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STATE'S DUTY TO PENN. STATE.

Centre County Institution should be East to Suffer by Way of Appropriation.

Capitol Hill's financial stringency, it is reported, will work havoc with the appropriation this year, particularly to educational institutions, none of whom is to be given money for new buildings. This ought not to apply to the Commonwealth's own institution, the Pennsylvania State College.

Pennsylvania is without a state university in the sense that the western states have such institutions, but in Penn State the Commonwealth has a college which is meeting the popular educational needs of the taxpayers in an even more effective way than many of the national state institutions of the west. For that reason Penn State should be a preferred creditor in the distribution of state funds.

The Centre county institution stands alone in the state in not charging tuition. Its student body represents in the main sons of parents who are financially unable to send their children to other colleges or universities. It is wholly dependent on state and federal aid for maintenance and in sixty years it has been given only two buildings by private donors and in that time has not been given a dollar of endowment by individuals.

But despite these handicaps, the college has grown tremendously in popular favor and in the number of students. In the last seven years, the total attendance has multiplied three times, even though for the last three years, it has been necessary to limit the number of admissions. More than 200 prospective students have been refused admission each year and solely because of lack of buildings for classrooms, laboratories and other needs.

To continue to refuse to make it possible for its own sons and daughters to obtain the education they seek at Penn State, the Commonwealth and its legislature assume a grave responsibility.

Not only should the state be generous to its educational ward in the matter of new buildings and adequate maintenance funds, but likewise in the matter of extension work. In this the taxpayers reap a direct benefit, the farmers and industrial apprentices particularly. In this great educational movement of taking the college to the people as well as taking the people to the college, Penn State has done a pioneer and remarkably successful work. The state should make it possible to extend and enlarge the benefits.

It is not by chance that Penn State has grown to be an institution with 3,375 students with hundreds more turned away each year. It is the eloquent evidence of having carried the message to Garcia and the harbinger of the still greater things it can do, if the state government but renders it deserved assistance.

No matter how stringent the state's finances for distribution among educational institutions, the last that should be inspired is the appropriation for Pennsylvania State College.

Bills Signed & Vetted by Governor.

Governor Brumbaugh vetoed the bill repealing the act to tax traction engines, and in doing so says that the act of 1911 makes these engines subject to taxation.

The governor approved the following bills originating in the house:

Phillips game act for the better protection of game and game birds in the state, endorsed by the state game department and the sportsmen's associations of the state.

Bill validating the debt incurred by townships of the second class for road and bridge improvements.

Bill authorizing publication of the report of the commission to revise and amend the penal laws of the state.

Bill making the libellant in an action for divorce a competent witness generally.

Bill extending the powers and duties of the stiches of the forestry, game and fish departments so that they may enforce all laws relating to these departments.

Bill authorizing the forestry department to grow and distribute young forest trees for planting, but not to be sold by the recipient.

The following senate bills were approved by the governor:

Directing the county commissioners to sell to the department of forestry tracts of land that they may have purchased at county treasurer's sales.

Authorizing the judges of courts of common pleas of judicial districts having separate orphan's courts to hear and determine all matters in such courts at the request of the judges thereof.

Amending the act of 1912 authorizing certain corporations to issue preferred stock.

New Homes for Aged Odd Fellows.

If the Odd Fellows of the Central Pennsylvania district should be fortunate enough in their endeavors to secure the location of a home for the aged Odd Fellows and wives, they will undoubtedly have it placed at the orphanage grounds, near Sunbury. A concerted effort in that direction is to be made, as the grand lodge means to do away with the Grove City and Philadelphia Odd Folks' homes, and establish a centrally located home somewhere around Harrisburg or Sunbury. Efforts are being made to have the home placed west of Shamokin and to have it conducted in connection with the orphan's home.

A special committee is at work on the proposition and will make a report to the grand lodge, when it convenes at Harrisburg next month.

Kill the flies, the dirty, nasty flies.

MILHEIM'S IMPROVEMENTS.

The Gramley Block Almost Ready for Occupancy—Spiegelmeier a Close Second and Gehart Following.

The completion of the Gramley block in Millheim is the first improvement on the burned site in that thriving borough in lower Penns Valley. The structure is a one-story brick, pretty in design, and convenient in arrangement. The dimensions are 52x112 feet, and arranged to accommodate the postoffice and jewelry store, fronting to the north on Main street; a barbershop, a second store room and printing office on west side fronting on Penn street. Each of the rooms has ample light streaming through plate glass show windows extending from the ceiling to the floor. Entrance is through massive doors at the side of the several rooms, which arrangement provides for the greatest available space for window frontage. The interior is finished in a simple, heating plant, a vapor system, capable of heating the entire structure, will be installed.

The postoffice and jewelry store will be occupied by Postmaster Stover, who, by the way, is rated by his patrons as an ideal postmaster. The rooms will connect at the rear by a door, otherwise the two rooms are entirely separate. These quarters are decidedly bright and cheery, and will give Millheim a postoffice that will measure up to the requirements of the town.

On the Penn street side is where Guy Springer, the barber, will be located. Mr. Springer is becoming very anxious to occupy his new quarters, and a close observer remarked that one can already notice expansion of chest on the skilled tonorialist. The room will be handsomely fitted up, and with one proficient in the art conducting the establishment the call of "next" will not suggest torture.

While the Millheim Journal as much as any one institution did its full share of putting Millheim on the map, it has never had a home that a newspaper man of today could point to with pride. The paper is now about to come to its own, and will do so when it occupies the ideal room in the Gramley block. The print shop is lighted on three sides, has a fine front, and is especially arranged to accommodate its intended occupant. Mr. Stoverman, the Journal proprietor, will brush up the machinery and equipment, and the Journal patrons may expect a new sheet than heretofore, for the editor will have an unobstructed view to all compass points.

On the corner of Main and Penn streets is the entrance to a large store room for which there is a prospective occupant. This room is arranged so that a large portion on the north and west sides is plate glass back of which wares may be displayed to the greatest advantage.

Next to the Gramley block, on Main street, J. Spiegelmeier, former postmaster and merchant, has a store room well under way. This structure is 20x50 feet, and will be brick case. Mr. Spiegelmeier will open a general store in this room.

Adjoining Mr. Spiegelmeier's building a foundation is being excavated by J. R. Gehart for a two-story brick structure, 23x54 feet in dimensions. This building will be connected to accommodate an up-to-date restaurant on the first floor, and the second floor for an apartment. Mr. Gehart held an appointment under Bigelow, but since some time last year has been severed from the State Highway Department.

As a result of the recent fire there yet remains four or five structures in this street to be improved. Undoubtedly in the course of a short time these blackened walls will be rebuilt and substantial private residences will grace them. It is only a short time since the disastrous fire, yet Millheim has already well recovered her loss.

Denuding State Lands.

The State Forestry Department is being criticized for cutting timber from land it acquired in various portions of the state. When these lands were purchased, it was generally understood that the state did so to reforestate the hill and mountain sides. The argument was advanced that individuals could not afford to leave timber untouched but that the state could, and that by turning over large tracts to the state, the mountains would, in the course of time, be again covered with heavy growths of timber. It now develops that a system of cutting has already begun, and mills have been installed in the mountains in the vicinity of Colyer, and near Pardee. Everything is cut above eight inches at the butt, and the lumbermen knows, as does the man who frequents the woods, that this means that there will be little left after the state's woodmen leave the forests.

Triple Birthday Celebration.

Saturday, April 24th, marked the birthday celebration of three Centre Hall residents—neighbors—and the event was celebrated by a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Krape. Mrs. Krape was one of the trio, the other two being Mrs. Mary Reack and daughter, Miss Savilla. Mrs. Krape prepared the supper and besides those in whose honor the spread was prepared the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitterling, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer, Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Krise, Mr. and Mrs. William Homan, Mrs. William F. Floray, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Reish, Mrs. Milton Snyder, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. George Shook of Penn Hall.

SPRING MILLS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CLASS OF TEN.

Grange Hall Filled to Its Capacity—Students Read Essays of Timely and Local Interest—Prof. Marshman Delivers Commencement Address.

In spite of the fact that the weather was very warm, and the farmers were busy, nevertheless a very large and appreciative audience was in attendance upon the commencement exercises of the Spring Mills High School which were held in the Grange Hall of that place, Friday night. The hall was filled to its capacity at the exercises last year, but this year the hall was even more crowded than it was last year, in spite of the fact that it had been considerably enlarged in the meantime. The program showed the results of Prof. W. R. Jones' constant care and attention in the well-prepared essays, in the selection of subjects of timely and local interest, in the conduct of the program, and in the judgment which he displayed in the selection of a speaker.

A brief resume of the program follows. The musical numbers of the program were rendered by the lately organized Spring Mills orchestra, which made its second appearance at that time.

After a simple and brief invocation by the Rev. R. R. Jones of Centre Hall, the first essay was delivered by James Russell Condo. His subject was "The Soils of Gregg Township." The essay showed the care which the young gentleman had so painstakingly bestowed in the collection of data and the correlation of facts. He presented in a simple, straightforward manner the most interesting facts concerning the soils of the township, showing the derivation, composition, and the location of the more important soil districts in mind by naming the farms which were most centrally located in the various soil areas.

Miss Carrie Leoma Heckman was the next speaker on the program. Her subject, "The Dawn of a New Era on the Farm," was most fittingly chosen and well prepared. She set forth the changes in agricultural pursuits and farming districts, which have occurred in the memory of the present generation. These changes have made the farmer more than civilization's drudge, in fact have made him a factor to be reckoned with in the history of our country. She showed that now it is not the incompetent and unfit for other service that are the farmers of today and tomorrow, but that we are coming to realize that we need a more intellectual type than we have had in order to insure the agricultural prosperity of the state and national governments are encouraging all such activities by liberal appropriations and constant effort to improve the social life of the community.

"The Forest Trees of Gregg Township" was the subject of the next essay delivered by Guyer Ward Grove. In this essay the writer gave a short sketch of the forest history of the township and showed the importance of forest preservation. He treated the enemies which the woods owner must combat; the kinds of trees found in the bounds; their protective and commercial importance; and the uses to which their products may be put. The essay was very well written and delivered, showing that the material had been carefully selected and well organized in composition.

"School Days and After," by Ethel Leona Long, was a well written essay that called attention to some of those things that are usually considered of secondary importance, but which are absolutely necessary for a successful career in any line of endeavor—punctuality, obedience to superiors, and persevering application.

Among the sciences, agriculture is probably the oldest, but until recent years there has been no effort to teach it as a science should be taught. This was the key-note of the essay by Leon Russell Grove on "The Teaching of Agriculture in the Public Schools."

Miss Mildred Elizabeth Long delivered the number entitled, "The Country School Marm and Master," in which she

gave a brief sketch of the conditions under which the old-fashioned teachers worked and the conditions under which they work today, contrasting the small demands of the past with those of the present; showing how the standards have risen and indicating the lines along which increased efficiency may be sought.

Among the topics that were treated in the various essays was one that commanded special attention; this was "Roads and Rural Social and Community Life" by Harold Edward Stover. In this essay the writer treated the subject of roads from a slightly different viewpoint from that which is usually taken. He showed that the various movements for the improvement of social conditions in the country are of very little avail unless backed by a good roads movement; he showed the relation of good roads to the activity and effectiveness of church and school and to the commercial success of the community.

In a brief essay Miss Cora Aldah McCormick treated the class motto "We Build the Ladder by which We Climb" showing that everything that we do is one step on the ladder by which one will rise from obscurity to prominence, and that this building process is going on all the time.

Walter Stambach Wolfe in the essay entitled "Spring Mills High School Past and Future" gave a history of the school from its founding in 1833 up to the present time, enumerating the men and their period of service, and the general characteristic of each man's services, showing the ideals which they had in mind for the school. He then turned toward the future and listed some of the things that ought to be done in order that the school might live up to its history and realize the dreams of the teachers.

The woman question has vexed man ever since the creation of this article in the year one. This was the position taken by Gladys Gertrude Weagley in her essay "Woman and the Right of Suffrage," which was a strong plea for the support of all equal suffrage activities, giving some of the strongest reasons for the success of the movement in this country, and the reasons why equal suffrage should be extended to the women of the coming generations.

The commencement address was delivered by Professor J. T. Marshman of the department of public speaking of State College. His message might be boiled down to two words: "Men Wanted." He went on to show that there always has been a greater demand for men than the supply; that men in the true sense of the word were very scarce articles and that it requires a great deal of care on the part of the boy or girl in order that they may grow up to be real men and real women. He showed that this was possible only when the individual was symmetrically developed; that is, a strong body, a sound mind, both controlled by a noble soul. That there are individuals who have reached a certain stage of success without all three of these is true, but they are the exceptions and not the rule. It was a message that will long be remembered and that will have an influence on the community.

In a few brief remarks after the commencement address, Prof. W. R. Jones, the principal of the high school, presented the diplomas to the class. Prof. Jones is to be congratulated on the success of the past two years and in congratulating him one must not overlook the always evident loyal support of the parents and patrons of the school.

Rev. W. H. Williams of the M. E. church of Spring Mills closed the session with prayer and the benediction. This ended the second annual commencement exercises of the Spring Mills High School.

Scott Disappointed Home Residents.

A dispatch from Phillipsburg to the Sunday North American says:

Though not unexpected, the vote of Harry B. Scott, of this place, representative from Centre county in the legislature, against the Williams local option bill, was a keen disappointment to a majority of the residents of his home town. Hundreds of Republicans here and elsewhere in the county who voted the party ticket last fall have been upholding Governor Brumbaugh. Prevailing sentiment here has been unmistakably in favor of the bill.

Along about the time Senator Penrose visited Phillipsburg early last year the ambition to become an assemblyman seized Mr. Scott. He evaded committing himself on local option during the campaign. It is said he has further political ambitions, but if this is so they are not likely to be gratified.

Deaths of Centre Counts.

Mrs. Alice R. Emerick, in Walker township, aged sixty-five years.

Mrs. Mollie P. Shirk, at Bellefonte, of a complication of diseases, aged fifty-seven years.

Roy M. Vonada, at Zion, of spinal meningitis, aged twelve years.

Samuel Sheffer, at Bellefonte, of a complication of diseases, aged seventy-three years.

Irvin T. Delaney, a well known resident of Milesburg, died while sitting in his chair. He was aged seventy-five years.

BOALSBURG'S COMMENCEMENT.

Wednesday, May 5th, Time Set for Exercises—Three in Class.

Boalsburg's high school commencement exercises will be held Wednesday evening of next week, May 5th, in the Reformed church. A class of three—all girls—will graduate at this time. Miss Margaretta Goheen is principal of the school. Following is the program for commencement evening:

March Invocation.....Rev. J. I. Stoneycrpher
Music
Salutatory.....Lida Seeger
The Sign of the Red Cross.
Music
Oration.....Bekah Wieland
.....The Modern Girl.
Music
Valedictory.....Edwina Wieland
.....Dreams Worth While.
Music
Commencement Address.....Prof. J. T. Marshman of State College
Class Song
Presentation of Diplomas
Benediction.....Rev. S. C. Stover
Music
Music by Boalsburg Orchestra

Hiebersburg Horse Sale.

The horse sale at Hiebersburg, conducted by J. W. Allgri, and held Friday, was not as largely attended as the majority of sales of that kind held there, at Millheim, or Centre Hall. Most of those who made up the bidders and spectators were from the immediate locality where the sale was held, with a sprinkling of men interested in horse flesh from surrounding points.

The twenty horses offered were recommended by the owner as having been purchased in Northern Ohio. Some of them were nice clean animals, and others were under size. On the former bids were readily made, yet the knock down price made the owner gliver. Just one-half of the twenty animals offered were sold. The prices and purchasers are named below.

Joseph Gummo.....\$202.50
George Gungelch.....190.00
Edward Bieri.....130.00
Thomas Fox (team).....412.50
John Kinsel.....100.00
Lloyd Walker.....20.00
Roy Swartz.....150.00
James H. McCool.....134.00

The good people of Brush Valley are encouraging the building up of a horse market in the metropolis of their valley, and are profuse in the invitations to those around the block to "come back" to future similar occasions as well as at all times. The sale was held at the local hotel, and Leard Long was busy giving unstinted praise to the horse owner and at the same time setting pins for Long's benefit.

Find San Jose Seals Parasites Proliferated.

Mr. S. W. Smith, Centre Hall, Pa.

Dear Sir: Among a considerable number of cuttings infested by San Jose Seals, more or less of which has been destroyed by parasites, and which were forwarded to this office by Mr. Foster, was one cutting which he states came from near your farm and that you are anxious to know what the parasites have done. I have examined this cutting and find that about two or three per cent. of the scale insects have been destroyed by the parasites. Generally speaking, parasites become most numerous where there is most available food in the form of the San Jose Seal. The particular cuttings in question, although fairly badly infested by Seal, would not be considered an ideal place for parasites for the reason that the scale is very much scattered and most of it is old. I can say, however, that much of the material which Mr. Foster has recently been sending to us shows that the parasites were very active in your region last fall, and I am of the opinion that these insects will continue to spread over this country and to do very efficient work.

Very truly yours,
H. A. SURFACE,
Economic Zoologist,
Harrisburg, Pa., April 23, 1915.

Pleasant Gap Postmaster Taken.

George Coble, the recent postmaster at Pleasant Gap, who absconded with several hundred dollars of Uncle Sam's cash, several months ago, was arrested by federal authorities in Newark, New Jersey, last week. Postoffice inspectors traced Coble to Newark through information received from a woman in California. Since disappearing from Pleasant Gap he has been in Canada and the Bermuda Islands, finally going to Newark. Photographs found in his trunk by postal inspectors bore the names and addresses of girl friends in Canada and California. These names and addresses were verified by postal inspectors at those places and letters to and from the girls were examined. Coble had written to them at various times and finally a letter from him to a girl in California revealed that he was in Newark. His arrest followed.

A United States marshal appeared in Pleasant Gap last week to subpoena Leslie Miller to appear against Coble at a hearing.

The Pink Label This Week.

The Reporter's mailing list was corrected this week and credits given. Look at the label of your paper and see whether you got proper credit. If an error appears let us know of it at once.

John D. Lucas purchased B. D. Brieblin's Ford car, last week.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Pink Label this week. There should be a "6" on it.

If you want the fly population to be less this year than last, begin the "swatting 'em" early.

James Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. David K. Keller, spent a few days at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Frank Fisher, at Penn Hall.

Harry J. Cohen, in charge of the victrola-piano department of Claster's store, Bellefonte, was in Centre Hall Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Mary Shoop returned home last week after having spent several weeks with friends and relatives in the eastern part of the state.

The directors of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company will meet in Bellefonte, Thursday, May 13th. Important business will come before the body.

If you want to buy or want to sell, consult the advertisements in the Centre Reporter. The man who goes before the people in a paid advertisement always has something worth looking into.

Last year April was so wet that it was difficult to do farm work, but this spring it is different—April being an ideal month for all kinds of outdoor work. The showers that come along once in a while are rather light.

The restoration of public speaking, which he terms "the lost art," is advocated by Dr. Edwin Esrie Sparks, president of State College. Dr. Sparks is taking this subject as the theme of addresses before many trade organizations of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Simpkins and children of Altoona, traveling in their Overland automobile, spent a day last week with the latter's uncle, Perry Krise, at Spring Mills and on their way through Centre Hall stopped at the home of Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Krise.

While most farmers are looking sootily upon their wheat fields, Robert Bloom is boasting of the fine appearance of his fields. While his acreage is not so large as that of many farmers he feels that when the grain is threshed the yield will be equal to that of fields many acres larger.

The stork has been unusually busy during the month of April and besides adding to the borough's population, added two to Potter township recently. Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brooks are taking good care of two young farmers that came to brighten their homes.

Brush Valley, one of the best agricultural sections in Centre county, is somewhat taubored by the appearance of the grain fields. The condition is not to the liking of the farmer as a whole, not so much because they care that the net returns will be less than the average, but rather for the wounded pride.

A colt with five legs was born on the farm of William Mayes, of Beech Creek. The extra leg was perfectly formed and united to the left foreleg. It interfered with the traveling of the colt, so a veterinary surgeon amputated the extra leg, and the colt is getting along all right and promises to develop into a valuable horse.

The commencement exercises at Spring Mills attracted a number of the young people from Centre Hall, among them being the following: Esther Parson, Mae and Marion Royer, Carrie, Ida and Elizabeth Sweetwood, Mary Delinda Potter, Corbell Emerick, Lillian Emery, Mary Whiteman Grace Horner, James Sweetwood, James Keller, Warren Homan, Ralph Luse, Ralph Homan, Dwight Foss, Sumner Packer, William Bailey.

This immediate section was represented at the Millheim horse sale by H. C. Shirk, the implement dealer; J. W. Mitterling, the man just now put out of business by the foot and mouth disease; John E. Noll, the man who so successfully conducts the Red Mill; James H. McCool, farmer, the only man in the bunch that really helped to make the horses sell higher on the block; S. C. Brungart, the Krit man, who wouldn't care if every man who wanted an automobile would sign up a contract with him; and the writer, who is telling this to half the world.

The members of the junior class of State College, purely in the interests of reducing the cost of their education, have announced their decision this year to substitute a smoker in the college armory for the annual class dinner. In former years the class traveled to Pittsburgh, Washington, Harrisburg or Williamsport for banquets at \$3.00 a plate,—total anywhere from \$3.00 up,—while the smoker is a matter merely of fifty cents for each individual. Their actual enjoyment will be all the more because of the good sense displayed.