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STATE GRANGE FOR LOCAL OPTION.

Places it at Head of Grange Legislative Program.

The State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has placed local option and support of Governor Brumbaugh in his fight for an option law at the top of its legislative program.

The legislative committee of the State Grange, at its meeting unanimously declared that the Grange has advocated local option for many years and added that the governor of this commonwealth is now advocating the enactment of a reasonable, fair and just local option law and is deserving of our support and assistance. The committee then unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

"That we extend to his excellency, the governor, assurance of our active co-operation in attempting to secure the enactment of such a law.

"That through the state, Pomona and subordinate granges a campaign be immediately instituted to the end that public sentiment favoring such a law may be impressed upon the legislature."

The effort to procure a state flower for Pennsylvania seems to have culminated finally in the choice of the mountain laurel, a very admirable selection from many standpoint. Some folks have felt that Pennsylvania wasn't specially in need of a flower, whilst others were divided in opinion, some advocating the selection of one flower, others warmly championing another. The bill introduced early in the session naming the mountain laurel seems to have provoked no opposition and it went through the house without remonstrance, having the same happy fortune in the senate.

Thus it is now in the hands of Governor Brumbaugh and is entirely likely to receive his approval.

Mrs. Henney's Millinery Opening.

Tuesday and Wednesday of next week—March 30th and 31st—have been set as the formal opening days by Mrs. Lucy Henney for her millinery showing. Mrs. Henney returned from Philadelphia last week where she purchased the most beautiful assortment of spring hats for women, misses and small girls. The styles for this spring are the most beautiful that have been designed for many years and among Mrs. Henney's assortment will be found hats for the most stylish dresser as well as for those having more conservative tastes. Mrs. Henney's thorough knowledge of her customer's tastes is always reflected in her purchasing and she seldom fails to select goods which give the utmost satisfaction.

Her prices, too, are moderate when compared with those asked for the same quality of goods in "style emporiums." At her store may be found all the style of which the city milliner boasts, but price tags bear figures far below those shown on the larger goods.

School Building Afire.

Friday afternoon, immediately after school had been dismissed, the Aaronsburg school house was discovered to be on fire. A spark from the chimney falling onto the shingle roof is supposed to have started the blaze and in a short time the entire roof was afire. Aaronsburg was not without its fire hose and good water pressure, however, and by quick work on part of the residents, the building was saved from total destruction. The school house is a two-story frame building and has four rooms, only three of which are occupied. Only two weeks more of school remained for the term at the close of school on Friday.

Purchased Big Timber Tract.

John H. Miller, known as the lumber king of Mifflin county, has announced the purchase of the largest tract of stabling timber in the state. The tract is located near Robertdale, contains 2,500 acres underlaid with coal and one prosperous mine is now in operation within seven feet of the line of the Miller tract. The purchase was made at a cost of \$35,250. Sawmills will be shipped there soon prepared for five years' work and as rapidly as the timber is cleared away coal mining will begin.

Violated Foot-& Mouth Disease Quarantine.

E. L. Davis, a calf dealer and market man of Bircrobrunville, Chester county, appeared in court and pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the foot-and-mouth disease quarantine regulations of the State Livestock Sanitary Board.

Mr. Davis, who has stalls in the Philadelphia markets, purchased veal calves at various farms and slaughtered them without inspection. The skins were concealed in barrels under layers of dressed poultry and shipped to Philadelphia with out disinfection. Mr. Davis' arrest followed the finding of several barrels of contraband hides on the platform at the railroad station.

Are You Changing Location?

If you are changing your location this spring do not fail in asking us to send the Reporter to your new address, to give also your old address. This is absolutely necessary, and besides, will save us a lot of trouble and annoyance. Again, give your old, as well as your new, address.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Joseph McCann to John D. Cox et al, tract of land in Taylor twp. \$125.

John D. Miller, Treasurer, to Commissioners of Centre Co., tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$3.12.

Commissioners of Centre Co. to Fred W. Thomann, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$41.91.

Amelia Ulrich et ux to J. Spigelmeyer, tract of land in Millheim boro. \$400.

J. Spigelmeyer et ux to W. B. Young, tract of land in Millheim boro. \$500.

June A. Walter et al to W. R. Young, tract of land in Millheim boro. \$600.

THE FARMER GAINS.

Demand for Wheat Bound to be Greater than the Supply, Whether War Continues or Not.

If any one gains by the present world condition it is the farmer, and the farmer of Pennsylvania bids fair to get his share of whatever the profit may be. According to the report of the state department of agriculture for the year 1914, the wheat acreage of Pennsylvania was 1,312,000 and from this the crop amounted to 28,000,000 bushels. Reports gathered so far indicate that the acreage of wheat this year will be increased by at least ten per cent., which means an increase in the total crop of nearly three million bushels. At the present value of the grain this amount will give to the farmers of Pennsylvania many millions of dollars, a substantial increase to the already large wheat return of the state. Pennsylvania now stands twelfth among the states of the union in wheat production, and although its yield cannot equal that of the great wheat producing states of the middle west, this added amount will probably retain for the state its present rank.

Whether the great war across the ocean continues or not, the demand for wheat is certain to be greater than the supply, and the United States will naturally be looked to as the granary of the world; and as a result, America will be compelled to supply the greater part of the world's demand for next year at least and probably longer. At any rate, the raising of wheat promises to be a profitable business for the farmer of Pennsylvania as well as all other states, providing crop conditions continue as propitious as last year, and as they now indicate.

Value of Farm Stock in State.

Only ten per cent. of the farmers of the state are feeding steers for the spring markets, according to estimates just made by the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture. It is stated that this is a smaller number than usual and is attributed to the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease for the last few months.

The bureau makes an estimate that there are now 1,063,500 milch cows in the state valued at \$61,103,000. Mature horses are given at \$11,812, mature at \$76,771,800, and mature mules at \$43,352, valued at \$6,672,912. Many mules have been bought for shipments to other states, presumably for export, but the figures are one per cent. higher than five years ago. The number of mature horses is about the same as 1910; cows two per cent. more.

The estimates of the number of mature hogs in the state is 613,000, valued at \$9,900,000. The sheep of the state are not as numerous as five years ago and are valued at \$3,559,460. The aggregate value of mature horses, mules, cows, hogs and sheep in the state is given as \$157,107,172.

Prizes for Best Corn Growers.

The Centre County Pomona grange has organized a central corn club and deputies are now engaged in forming community clubs throughout the county. Three prizes will be offered by the central organization and three sweepstake prizes will also be offered for the entire county. The work is in charge of John S. Dale and J. J. Janquish. The idea is to induce the youths on the farm to take an active interest in the growing of corn.

REBERSBURG

Last Friday William Frank lost a valuable horse by death.

Edwin Guisewitz, who had sale on Saturday, left with his family for Sandusky, Ohio.

William Minnich of State College spent part of last week at this place at the home of his son Lester.

Rumor has it that Mr. Vonada of Feidler will move to our town and occupy the house Edwin Guisewitz vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stover of Livonia spent last Saturday at this place as guests at the home of Monasa Gilbert.

Howard Metzger has taken charge of Snyder Miller's barber shop while Mr. Miller and wife are spending a month in Illinois visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Jordan.

Lee Wolf of near Wolfe Store is the happiest man in that section at present, all on account of the arrival of that wee little baby boy.

On last Friday William Bierly moved into the house which Ammon Hazel vacated and moved to Boalsburg. Edwin Frank moved into the house Bierly vacated, and Harry Garret of Rockville moved into the house Frank vacated.

Sensors Visit State College.

The senate appropriations committee visited the Pennsylvania State College one day last week and made a tour of the buildings and grounds, looking into the imperative needs of the institution. A mass meeting of the student body was held at the Auditorium. The members of the committee were entertained by the Cadet band and the Penn State quartet. The following senators were on the platform:

C. J. Buckman, Bucks; H. W. Schantz, Lehigh; A. K. DeWitt, Luzerne; C. W. Sones, Columbia, Montour, Sullivan and Lycoming; C. A. Snyder, Schuylkill; Franklin Martin, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry and Cumberland; J. W. Hoke, Adams and Franklin; J. W. Endsley, Fulton, Bedford and Somerset; Charles H. Kline, Allegheny; John P. Moore, Allegheny; J. Frank Graf, Armstrong and Butler; R. J. Miller, Clearfield and Centre; J. W. Stewart, Washington and Greene; Elmer Warner, Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne.

Jackson Post Instituted.

A camp of United Spanish-American War Veterans, to be known as Lieut. George L. Jackson Camp No. 70, was formally instituted at Bellefonte Monday evening of last week. Dr. J. V. Foster, formerly of Centre Hall, is a member and holds the office of Sergeant Major. The following officers were installed:

Commander, A. J. Nealis; Sr. Commander, H. S. Taylor; Jr. Commander, Milton Reed; Adjutant, S. D. Gettig, Esq.; Quartermaster, George N. Sunday; Officer of the Day, E. R. Taylor; Officer of the Guard, James Morrison; Chaplain, H. F. Whiting; Historian, N. B. Spangler, Esq.; Surgeon, Dr. R. G. H. Hayes; Trustees, Dr. David Dale and Frank Smith; Sgt. Major, Dr. J. V. Foster; Quartermaster Sgt., John Morrison; Sr. Color Sgt., R. Clarence Daley; Jr. Color Sgt., George Thompson; Musician, Tomer Hugg.

Report of Primary School.

Report of Primary school for sixth month ending Wednesday, March 17. Number in attendance, males 14, females 18. Per cent. of attendance, males 82, females 89. Those in attendance every day during month: Lottie Keller, Miriam Moore, Dorothy Packard, Ruth Runkle, Mary Smith, Florence Zettle, Vienna Zettle, Luther Krebs, Joseph Ruble and Harry Barger. Those in attendance everyday during term are Lottie Keller and Joseph Ruble.

LOCALS

The robins have appeared again in full chorus after having been frozen out by King Winter for several weeks.

D. K. Keller had bathroom fixtures installed in his home on Church street last week.

The seven months' school term in the township comes to a close this week.

Byron Platt, who filled a number on the Centre Hall lecture course several years ago, lectured in Reedsville last evening.

Mrs. C. G. Barnes left for New York, Saturday, where she will spend two weeks with her daughter, Miss Estella H. Barnes.

Lester Cummings, an express messenger on the Pennsylvania, running from Altoona to Pittsburgh, is visiting at the home of his brothers, Harry and William, above Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knarr of Clinton county, who were recently married in Bellefonte, spent a few days of their honeymoon trip at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Meeker, near Centre Hall.

Work on the Gramley building in Millheim is making rapid progress. The brick have all been laid; a No. 1 tin roof is on and the lathers and plasterers are busily engaged at the present time.

Meers B. D. Brisbin, L. L. Smith, and E. W. Crawford made a trip in Mr. Smith's new King car to Bellefonte, Thursday evening, where they listened to an eloquent address by Associate Judge Benson, of Erie, Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. lodge in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. LeVina Martin of Millersburg, Perry county, and Mrs. Jennie Motter of Harrisburg, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Krape, one day last week. The latter lady, who is a cousin of Mrs. Krape, returned in a few days, but Mrs. Martin, who is Mrs. Krape's aunt, will stay for a week or more.

That the dread foot-and-mouth disease is abating in Pennsylvania is evident from the most recent report issued from the state Livestock Sanitary Board. This order, issued last week, places under complete quarantine only one county—Lancaster. The quarantine continues also in a few townships in a number of other counties, most of which is in the eastern part of the state.

NEWS OF 1881.

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

June 20th—J. B. Solt, Centre Hall's enterprising butcher, killed a four-weeks old calf that tipped the scales at 110 pounds.

A new shaft was lately sunk on William Emerick's farm at this place, for ore, and a rich vein was struck. A party has leased it and is already engaged in getting out ore.

Singular to relate, on last Saturday two horses were strangled by their balers, in this county. The one was a horse of our landford, David Moyer, who found it dead on Sunday morning, having been choked during the night. The other was a very valuable horse of William Swab, living about a mile from here, which was also strangled from the same cause.

John Sankey will soon raise his new barn—40x52.

June 16th—The recent heavy rain falls caused about a foot or more of water to collect in the cellar of Wolf's store.

The corner stone of the Evangelical church, in Aaronsburg, will be laid on the 19th of June.

Married—At the M. E. parsonage on the evening of the 2nd of June, by Rev. G. Penepacker, F. A. Foreman and Miss Allie Purdue, both of this county.

June 23rd—Rev. John Harpster of Kansas preached in the Lutheran church last Sabbath.

The dwelling house of John Long, at the head of Penns Creek, about three miles east of Centre Hall, was destroyed by fire on Thursday afternoon. The house was a large log dwelling and was occupied by two families, that of Mr. Long and one of his sons. The loss was \$2000, with no insurance.

Rev. John Harpster, who left our town nine years ago as a Lutheran missionary to Guntur, India, returned last Wednesday. He will return to his field of labor in a short time.

Building Begun for Lewsburg.

With the opening of spring Lewsburg will commence upon the erection of a number of substantial buildings. A trust company building, to be constructed of marble, and which will be one of the finest bank buildings in the central part of the state, will be begun about April 1st. A United Evangelical church, to replace the present structure, will be built, beside a number of dwelling houses.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mrs. Mary B. Singer died at Blanchard of a complication of diseases, aged seventy-one years.

Miss Clara Valentine died at Bellefonte at the age of seventy-eight years.

PENN HALL

Rev. D. M. Geesey took dinner at the home of Frank Musser on Sunday. Lola Ulrich visited her friend, Bertha Henderson, at State College, over Sunday.

Misses Gladys Meyer, Mary Bartges and Sarah Fisher returned home on Friday to spend their Easter vacation.

Harry Shultz of Rebersburg visited at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Wegley, over Sunday.

Harry Ulrich and family, who moved their household goods from Millersburg to Spring Mills in Mr. Snaveley's home sometime ago, began housekeeping there on Monday. They were staying with their parents until this time.

Ralph Shook and family spent Sunday with his mother.

Mrs. Austin Long spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Corman.

Ira Shook visited her friend, Florence Bartges, on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Geesey visited at the home of Lucy Musser on Saturday.

James Houser purchased Dr. Brauch's Ford touring car.

Mrs. Geise is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Rosman, at Spring Mills this week.

Mrs. Harry Ulrich and son Kenneth spent last week visiting friends and relatives at Bellefonte and Millersburg.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Carl Sylvius of Avis is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John Coldron.

Clyde Smith was home over Sunday.

A. J. Shook of Spring Mills was a business caller at this office on Monday.

Mrs. Kate Saunders was confined to bed with tonsillitis while the sale of her household goods was going on, Saturday.

Hon. C. Larue Munson of Williamsport will deliver the commencement address at the Bellefonte high school on the evening of May 27th.

The trout season is only three weeks off. Rod and tackle are already being cleaned of dust and put in shape so the big one doesn't get away.

Prof. H. A. Dodson attended the funeral of his cousin, Miss Carrie Smith, at Bloomsburg, on Sunday. Miss Smith was a public school teacher in that town.

Don't forget the lecture in Grange Hall to-morrow (Friday) evening, by Rev. B. H. Hart of Harrisburg. There will be singing by a selected choir. The lecture is free to everybody.

No foreigners will be permitted to work on the new penitentiary buildings at Rockview this summer, according to an order recently received. Both skilled mechanics and laborers must be American born or naturalized citizens.

Bair county will observe a Good Roads Day on Wednesday, May 26. It is proposed on this day to arrange for every able-bodied man to do a day's work on the roads. This is a plan which has worked out successfully in a number of other counties.

Gus Kerlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kerlin, of Liverpool, recently was successful in a civil service examination for railway mail clerk and will begin work in a short time. His father is well known in Penns Valley, having been born and raised at Coyley.

Wm. Hoover, ranger in the Greens Valley district under Forester Leonard Barnes, was in Centre Hall on Saturday laying in a supply of feed for his horse. Mr. Hoover reports the damage to young timber as very great, the same having been caused by the snows during the past winter.

One of the big sales in Mifflin county was that of the Jacob Zook estate on Friday. A number of registered cows sold for over one hundred dollars, while the thoroughbreds demanded almost the hundred mark; small calves from fifteen to twenty dollars. The sale amounted to \$3408.

J. T. Noll, the contractor and painter from Pleasant Gap, was a business caller at this office last Thursday. Mr. Noll is recovering nicely from a recent operation. He looks forward to a big boom in his home town this summer when fifty or more houses will be constructed, nearly thirty foundations for which are already completed.

There'll be no more of the modern dances, or any other kind, at the Bellefonte Academy. This order has been issued by Prof. Hughes, principal of the academy, after serious consideration following the preaching of Evangelist Orr who pointed out so strongly the evils of dancing. Socials, at which games will be played and refreshments served, will be substituted.

Bellefonte is going to have well educated teachers. Its school board recently passed a resolution that no teacher shall be employed in the grades who is not a graduate of a state normal school or its equivalent in professional training. Those who wish their salaries to increase must take three courses at a summer school of recognized standing.

On Monday morning Carl Auman entered the employ of the Penns Valley Banking Company, as clerk, to take the place of William Bradford who will help his father, W. F. Bradford, conduct the Centre Hall Roller Flouring Mills, after April 1st. Auman is a member of this year's graduating class of the local high school, but quit school on taking up his new duties in the bank.

Mrs. Lucy Henney returned from her trip to Philadelphia last week. Her main object was to purchase the latest spring millinery, but she also followed the crowd on several occasions and found her way to the big "Billy" Sunday tabernacle. Mrs. Henney's idea of the great evangelist is that he beggars description. He is more than human, she thinks, and expressed amazement at his wonderful physical endurance, despite the fact that he is slight of build. His preaching appealed to her and she was much pleased for the opportunity to hear the great preacher while in the city.