhusband also lived when a young man, pany's plant is reported to be in full he having been a son of James Emer- blast, several new kilns having been ick, and a cousin of the Emericks recently added. about Centre Hall.

band, two brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Paul Bradford, and the latter's namely: John Love of Bellefonte; husband, attended the funeral of Mrs. William and Mrs. Catharine Coffman, Meeker's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth J. of Altoons, and Miss Mary Love of Bush, at Jersey Shore, on Sunday. Lock Haven.

ter, Mrs. George Kerstetter, at Jereey court last year issued an anti-treating Shore, Thursday night, of theumatism and a complication of diseases, Leonard Rhone, made a verbal report sged sixty-nine years. For about of the accomplishments of the associa- nine weeks Mrs. Bush was confined to tion and the intentions of erecting an her bed. Funeral services were held exhibition building for stock. His re- Sunday at Jersey Shore. Six children James, Rochester, New York; David, Montoursville; Mrs. Charles Knarr. Mrs. George Kerstetter, Jersey Shore : excess of those of former years, and Her husband preceded her to the give great encouragement for future various times visited her daughter in development. One hundred dollars of this place, having been here last sum-

> At the age of almost sixty-eight George, William and Burns Gates, of Port Matilda, and one half-brother.

Mrs. Malcoln Beaton died at her home in Spring Mills, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, following an ill- J. W. Brown, another daughter, planness of several weeks with pneumonis. ned a little party for the occasion and Her age was forty-two years.

The funeral has been set for Tues day of next week in order that the husband, who is in the state of Washington, may be present. Services will be held at the house and interment among livestock is abating in this made at Georges Valley, Rev. J. M. state is evident from the most recent Price of the Evangelical church, offici ating. Mrs. Beaton was a member of this church all her life.

Four small children survive, namely, Franklin, William, Levesta, and lisle, and Frank Kennelly, Spring Mills.

Miss Sarah Kline, a respected aged lady of Aaronsburg, died at her home Sunday morning, of old age, being in her eighty-first year. A short time ago she received a fall in her home from the effects of which she never re- lin; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Foreman, church and interment made at Aaronsburg, Rev. D. M. Geesey officiating. No brothers or sisters survive. For a number of years she was cared for by Mrs. Mary Burd.

Albert Meyer on Saturday night.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

of her brother, B. D. Brisbin, early HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Miss Caroline Boyer was named Monday previous. About six months | postmaster for Kersey, Clinton county. Misses Helen Weidensaul of Reedsher home in Winnebago, Wisconsin, ville and Ethel Shaffer of Altoons spent a few days as guests of Miss

A question that will come up for summer is whether the Ford will be provement during the time she lived obliged to dodge the Dodge.

The Millheim public school building was recently equipped with an electric bell to be sounded in case of fire. C.

Mrs. S. H. Deitzel of Pleasant Unity was called to the home of her mother, Mrs. Alfred Durst, who has been seriously ill for the past week or

The "back-firing" of an automobile, while being cranked by Dr. A. T. Welker of Nippenose Valley resulted in a broken bone in the physician's

Last week J. Witmer Wolf was in New York, a guest of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which company he is so successfully representing in Ardmore, his home town.

Residents about Oval are finding fault because the postoffice at that

Moore. Before marriage the deceased's name | Farmers are hauling lime and stone

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Meeker and Mrs. Emerick is survived by her hus- daughters, Mrs. John Knarr and

It looks as though the boozs business in Union county was getting to Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bush, mother of be unpopular. There are only three Mrs. Maynard Meeker of near Centre applicants this year, two in Lewis-Hall, died at the home of her daugh- burg and one at Laurelton. The

> A bill has been introduced by Representative Adams to carve a new county out of a portion of Luzerne and Schuylkill counties with Hazelton as the county seat. It is proposed to name the county in honor of Penrose, provided the Adams measure passes.

> Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Faxon, who several years ago conducted the Rebersburg hotel, moving from there to Boyertown, Berks county, where they operated a small farm, have again decided to return to Centre county and will move to Milesburg.

Rounds Orchestra will appear in Grange Arcadia, Thursday evening, 11th inst. This is one of the best musical combinations on the road, and probably the best that ever appeared in Centre Hall. The chart is now open and will be found at the Report. er office.

C. C. Robinson's car and Harry Auman, a coaster, collided at Axemann with the result that the youth had a leg broken and scalp wound. and was not to blame for the accident until he struck the road on which the car was being driven.

Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Krise celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. B. F. Reish, at the Duncen House, Mila number of friends were invited to the Duncan House and the event did not pass by without leaving pleasant memories to the happy couple.

That the foot-and-mouth disease order issued from the State Livestock Sanitary Board, which became effective February 1st. It releases from quarantine all counties but four-Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh and York. A few townships in Mifflin county are still quarantined, as well as several townships, boroughs and cities in other more distant counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fye entertained a sled load of their friends at their home Thursday night. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Runkle and children, Ruth, Helen and Frankcovered. Funeral services where held Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas and chil-Wednesday morning in the Lutheran dren, Fred and Helen; Mr. and Mrs. Kryder Frank and children, Ethel and Ernest; Mrs. S. S. Kreamer, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Mitterling, Mrs. John M. Coldron, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith and daughter, Louise, Mrs. E. S. Ripka and daughter Hazel, Mr. and A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Frank McClellan and son Wilbur, and Samuel Runkle.