

A. C. Ripka Buys Lusa Property.

A. C. Ripka of Centre Hill recently purchased the Clement W. Lusa property near the station, and will move into it next spring. The purchase price was not made public.

Road and Bridge Viewers.

The road and bridge viewers will hold a meeting in Bellefonte on 15th inst.

The business before them will be to hear testimony on the following roads and bridges:

To vacate road to Cold Stream Dam, Rush township; to vacate "Buttermilk" road, near "German Settlement," and road near Book's store, Burnside township; application for county bridge over Cold Stream, Rush township.

One Tree Brings \$100.

The government has received \$99 40 in settlement for a single sugar pine tree which was cut in trespass in the Stanislaus National Forest, in California, and which yielded more than enough actual lumber to build a good-sized suburban frame house. The tree scaled 18,935 board feet and was valued at \$5.25 per thousand feet.

Not many trees contain enough lumber to build a two-foot board walk nearly two miles long, and this is believed to be the first case on record in which a single tree felled in a National Forest was valued at almost \$100 on the stump, although National Forest timber is frequently sold at considerably higher rates.

LOCALS

Rounds Orchestra—Thursday night, 11th inst.

F. V. Goodhart's furniture advertisement is new in this issue.

There will not be as many sales in Centre county in March as there were in that month last year.

Fox hunting is proving successful for several Millheim hunters, for last week two red foxes and one grey fox were bagged.

The last three days in January saw mercury drop to a lower point than it had been for a month or more. Thursday night, 4 below; Friday, six below; Saturday, zero.

Mrs. Alfred Durst, who has been seriously ill for some time, sustained a paralytic stroke on Sunday which rendered her speechless. Her condition gives cause for great alarm.

The H. E. Bierly farm, near Rebersburg, tenanted by Bigler Shaffer, was sold at assignee's sale, Monday afternoon, to Henry Stoner of State College for \$5400. Mr. Shaffer will remain on the place.

Mrs. Robert F. Wilson, widow of the late Rev. Wilson, died at her home in Lewistown, last week, aged eighty-six years. Rev. Wilson was a cousin of J. T. Potter of this place. Two daughters and a son survive.

Prof. H. A. Dodson, D. Ross Bushman, T. L. Moore, Miss Helen Bartholomew—teachers in the borough schools—and Dr. H. F. Bitner, attended the sessions of the teacher's local institute at Spring Mills, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. George Zerby of near Tusseyville was taken to Philadelphia on Tuesday, where she will undergo an operation in one of the city's principal hospitals. Mrs. Zerby has been in poor health for some time. She was accompanied by Miss Irene Ross, a trained nurse.

The twentieth annual State School Directors' Convention is in session at Harrisburg today (Thursday) and will close tomorrow. Dr. H. F. Bitner of Centre Hall and Prof. Thomas I. Mairs of State College, elected at the directors' meeting in Bellefonte recently, are in attendance.

Guy Brooks purchased two properties last week through Chas. D. Bartholomew as agent. The properties are those known as the Calvin Horner property and the W. G. Runkle property, the latter tenanted by John Floray. Mr. Brooks contemplates making improvements on his new purchases, which adjoin each other.

James McMullen, a six-year-old boy, is in the Lewistown hospital in a very critical condition as a result of being kicked on the head by a mule when the guide on a big coasting sled played a dare-devil trick in attempting to see how close he could run the sled to the old mule which was tied to a post near a grocery store. When the sled passed by the animal struck out from the rear and crushed the boy's frontal bone.

Not in a number of years has a winter afforded as good sledding as the present. Roads were drifted to some extent after the fall of several of the dry loose snows, but travel has been impeded but little on this account. Through the rural sections, however, roads have not been passable by automobiles since the fall of the first snow the latter part of December. Of course, some of the main highways have been open at times to motor-driven vehicles, but even on these passage was not an easy matter.

WHY NOT REASON TOGETHER?

The country towns and the farmers around them remind one very much of two neighbors, whose social and financial welfare requires that they should be on good terms and pull together, and yet they insist on making faces at each other and working at cross purposes. The country town, where there are no mines or large factories or large schools, exists only to supply the trade and social wants of the farmers in the neighborhood within a territory that may extend from three to eight or ten miles around it, depending on the competition of other towns with like railroad facilities.

The country town, on the other hand, is a great benefit to the farmers around it. Their interests, when they come to think it over seriously and reason together, are identical. The townsman complains, however, that the farmer buys his supplies at a distance, and pays cash for them and freights, while he asks credit of his home merchants and forces them to do more or less of a credit business. The farmer replies that the merchants buy their agricultural supplies from a distance. They bring in, for example, a carload of potatoes from Minnesota or Wisconsin, or apples from New York or the Pacific coast, corn from Illinois, and refuse to pay more than nominal prices for potatoes, apples and such like that are produced in the immediate neighborhood. The merchant tells the farmer that he does not produce potatoes or apples in quantity, that he does not grade them. The farmer complains that the merchant or other business man, while exceedingly friendly when he has political ambitions to further, or some immediate end to gain, is anything but friendly under ordinary conditions.

And so you have it off and on from one year's end to the other, just like two neighbors who don't like each other, but really can't tell why they don't. They make one think of the old couplet: "I do not love thee, Doctor Fell, The reason why I cannot tell; But this alone I know full well— I do not love thee, Doctor Fell." There is some reason in some of the complaints which the merchant makes against the farmer, particularly with regard to the grading of potatoes or apples or eggs, or anything else he may have to sell; a complaint which it would be to the interest of the farmer to remove. On the other hand, the merchant has no right to complain if the farmer does precisely what he does himself, in the way of buying where he can get most for his money.

It seems that if the country towns are to prosper (and they are not prospering now, speaking generally, but just about holding their own in population and in business) if they are to prosper, they must consider more carefully the reason why they exist, which is simply to facilitate business and friendly intercourse between the farmers who support them, and who must support them, if they are to be supported at all.

The prosperity of the merchants in any town is gauged by the prosperity of the farmers in the country around. Hence, anything that they can do to stimulate profitable farming, and to furnish the best possible market facilities, should be done. Otherwise, the town must sooner or later become a dead end.

The first manifestation of decline is business room for rent. That means that unless occupants are found, rents will fall. Another manifestation is dwelling houses to rent. When there are a few more houses in a country town than there are occupants, then rents must fall. These are the beginnings of decay. Once a town has a feeling that it is decaying, a sort of pall comes over the inhabitants. They don't put forth the energy they otherwise would.

Now, the townspeople, as well as the

newspapers published in them, can do a great deal to encourage improvement in agriculture. They should vigorously and enthusiastically support any attempt on the part of the farmers to have corn shows or any other kind of agricultural meetings. They can well afford to support it in a small way with contributions, but can support it in a still more effective way by their personal encouragement.

It is to the interest of the country town that the farmers get the very best prices possible for his produce. There is no good reason why there should be such such a wide margin, for example, between the price of eggs and butter in the little country town, and in the city nearby. There is no good reason why there should be so wide a margin as there often is between the price of cream or butter-fat and the price of butter.

The great trouble with our people both in country and in town, is that they have not learned to get together. They are so independent that they do not realize how dependent farmers really are on each other, and how dependent they are on the merchants in the city or town. On the other hand, the merchants must come to understand that they are not independent of the farmer, but even more dependent on him than he is on them.

While the town is a benefit to the farmer, it is not a benefit of such magnitude that he is under obligations to pay tribute to it. He is under obligation, however, to deal fairly with it; and if it can furnish him with his supplies at the same rate that he can buy them elsewhere, he should give his town the preference. The town is entitled to that. On the other hand, if the town folks can buy the farmer's products at the same price they would pay for the same quality shipped in, they should certainly give him the preference.

While the farmers lack cohesion simply because they are slow to get acquainted with each other, there is also a lack of cohesion between town and country. For that reason, while all believe in the extension of farmers clubs, we must also believe in the formation of clubs for both men and women, composed of both farm and town folks.

The great cause of friction between town and country is simply that they don't know each other, and don't try to understand each other. The town folks will discover that the farmer is a pretty good sort when you come to know him right well; and the farmer will learn exactly the same thing about the folks in town. There is nothing to be gained by fighting each other. Whatever differences of opinion there may be can be easily adjusted, if they once get to know each other and get down to a point where they can reason together.

Each one's necessary to the other. The farms around will lose in value if the town dies out; and the town would be worthless except for the farmers. Let all pull together, find out the cause of friction, and remove it, and thus add mightily to the industrial life, the business life, and the social life of the whole region.

Possibly the business of merchandising in the town will need considerable readjustment and reconstruction before the friction can be removed. Possibly the merchant who is complaining of the farmer being behind the times is quite as much behind the times in the management of his business as the farmer is in managing his own business. If either side starts out in dead earnest to help the other, instead of trying to get an unholy advantage over him, the prosperity of the farmers will be considerably increased, and life in the country places, both on the farm and in the little town, will be much better worth living.

COBURN

Raymond Meek of Harrisburg is spending a few days with his brother, Charles R. Meek, at the home of J. E. Harter.

Miss Mary Meyer is spending a week at Centre Hill.

Mrs. Nicodemus Lusa is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Bible, at Centre Hill.

Some twenty cases of measles in our burg at present; hope the children will soon be able to be out again.

The primary school has been closed for a few days on account of measles.

J. E. Harter attended institute at Spring Mills Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harter spent a few days at the Marcellus Sankey home at Potters Mills.

W. E. Montgomery of Potters Mills spent a day with his fellow-forester, Charles Meek.

Mrs. Wasson is spending a few days at State College.

Bruce Bower of Illinois arrived here one day last week. He expects to visit among friends for a few weeks. Always glad to have our friends with us.

On account of the high price of wheat our grain merchants are crowded with work. As high as a dozen teams were waiting at one time to have grain unloaded. The highest price paid was \$1 44 per bu. William Shaffer of Millinburg shipped several carloads of wheat from this station.

PENN HALL.

Samuel Hosterman visited his parents over Sunday.

Mrs. Samuel Ulrich and daughter, Mrs. Mary Lyle, are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. John Eckle, at Bellefonte.

Miss Annie Fogleman spent a short time at Mrs. Robert Bartges' home, helping to take care of her daughter Margaret who had the measles.

Earl Bartges sold his three horses to Mr. Diehl of Millinburg and purchased a team from him, making the trip on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Sarah Rishel visited her uncle, William Sinkabine, on Sunday.

Miss Ethel Hettinger spent Sunday with her friend, Florence Bartges.

Miss Sara Condo attended the local institute and visited her parents on Sunday. She was accompanied by Miss Eva Moyer.

Quite a few through here have the measles again and more children are taking them.

Mrs. Jerry Albright, who has been sick for some time, is able to be up again.

Ralph Shook purchased a team of horses which he expects to use on the farm. He has rented near Madisonburg, now occupied by Philip Shook. The latter Mr. Shook expects to qualify as a veterinary surgeon.

The local institute was very interesting and was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Corman attended Pomona Grange at Centre Hill last Thursday.

REBERSBURG

Mrs. J. D. Houser of State College spent a few days the past week at this place under the parental roof.

Manassa Gilbert has a cat that tips the scales at sixteen pounds. Who can beat that? Let us hear from others.

Mrs. C. C. Small had the misfortune the other day to slip on the icy porch and fracture her ankle.

Ernest Bierly, who had the misfortune to have his house, near Emulleton, destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, moved to our town and now occupies part of Mrs. John Breon's dwelling house.

Mrs. Nathaniel Bowersox slipped and fell on the ice and has not since been able to leave the house on account of the severe bruises she received.

H. K. Small, our blacksmith, wears a broad smile since the arrival of that baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swarm of Olean, N. Y., are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Kate Binkley is making preparations to erect a dwelling house at the extreme eastern end of our town.

The other day a new safe was placed in our post-office. This is a convenience our new postmaster was very much in need of.

The past week C. M. Haines, one of our merchants, accompanied his wife to Philadelphia where she received treatment for weakness in her limbs. They returned home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stever and daughter, Mrs. J. D. Hause, were to Coburn last Sunday to help celebrate the eighty-fifth birthday of Mrs. Stever's father, Jacob Bower, who makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Weaver, at Coburn.

Brush Valley.

Thomas Thomson, the Evangelist, has closed his meetings at Murray school.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. A. P. Heckman, Mrs. William Hagan, and R. E. Wert.

J. W. Beck has been confined to the house for several days threatened with blood poison in the hand.

The play given by the Madisonburg schools was largely attended.

As usual, we have been having snow on Sunday.

Presiding Elder H. A. Benfer preached a very able sermon at the Yearick U. Evangelical church on Thursday evening.

Some of our teachers attended the institute at Spring Mills on Saturday.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Dot B. Callahan et ux to Sadie Myrtle Kennedy, tract of land in Rush twp. \$150.

Arthur B. Lee, Sheriff, to Katharine E. Mersch, 2 tracts of land in Haines twp. \$206.

Arthur B. Lee, Sheriff, to James Orvis Heverly, 4 tracts of land in Howard twp. \$10.

Arthur B. Lee, Sheriff, to Burdine Butler, tract of land in Howard twp. \$1,075.

Arthur B. Lee, Sheriff, to F. S. Diehl, tract of land in Howard twp. \$100.

Arthur B. Lee, Sheriff, to Jacob Ritzman, tract of land in Howard twp. \$2,025.

Jacob Feerrar's Heirs to George W. Feerrar, 3 tracts of land in Harris twp. \$100.

M. D. Kelley et al to Mary S. Shope tract of land in Snow Shoe Boro. \$500.

Elmer R. McClellan et ux to Susan Long et al, tract of land in Potter twp. \$100.

Anni L. McGann to Orlando C. Bower, tract of land in State College Boro. \$7,500.

Claude Moore et al to Jacob Williamson, tract of land in Philippsburg Boro. \$475.

Jacob Williamson to Mary T. Carson, tract of land in Philippsburg Boro. \$600.

Annie Swartz et al to Beale Treasurer, 4 tracts of land in Penn twp. \$200.

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John H. Herman et ux to W. H. Noll, Jr., et al, tract of land in Spring twp. \$10.

John C. Barnes to James L. Bailey,

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tract of land in Bellefonte Boro. \$2,150. Susannah Corman et al to Jess S. Decker, tract of land in Walker twp. \$650. Oscar J. Auman et al to Edward C. Decker, tract of land in Gregg twp. \$600. Charles A. Walizer et ux to Samuel C. Brown, tract of land in Howard Boro & twp. \$325.

The ladies' and children's physical culture class will meet in the W. C. T. U. room Friday afternoon, from four to five o'clock. The boys' class will meet Thursday afternoon.

If you want to buy or sell property in or near Centre Hall consult Chas. D. Bartholomew, before acting.

I have several fine offerings now on my list.

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