



HOME FOR FEEBLE MINDED.

A Measure Asking for \$575,000 for Institution in Union County Favorably Received.

Among the appropriation bills introduced at the present session of the legislature was one by Representative Harry M. Showalter of Union county, appropriating \$575,000 by the state for the erection and maintenance of the Home for Feeble-Minded Women, to be erected west of Hartleton at the eastern end of the Penns Valley narrows.

The proposed institution received its first impetus with the last legislature when \$40,000 was appropriated for the acquisition of a site. A committee was appointed and the site at the extreme end of Union county on state land was considered the best and most available. Additional land was acquired to make the site more desirable through the efforts of County Commissioner D. R. Pursley and Dr. O. W. Glover, two of Laurelton's citizens, whose efforts were backed by others in that section. A farm was acquired with other parcels of land to make the plot a square one in area.

Dr. Mary M. Wolfe of Lewisburg, as superintendent of the new institution, has been working on the plans for buildings that the appropriation is to provide, and with favorable action on the part of the State legislature work will start at once to bring the institution to an early completion.

Following the appropriation of the legislature the Pennsylvania railroad officials have agreed to build a spur of track several miles long from Glen Iron to west of Hartleton. This will provide facilities for transportation in handling the supplies and building materials necessary, and also a means of transportation for the public after it is in operation.

Favorable action is expected from the legislature on the appropriation bill of Mr. Showalter, and members of the committee have expressed themselves as favoring the project, which is intended to relieve the other state institutions that are now crowded to their fullest capacity in caring for the subjects.

The branch of the Lewisburg & Tyrone R. R. that will be built will be heartily welcomed by the residents of Laurelton and Hartleton, in providing them with means of transportation and freight, and with it may possibly be the extension of the service rendered by the storage battery car that has been operating so successfully between Lewisburg and Millinburg.

Quitting Party.

The other Wednesday there was held an old fashioned quilting party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bressler, near Spring Mills, and the following ladies were present: Mrs. Amanda Bailey, Mrs. Robert Finkle, Mrs. William Lingle, Mrs. John Vonada and two children, Mrs. Asher Confer, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Adam Finkle and daughter, Mrs. Ida Stoner, Mrs. John McCool, Mrs. Dolly Schleifer, Mrs. D. W. Sweetwood, Mrs. Ripka, Mrs. H. M. Hoy, Mrs. Daniel Krader, Mrs. Laura Bartges, and son Ray Bartges, Misses Alva Maders and Pearl Schleifer.

Promptly at twelve o'clock noon, dinner was served, and such a dinner as only a farmer's wife like Mrs. Bressler knows how to serve. She was assisted by her accomplished daughter, Miss Lena, and Mrs. Hoy. Mrs. Bressler is noted for miles around for her famous cooking and hospitality. All enjoyed the day. The music was rendered by Mrs. Laura Bartges and son, master Ray Bartges, and was also enjoyed by all. Yours, H. M. Hoy, a guest.

Increase in Population.

The increase in the population during the month of November made large gains in Pennsylvania, according to statistics compiled by the State Department of Health just issued there were 18,812 births recorded as compared with 8,856 deaths. During the same period there were 778 still births.

The largest number of deaths due to one cause, 828, the number of victims carried off by pneumonia. Bright's disease caused 793 deaths and tuberculosis of the lungs, 610. There were 77 suicides reported, 78 persons were killed in the mines and 92 in railway accidents.

To Improve Water Plant.

At the last meeting of the directors of the Centre Hall Water Company it was decided to improve the water plant. The upper reservoir will be repaired and all the pipe lines from springs leading to it put into good condition and buried below the frost line. There will also be other minor improvements on the system.

This week opened with a characteristic February day—bright and a frisky temperature.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

Held at Harrisburg, Thursday and Friday. The Subject of Rural Schools Broadly Discussed.—School Tax Another Subject.

By DR. H. F. BITNER
Representing Centre County at the State Directors' Convention.

The twentieth annual convention of the Directors' Department of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association was held on Thursday and Friday of last week, at Harrisburg.

The meetings were held in the Technical High School building, and were opened with devotional exercises by Rev. Edwin E. Curtis, of the Presbyterian church. The Hon. S. J. McCarrel, one of the judges of the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas, in a very spirited and courteous address, welcomed the directors to Harrisburg, J. Newton Roads responded. Prof. C. S. Foss, City Superintendent of Reading, addressed the convention, trying to answer the question "What is the matter with our public schools?" He tried to show that the schools in Pennsylvania were good and slowly improving but that they were far from what they might be. He addressed himself mainly to city schools and suggested that the schools should be kept open all day and during the evening; that some students in the higher grades can come early in the day while others can come later or at night. He has tried the plan in Reading and finds that it works well. The same question was further discussed by W. H. Horner and Andrew G. Smith.

The meeting in the afternoon was opened by several musical numbers rendered by the students of the High School. The Harrisburg High School is very large and has a large chorus, a ladies' glee club and a boys' orchestra. These three organizations at one time or another entertained the convention with appropriate music.

The president of the convention, Harry A. Boyer, of Harrisburg, delivered an able and appropriate address. Among the many phases of the school question which he presented to the audience none received closer attention than what he said about the assessment of property. He showed that large land owners did not pay their proper share of school tax because favored by the assessor. An illustrated lecture on school architecture was given by J. George Becht, secretary of the State Board of Education. The afternoon program closed with an address by Dr. Charles Albert, of the Bloomsburg Normal School. His subject was "Our needs in rural education." His principal theme was the building of better and more expensive school houses. He proposes for the first story half under ground and the second story consisting of several rooms. He pleads for a gymnasium and work rooms in the lower floor, a domestic science room and a room for teaching agriculture, and a general assembly room for lectures and community gatherings. He advocates a large plot of ground and two gardens, one on each side of the school house—one for the girls and one for the boys. Also separate play grounds, where the girls can play girls' games, and the boys can play boys' games without interference. Governor Brumbaugh was introduced as the next president and was received with enthusiasm.

He made a short speech in which he assured all that the public school would be taken care of by him as far as he was able.

In the evening, after much excellent music, Dr. J. P. McCaskey of Lancaster, read a long paper on "The school directors and the school work? He tried to emphasize the value of having a curfew ring in our towns and villages to bring our boys and girls from the streets.

The second address for the evening was assigned to Hon. S. D. Fees, congressman from Ohio. Mr. Fees was unable to be present and Dr. Schmuicker of West Chester Normal School took his place on the program and told, very entertainingly, how Thomas Osborne of New York had helped the prison authorities to change the management of their institutions for the great benefit of both prisoners and authorities.

Friday morning, after at least half a dozen pieces of music, all well rendered and much applauded, an address was delivered by Dr. Samuel Hamilton of Allegheny county. A gifted speaker, with clear and full voice, he held his large audience spell bound as he told the real significance of war and pictured vividly the war scenes of the present war in Europe. The address was very scholarly, very beautiful in language and expression, and was frequently interrupted with extended applause.

The question box contained a number of interesting questions, and were answered by Secretary Becht. The committee on resolutions presented twenty-one resolutions for the legislature to act upon, several of which came from Centre county.

The convention adjourned at noon.

S. H. GLENN DIES IN HOSPITAL.

Husband of Miss Elsie Foreman Succumbs to Injuries Received When Soot Exploded in Penny's Shop.

After lingering nearly a week and suffering greatly, Samuel H. Glenn, husband of Miss Elsie Foreman, formerly of this place, of 111 East Ninth street, Altoona, a machinist employed at the Penny's boiler shop, No. 2, died at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Altoona hospital from injuries received when soot in a flue exploded Sunday afternoon of last week.

Glenn's death comes as a great shock to his scores of friends. It was believed that the injured man would recover up until early Friday morning when he suffered a relapse. Later he revived but eventually he became weaker until death occurred at the hour stated.

Last Sunday afternoon Glenn and William Snyder, a gang leader, were engaged in cleaning the flues in a big boiler at the Penny's Twelfth street boiler shop. In some unknown manner, water was turned into the flues of the boiler and an explosion followed. Glenn's clothing was enveloped in a mass of flames and before Snyder could extinguish the fire and prevent injury to Glenn, the latter was seriously burned about the face, hands, body and abdomen. Snyder was slightly burned about the hands. Both were removed to the Altoona hospital, but it was not thought that Glenn's condition was critical.

Samuel Harris Glenn was born on August 5, 1884, at Seven Stars, Huntingdon county, and later removed to State College where he was reared and educated. Twelve years ago he went to Altoona and took up his residence. He was an efficient workman, a true sportsman and a man of christian character. He is survived by his wife and three sons, Frank, Joseph and Lynn, all of Altoona, and his father and mother, three sisters, Misses Ella and Margaret Glenn, Mrs. Wasson, and three brothers, John and Edward Glenn, all of State College, and Rev. James Glenn, of Carlisle. He was a member of Trinity Reformed church, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the P. R. R. relief association and of the Blair county lodge, Hunters' & Anglers' association, of which he was a trustee.

Funeral services were held at his late home in Altoona and were in charge of Rev. W. Bergey of the Reformed church, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. H. K. Harnish and Rev. James Glenn, a brother, assisted in the services. The body was shipped to Centre Hall, arriving on the 2:30 train Monday afternoon, and interment followed in the cemetery at this place, Rev. Bergey, assisted by Rev. R. K. Jones, officiating. The casket was opened and the remains viewed for the last time by a large number of friends. About eighty friends from Altoona accompanied the corpse to the burial ground. Among them were representatives of the different fraternal orders of which he was a member, a large delegation of Sunday-school members, and fellow-workmen in the Altoona shops. All these societies contributed floral pieces as a tribute of respect.

Besides the immediate families there attended the following known to Reporter readers: John F. Foreman, H. E. Reaick, Altoona; Mrs. Albert Schrad, Mrs. Fannie Perdue, Mrs. Albert Poorman, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chaudier, Mrs. John Dawson, Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Everhart, Mr. and Mrs. George Mothersbaugh, Boalsburg; Mrs. Lizzie Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Foreman and family, State College; Thomas Rishel, Bellefonte; M. M. Hartwick, Frank Hessinger, Floyd Glenn, William Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, Altoona.

Celebrate Fifth Wedding Anniversary.

Wednesday of last week Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Campbell entertained a number of their friends at their home in Linden Hall on the occasion of their fifth wedding anniversary. Those present were: Mrs. Jane Marshall, Charles Cook and daughters, Miss Anna and Mrs. Currie, and the latter's son, William; Mrs. Eva Shuey and son Eugene, all of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shively, Sr., and daughter Mary Jane; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shively, Jr., and son; Mrs. H. C. Knapp, Mrs. Tibbens, all of near Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Marshall and family of Buffalo Run, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters and family of Lemont; Mrs. Nannie Gilliland and family of Oak Hill; Mrs. Henry Giegerich, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer Campbell, of Linden Hall.

Don't miss the musical treat in Grange Arcadia, tonight (Thursday). Round's orchestra—seven ladies and one gentleman—will give an excellent entertainment.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Alfred Durst died at her home in Centre Hall early Thursday morning, following several weeks' illness the climax of which came Sunday previous when she received a stroke of apoplexy. The end came peacefully at the above stated time, all of her children except Mrs. D. J. Wolf, who is ill, being at her bedside when death came.

Mrs. Durst, whose maiden name was Almira Margaret McClenahan, was the daughter of the late Andrew C. and Sarah McClenahan and was born in Decatur township, Millin county, September 13, 1845, making her age sixty-nine years, four months and twenty-one days.

On the 17th of December, 1867, she was married to Alfred Durst at Millroy and ever since was a resident of Penns Valley. For the past fifteen years she was a resident of Centre Hall.

Funeral services were held at her late home, Monday morning, and were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. H. Williams, of the Methodist church, of which she was a member since girlhood. Interment was made at Centre Hall.

Surviving her are her husband and the following children; Grace, wife of Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Pleasant Unity; Jessie, wife of Rev. D. J. Wolf, Taneytown, Md.; Verna, wife of S. M. Goodhart, Johnstown; and Virgie, wife of W. F. Keller, Centre Hall. Four children died in early life. One full brother, Robert G. McClenahan, of Tyrone, and three half sisters also survive, namely, Mrs. Emma Dorman, Decatur; Mrs. Mary Roland, Lewistown; Mrs. Sallie McCafferty, Philadelphia. The late James L. McClenahan of Centre Hall was a brother.

Mrs. Mary Agnes Condo, wife of J. P. Condo, of Tower Hill, Ill., died in St. Anthony's hospital in that place, recently, surrounded by the members of her family. Mrs. Condo, who had been failing in health for two months, was taken to St. Anthony's hospital two weeks previous for an operation, which failed to bring relief.

Mary Agnes Morz was born near Woodward, on May 30, 1850, where the early years of her life were spent. On September 20, 1868, she was united in marriage at Woodward to J. P. Condo. One month later the young couple went to Ellingsham, Ill., which at that time was the terminus of the Vandalia railroad. In 1909 Mr. and Mrs. Condo moved to Tower Hill, which was her home until the time of her death.

Mrs. Condo was always a prominent church worker, having united with the Methodist church at Moccasin in 1879. After moving to Tower Hill her interest in the Moccasin church did not diminish, being an active supporter in the Moccasin and Tower Hill churches until the time of her death. Mrs. Condo was greatly interested in the mission work, for a number of years having supported a Chinese in a Methodist mission in China. Her patience, good nature and helping hand were always found where sickness and trouble reigned. By her many kind acts and noble deeds she endeared herself to a legion of friends, and leaves a heritage that her family may well be proud of.

Beside her husband, she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Florence G. Miller of Nokomis, Mrs. Lulu H. Johnston of Moccasin, and one son, A. B. Condo, also of Moccasin, five children having preceded her in death, four in infancy and her oldest daughter, Mrs. Sallie E. Grubb, having died six years ago.

Rural Credit League Organized.

Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange participated in the organization of the Rural Credit League of America, at Washington. The purpose of the organization is to urge congress to study rural credit legislation and enact at the earliest possible moment.

John A. McFarren, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and W. T. Cressy, past master, were elected to the executive committee, which will have charge of the propaganda.

A resolution was adopted requesting congress to enact appropriate legislation authorizing the committees on agriculture of both bodies to appoint joint subcommittees to hold hearings during vacation on such personal rural credit bills as may be presented to them by persons having sufficient authoritative backing.

Any farmers' organization which presents a bill is to have the right to appear before the committee by an expert of its own selection and establish its merits. The committee is requested to notify at least one leading representative affected by any bill of his right to appear and oppose any bill presented.

Ira J. Keller is to succeed J. E. Harnan as postmaster at Yeagertown.

NEWS OF 1881.

Notes Taken From Files of The Centre Reporter of Thirty-four Years Ago.

April 21st—Messrs. John Shannon, ex-sheriff Kline and Mr. Gordon, surveyors, last week ran the line for dividing Haines township into two election precincts.

Rev. Roeder will administer the Lord's Supper in the Reformed church at this place, next Sabbath morning.

Perry Stover intends erecting a large building at Coburn station, next summer, probably for a business stand. A firm has purchased from Musser and Gephart 4000 acres of timberland in Poe Valley at \$9 per acre.

The farmers in the lower end of the valley have been plowing for some time—a little ahead of the farmers about here.

Prof. W. T. Meyer brought a second term of singing school to a close in Aaronsburg last Saturday evening. The professor is a first-class musical director.

April 28th—Spring township, last year had a \$400 medical bill for treatment of its poor.

Centre Hall has a curiosity in the form of a four-legged chicken, hatched by a hen belonging to Mrs. Isaac Gift.

A few days ago a party of tramps broke into the residence of Jonathan Weaver, about three miles below town, and helped themselves to some eatables. They broke two locks to gain an entrance.

Many Farmers in Legislature.

Lawyers and farmers lead among the professions and occupations of the members of the general assembly this year. There are 15 lawyers among the 50 State Senators and in the House 46 of the 207 members are lawyers. Five of the Senators give their occupation as farmers and 19 of the assemblymen are tillers of the soil. The manufacturers are more evenly distributed between the two branches, seven occupying seats in the Senate and eight in the House.

Only two of the Senators are merchants, but 17 merchants are in the lower branch.

LOCALS.

Calvin Ruhl of Lewisburg was a visitor in Centre Hall on Monday.

Recent measurements puts the local post office 3595 feet distant from the railroad station.

The Tressler Orphans' Home at Loyvsville was made a beneficiary under the will of Harriet Hoffman, late of Ardmore. The bequest was \$300.

Harry Miller, a miller by trade, who is chief in the Centre Hall flouring mill, was unable to be at his post for a part of last week on account of illness.

Rev. R. B. Longwell of New Albany is in Centre Hall as the guest of his brother, Dr. H. H. Longwell, and will remain for a month. Rev. Longwell is a missionary to India under the Baptist board and is home on furlough.

Musser Coldron, one of the obliging mail messengers between the railroad station and the Centre Hall post office, is a sufferer from tonsillitis. James S. Stahl and Newton E. Emerick are now carrying the mail between the points named.

The Altoona car shops received an order from the Penny last week for sixty-eight new steel cars. The news was received with much joy in that city and a large number of men will be given employment. The work is to start soon.

The three-week revival at Bellefonte came to a close last week. The Bellefonte Academy is said to have experienced great benefits from the work of Dr. W. W. Orr, the evangelist. Dr. Orr left for Virginia, while his singer, C. W. Culver, went to State College to assist in the work that is going on there.

A fine doe deer was seen by J. H. Detwiler on Saturday afternoon to cross the fields on the Brockerhoff farm, below Centre Hall, and tenanted by Henry Lingle. It is presumed that the animal is now on Nittany Mountain. More deer have been seen in the valley this winter than for many years past, and the only explanation is that the deep and lasting snow has made it hard for them to obtain anything to eat in their mountain fastness.

The elk that created such an excitement about Tusseyville several weeks ago, continues to loiter about the fields at the foot of "old Tussey" and will undoubtedly remain there for some time, especially since feed is being carried to it almost daily. In a small clump of pines George Jordan of Colver deposited a good supply of hay and the elk soon discovered it. Almost daily Mr. Jordan makes the trip with the hay and the elk never fails to come up to the trough. It is seen quite often by the residents in that section.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Tomorrow (Friday) is the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln.

The moon stays sober during February, but this does not keep mercury from bobbing up and down.

Earl Smith, formerly of Potters Mills, and Mr. Rupp of Coburn are employed at the new dairy barn at Pennsylvania State College.

At the last regular meeting of the school board, F. P. Geary was elected as a school director to complete the unfinished term of the late D. F. Lane.

Mrs. J. M. Coldron spent a few days last week at the home of her brother, William Kiester, at Aaronsburg, who is preparing to depart for the state of Illinois.

State College physicians have agreed on a schedule of prices for professional services. This will give all in their district an opportunity to calculate in advance whether or not they will want to patronize the home physician or get Sears and Roebuck treatment.

Round's orchestra will arrive today (Thursday) from Middleburg where they greatly pleased a large audience last night. Don't miss this musical treat, for nothing better was ever offered this town in way of entertainment. They broke two locks to gain an entrance.

The venerable Peter Cori and son, Samuel, of State College returned from Philadelphia, where the former had undergone surgical treatment at the Hahneman hospital for a cancerous affection. He also took the X-ray treatment, which, it is hoped, will effect a complete cure.

In making a remittance on subscription J. H. Krumbine of Vintondale, who is postmaster at that place, says: "Our office here is picking up right along. Last quarter was a good one; probably the best in many years. The parcel post is the leading factor. Family well."

George H. Yarnell of Zion has been appointed inspector of tools under the State Highway Department and is now engaged in that work. His territory covers the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, and Indiana. The job expires on April 1st. Mr. Yarnell will try for the office of sheriff again this fall.

J. O. Deining, who for the past few months has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. James E. Stewart, in New Bloomfield, was thought to have sustained a paralytic stroke one day last week when he reeled and fell, but was nothing more than an attack of dizziness to which he is subject.

The fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. Church at Williamsport last week, voted to request the return of their pastor, Rev. M. S. Derstine, for another year, at least. During Rev. Derstine's pastorate of five years the membership has nearly doubled and many improvements made to the church. Rev. Derstine is a brother of Miss Rebecca Derstine and Mrs. John H. Poff of this place.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has put itself on record to urge members of the legislature to vote for the sum of money originally proposed in the budget for the support of Pennsylvania State College. The order justifies the claim for a larger appropriation because of the fact that heretofore many students seeking enrollment were denied the opportunity to get an education at the institution of their choice.

Penn State is making an experiment in feeding horses on ensilage, corn, cotton seed meal and alfalfa. Some of the animals are fed corn and alfalfa, others ensilage and cotton seed meal, and others corn, and oats. From general appearance the animals fed alfalfa in their ration are in the best condition and have made the most rapid gains. The animals on test are all large, well boned and well proportioned, and when finished will make up a car of first grade stock for any market.

A Millin county farmer has solved the problem of breaking the nasty habit of his mule stopping on all sorts of occasions and refusing to budge an inch even though a cannon cracker be set off under him. Acting under an inspiration the farmer, Roy Kline by name, secured a pair of stout shafts and fitted them to his automobile. Hitching his stubborn equine to the machine he started on a cross country jaunt and awaited developments. It was only a short time until the beast came to a dead stop, but the master seated comfortably in his car, mistled instead of using nasty words as he was wont heretofore. Throwing the throttle wide open the mule pricked up its ears in surprise when it received a jolt in the rear. The one treatment was sufficient and Kline guarantees it to do the work for others who are troubled likewise.