



SCHOOL AND SCHOOL GROUND.

What Should Be Done in the Short Time Existing Until the Opening of School.

In a few weeks the fall session of the public schools will begin and in the meantime all buildings and grounds should be gone over very thoroughly by the school directors and repairs and improvements made while the vacation season is on. Every school building should be as attractive and homelike as it is possible to make it within and without. Everyone knows that a cheerful environment develops good taste as well as good behavior on the part of the pupils. The school rooms should be as clean as the rooms at home. Where the floors are not oiled they should be scrubbed thoroughly and as often as necessary, but no rule can be made as to how often this should be done as the location of the building should determine this one very important item of absolute cleanliness.

School room floors should be oiled occasionally and be swept only with a damp brush or damp broom. Dusting should be done with an oily cloth. All cracks should be repaired, broken window glass replaced and door hinges and latches renewed where needed. Chimneys and stoves should be cleaned and put in perfect order. Defective and soot-filled chimneys are the cause of many buildings being destroyed by fire.

Under no condition should the toilets be overlooked or neglected. They should receive special attention. If outdoor closets are used they should be well built and the entrance protected by lattice screen or fence. Directors are required by law to keep the toilets in a sanitary condition. The liberal use of slacked lime in the vault is the best thing to be used.

With a little thought and effort on the part of patrons and directors, flower beds could adorn the grounds of every school building in the county. A well kept school yard is an indication of an active and interested community. The public school building should be the most attractive building in the district and can be made so by very little effort. Teachers select should manifest some personal pride in looking after the grounds and see that flowers are planted, it will add charm to their opening day of school.

Scholarships Awarded at "State."

Harold E. Downing of Wayne has been awarded a trustee scholarship at the Pennsylvania State College in a competitive examination. He made the highest grades on record in this contest. The McAllister scholarships have been awarded in the same manner to Jay E. Shafer, Ridgway; Litwood A. Williams, Port Matilda; James Sallade, Kelleysville; and Francis Foster, Tonkhanock. The Barclay scholarship for Cameron county has been given to Frank Caramella of Emporium. Among the senatorial scholarships named are Robert E. Clark, of New Quakertown; J. Perrose Laws, Philadelphia; Samuel Chico, Wilkesbarre. George L. Carter, of Phoenixville, and Wilbur D. Nyer, of Weatherly, were awarded gubernatorial scholarships.

The Electric Light Proposition.

Representatives of the State Centre Electric Light and Power Company were in Centre Hall on Monday evening in conference with the citizens to talk over the electric light proposition. The meeting was held in the council room and was one of an informal character, the company telling of its ability to serve and the citizens stating their needs. About the only definite thing accomplished was an arrangement whereby several street lights will be attached to the company's line at Bilger's, Pleasant Gap, on Monday evening, to demonstrate the power of the several kinds of lamps.

Snyder-Luse.

At the home of Edward Brown, in Centre Hall, Saturday evening, David E. Snyder of Oak Hall and Mrs. Mary Luse of Millheim, were united in marriage by Rev. W. H. Williams. The groom is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Brown by a former marriage. The bride, too, is entering the matrimonial sea the second time, her husband having died some time ago. Mr. Snyder farms the T. D. Boal farm at Boalsburg.

CENTRAL STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Charles Luse, Principal.

The scenery, viewed from the school buildings, is magnificent. Nestled among the hills on the banks of the beautiful Susquehanna the physical environment of the school is inspiring and exhilarating. Hundreds of fine old trees are on the campus and around the buildings.

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The Lutheran Reunion.

The annual reunion of the congregations comprising the Centre Hall Lutheran charge will be held on Grange Park, Wednesday, August 11th. Plans have been laid and in a large measure carried out whereby the coming reunion will be one of the most interesting in many ways of any yet held. One of the attractions will be the official musical organization of the Leysville Orphans' Home, an institution of the Lutheran church. There are twenty-eight or thirty boys in the band, all nicely uniformed, well drilled, and capable of producing the sweetest music. The youths will come by motor truck, a part of the organization's outfit, on Tuesday and remain here over night. All the former pastors of the charge will be invited to be present, as well as all the ministers serving Lutheran charges in Penna and Nittany Valleys. One of the heads of one of the church boards will also be on hand as a guest.

The reunion, as in the past, will be in the form of a basket picnic. All the expenses will be met from the treasuries of the several congregations in the charge. These expenses will include \$50 to cover the expenses of the band.

An invitation is extended to all Lutherans wherever located as well as to those of other denominations who wish to join in the reunion to be present.

Purchased New Paige Car.

Jesse McClenahan of Potters Mills purchased a new seven-passenger Paige automobile last week, having disposed of his Ford car to Charles Hughes, business manager of the Bellefonte Academy. Joseph Caron, also of Potters Mills, became the owner of a comparatively new Kirt touring car last week.

Penns Valley Scenery Finest.

Once again has beautiful Penns Valley made an impression on travelers when viewed in all its beauty from the top of Nittany Mountain. No doubt the season of the year is at hand when Nature is at her best and when the fields of golden grain and tasseled corn lend enchantment to the view. At least, the following, taken from the Lewisburg Journal, gives the impression that was made upon a party of world-wide travelers:

Col. Wm. Foster, accompanied by Dr. Enoch Perrine and Dr. Agnew, went to Centre county by auto Tuesday. The party visited State College, and viewed the site of the new State penitentiary, returning home over the mountains of Centre Hall, where a view was had by the guests that was pronounced the finest in their travels, and they have been abroad, too.

Chautauqua at Bellefonte.

Bellefonte's third Chautauqua season opened on Saturday and continues for a week. The program follows:

SATURDAY

Afternoon—Series Lecture—Superintendent. Concert—Dunbar Solree Singers.

Evening—Concert—Dunbar Solree Singers. Illustrated Lecture—"Bright Eyes and Wild Heart of our Northern Woods."—Chauncey J. Hawkins. Chronophotographs.

SUNDAY

A special program for Sunday.

MONDAY

Afternoon—Series Lecture—Superintendent. Magic and Music—Springer and Chautauqua Entertainers. Evening—Magic and Music—Springer and Chautauqua Entertainers. Motion pictures.

TUESDAY

Afternoon—Series Lecture—Superintendent. Concert—Crawford Adams Trio. Evening—Concert—Crawford Adams Trio. Lecture—Recital—"Who Is Great?"—Paul M. Pearson. Motion pictures.

WEDNESDAY

Afternoon—Series Lecture—Superintendent. Concert—Colangelo's Italian Band. Evening—Concert—Colangelo's Italian Band. Motion pictures.

THURSDAY

Afternoon—Series Lecture—Superintendent. Concert—Boston Oratorio Artists. Evening—Concert—Boston Oratorio Artists. Lecture—"Rebuilding the Temple"—Montaville Flowers. Motion pictures.

FRIDAY

Afternoon—Concert—Varkony-Hines Company. Lecture—Hon. Joe. W. Folk.

Evening—Concert—Varkony-Hines Company. "The Man from Home," presented by The Avon Players. The afternoon program will be reversed for the benefit of out of town persons who desire returning home on the afternoon train.

The Centre Reporter \$1.50 per year strictly in advance.

J. M. STIFFLER'S BIG CROPS.

Potter Township Native is Harvesting Nature's Bounties in Abundance in Illinois.

An article appearing in one of Freeport's (Illinois) dailies says some things concerning big crops raised by a former Potter township resident which will prove interesting to those "back East" at this time. Mr. Stiffler is well known here and about two years ago made an extended visit to the scene of his youth. He is a prosperous farmer and mixes brain with brawn so effectively that he is paid handsomely from the returns of Mother Earth. The article appears in full:

Out on the J. M. Stiffler farm, in Florence township, there is a field of waving timothy nearly five and one-half feet high—sixty-four inches, to be exact; they have barley that stands fifty-six inches high and is beautifully headed; winter wheat that will yield from 30 to 35 bushels to the acre, and they are cutting second-crop alfalfa that will run three tons to the acre. Besides this, they have corn that is more than waist high, and they have produced potatoes as fine as can be grown anywhere.

Naturally the tenant on this farm, who is Henry D. Meyer, Mr. Stiffler's son-in-law, is very proud. But he only did what any other farmer can do, if he is willing, as Mr. Meyer was, to adopt modern, scientific farming methods; in other words if he is willing to take advantage of the increased profits opened to him by farming the right way. Mr. Meyer is a student—every successful farmer must be nowadays—and is always seeking new knowledge about the farming business, which, by the way, is after all the greatest business in the world. Mr. Meyer has been encouraged in his work by his father-in-law, who likewise is a scientific agriculturalist and whose good work has made the Stiffler farm what it is today.

Besides their beautiful grain crops, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Stiffler have just finished picking 150 crates of cherries, as fine fruit as ever was raised in Stephenson county.

Everyone who has visited the Stiffler place has marveled especially at the timothy. Nothing quite the equal of it ever has been seen in that vicinity before, for timothy three feet high is considered fine.

LOCALS

T. W. Simkins returned on Friday from a twelve days' trip to Philadelphia and New York City.

Misses Isabel and Verna Rowe are spending a week in Philadelphia with their brother, Bruce D. Rowe.

Mr. B. M. Boon was an arrival from the New England states to the home of her father, B. D. Brisbie, last week.

Mr. Mary Rearick and daughter, Miss Savilla Rearick, spent a few days last week with the former's son, J. Paul Rearick, at Martinsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Heckman and four children of Altoona made an auto trip to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Breen, on the Conley farm, on Sunday.

Drover J. W. Mitterling lost four calves in the shipment of fresh cows to the eastern market on Friday. The calves were tramped to death in the car.

Prof. L. O. Packer spent a day last week at Beech Creek with his brother, David M. Packer, who is secretary of the Beech Creek Truck and Automobile Company.

James Sweetwood had the misfortune to lose the coat of a brand new suit on his return home from the Atlantic City excursion. The coat fell out of the car window below Sunbury.

The writer is in receipt of a card from William F. Kerr, formerly of this place, but now of Omaha, Nebraska, who is spending his vacation at Estes Park, Colorado, who says, "See America first, and don't under any circumstances, overlook Estes Park, Colo."

Eighteen more prisoners were taken from Pittsburgh to the new penitentiary at Rockview last week. The prisoners are at present busy assisting others in harvesting the crops on the pen farm. It is estimated that there will be 5,000 bushels of wheat, 2,000 bushels of oats, 1,000 bushels of potatoes, and 10,000 bushels of corn, together with many acres of garden truck.

Monday night was the regular monthly meeting night of Old Fort Lodge, F. & A. M., and among those from a distance who were present were W. R. Frow, of Millifinburg, and Irvin M. Burris, of Yeagertown, both of whom hold membership in the local fraternity. Eighteen Masons from Millifinburg intended being present; on account of the rain only one car arrived, and in this party were W. R. Frow, M. E. Dieffenderfer, L. W. Strunk, and Harvey O. Snyder.

DEATHS.

George Burket Lever, head of the well known grocery firm of G. B. Lever & Co., 1109 Sixteenth street, Altoona, died Sunday morning at his residence, 609 Thirteenth street, following an illness of more than a year. He had spent last winter in the south in the hope that the change of climate might prove beneficial, but returned in May without change for the better and steadily grew worse until the final summons came.

Mr. Lever was born September 21, 1868, at Stormstown, this county, being the son of Rev. John H. and Mary A. Lever. His father, now deceased, was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and well known throughout the central part of the state. The son received his education in the public schools and at the Friends' academy in the Half Moon Valley. At the age of 16 he entered upon a commercial career which he followed throughout his life, at that early age being made manager of a store at Shoenberger. A number of years were spent there and then he was similarly engaged at Warriorsburg, going to Altoona in 1904.

He was married on December 25, 1898, to Catherine L. McClellan, who survives him, as well as his aged mother, who resides at Stormstown, and the following sisters and brother: Mrs. James A. Study, of Tyrone; Mrs. George Wilson, of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Frank Geyer, of Altoona; Mrs. Alice Moberg, of Stormstown; Mrs. George M. Baer, of Philadelphia, and W. C. Lever, of Philadelphia.

The funeral services were conducted at the house on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and interment at Altoona.

Jacob Walker, a highly respected farmer of Potter township, died at his home, about two miles west of Centre Hall, Saturday evening at eight o'clock, of Bright's disease, superinduced by old age. He was confined to bed for several weeks. Funeral services were held at his late home Tuesday morning and interment made at Centre Hall, Rev. W. H. Williams of the Methodist church, officiating.

Mr. Walker was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Walker and was born near Milesburg, November 3, 1832, being in his eighty-third year. He was a lumberman in early life and later engaged in farming. Eleven years ago he purchased the G. W. Glace farm and lived there since. He was a fine old gentleman and always had a hearty greeting for all whom he met. Despite his years he was well preserved and last year he did his turn in the harvest and lay fields on the home farm, which place was in charge of his son, William F. Walker. He was a member of the Advent church. His wife preceded him to the grave four years ago. Surviving him are six children, namely, Mrs. Samuel Hoover, Burnside township; Benner Walker, Houserville; Jackson Walker, Cripple Creek, Colorado; Simon Walker, Snow Shoe; Mrs. John Esle, Altoona; W. E. Walker, Centre Hall. Two half brothers and one half sister also survive, namely, David, of Milesburg; William, of Grantville, and Mrs. Albert Gill, of Pleasant Gap.

Mr. John Decker died at her home in Decker Valley, about four miles east of Potters Mills, on Monday morning, following an illness from cancer extending over a period of several years, aged fifty-eight years. Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning in the Union church at Tusseyville, and interment at that place, Rev. R. E. Jones officiating. She is survived by her husband and one son, Logan Decker, at home; also, the following stepchildren: James Decker, Pine Grove Mills; Thomas Decker, Milroy; Seward Decker, Georges Valley; Miss Alice Decker, Potters Mills; Mrs. B. F. Bosl, Rockview; Miss Martha Decker, Altoona. Deceased was a member of the Reformed church.

Deaths of Centre Citizens.

Lester McClellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClellan, of Milesburg, and a member of Our Boys band, died of diphtheria, aged almost fourteen years.

Miss Florence C. Cramer, of Rockview, died in the Bellefonte hospital after a brief illness, aged nineteen years.

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WOMAN'S LIBERTY BELL.

Will Visit Centre Hall, Saturday, August 7th, For Two Hours.

The Woman's Liberty Bell, which is destined to proclaim the same political independence for the women of Pennsylvania as its "mother," the original Liberty Bell, did for the men, will enter Centre county from Millifinburg on its triumphant tour of the State, August 7th.

Other noteworthy visitors have been entertained in this county, but few have attracted the interest that marks the approach of the suffrage bell, for it contains history making possibilities that are as great in this century as those of the old Liberty Bell 139 years ago. And because Pennsylvania boasts of the possession of the original bell, which proclaimed liberty to the men of the country, there are many who believe it peculiarly fitting that it should also possess the new bell, which was cast to perform the same mission for the women of this state.

The woman's bell weighs 2,000 pounds and is virtually a replica of the original bell. The only way it can be told from the national relic is by the fact that it is not cracked and that a special motto for the woman's cause, "Establish Justice," has been added to the famous inscription, "Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land to All the Inhabitants Thereof."

But until the men of this state make good the message on the original bell and vote to give the women of this state the same political independence which they themselves enjoy, the woman's bell will not sound. Its bronze clapper is fastened with heavy chains that are not to be removed until a suffrage amendment to the state constitution is passed.

The women hope that this day will be November second next. In fact, they are confident that it will be that day, for they have faith in the sense of fair play that governs the great majority of the men of Pennsylvania. Meanwhile, they are taking their silent bell on a tour of the state to arouse the voters to a sense of their responsibility in assisting the women to become enfranchised.

A corps of women speakers accompany the bell and explain its message in all towns where stops are made. In this county the bell party will make stops and hold outdoor meetings in the following towns: Potters Mills, Centre Hall, Boalsburg, Lemont, State College and Bellefonte, on August 7th. During its stay in Centre Hall from 12:30 until 2 o'clock p. m., speeches will be delivered in the diamond at 1 o'clock. Everybody is invited to be present.

All persons interested in arranging to receive the Suffrage Bell are invited to meet at the Grange Hall, Friday evening, July 30, at 7 o'clock. Those with automobiles are urged to meet the Bell at Potters Mills at 11:30 a. m.

From the Millheim Journal.

One day last week while fishing along Elk Creek Nathaniel Bobb caught a sucker which measured 24 inches in length and weighed 34 pounds.

A letter from A. A. Frank to his sons states that he and Mr. Frank were not robbed in Yellowstone Park. They were in the stage coach next to the ones that were held up by the three bandits. The robbers fled just before the coach conveying the Millheimers arrived at the point where they did their work.

While painting at C. H. Meyer's stable at Coburn, the scaffold upon which E. E. Knarr was working gave way and sent Knarr headlong into an outer pig pen. He sustained a badly bruised leg.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Stauffer, of Rebersburg, left on Tuesday morning to attend the Pan-American exposition at San Francisco, Cal. They will go via Columbus, O., St. Louis, Mo., Denver, Colorado Springs, taking in the sights at Pikes Peak, Salt Lake City, spend five days in Yellowstone Park, thence to Los Angeles, San Diego, Seattle, and thence to San Francisco. Upon returning home the party will take a northern route. They expect to reach home beginning of September.

A number of citizens of Millheim have formed a company to be known as the Penns Valley Heat, Light and Power company. The object of the new concern will be to furnish electric current in Millheim, Coburn, Aaronburg, Spring Mills, Rebersburg and Madisonburg, as well as to the rural residents along the route. It is proposed to build the power plant at Coburn. If the franchise is granted by the Millheim council, the company will apply for a state charter and begin work on the plant at once, expecting to have the streets of the borough lighted in three months' time.

The next big event in the county is the Grange Encampment and Fair. And it is only six weeks off.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Saturday is the last day of the trout season.

Mrs. W. B. Laneberry of Homestead is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew.

Mrs. F. V. Hosterman and children, of Lancaster, are guests at the Dr. G. W. Hosterman home.

Prof. and Mrs. L. O. Packer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mensch, at Aaronburg, on Saturday.

Miss Marion Spangler of New York City spent Monday at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Susanna Spangler.

Ed. Brown, who was injured in a fall from a telephone pole several weeks ago, has improved sufficiently to walk about again.

Mrs. S. H. Glenn and three sons, of Altoona, spent Friday at the home of the former's sister, Misses Jennie and Kathryn Foreman.

John Smith, son of Register J. Frank Smith, of Bellefonte, is spending a few days with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Crawford.

Daniel Kennelly of Spring Mills submitted to an operation at the Lock Haven hospital on Monday last week and left for his home the same day.

Miss Ethel Farley of Millifinburg spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Krape. She solicited subscriptions to the Review of Reviews magazine.

A wedding which took place during the winter months has just come to light. We refer to the nuptials of Sidney Royer of Centre Hall and Miss Margaret Letterman of Mill Hill.

Prof. and Mrs. J. D. P. Smithgall and children are spending a few days at the home of the former's parents, at Wallace Run, where the Professor will whip the Lycoming county streams for bass.

Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Bitner, Lynn Bitner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bitner and children, and Miss Jeanette Hanns, drove to State College on Friday, where the State's educational institution was inspected.

Clement Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, accompanied by Mr. Biery of Milesburg, were through Penns Valley on Friday meeting voters and circulating cards announcing the candidacy of the Dr. Dale for the office of President Judge of Centre county.

Already we hear it said that the coming winter will be a severe one, with lots of snow. Weeds have attained a wonderful height which is Nature's way of providing for the birds when the ground is covered with deep snow.

A new shed, more than one hundred feet long, has been erected on Grange Park, for exhibiting horses and cattle at the coming Encampment and Fair. The shed is a substantial one and well arranged for exhibiting stock to the best advantage.

Oscar M. Lonberger of Pleasant Gap was a caller at this office Wednesday and placed an advertisement in this issue which calls attention to the fact that he has for sale 50,000 first-class shingles. Mr. Lonberger would like to hear from anyone needing any of this good roof covering.

Mrs. Sarah J. Foust of Spring Mills has asked the court of Centre county to annul her marriage to James L. Foust and grant her a divorce because of the fact that she and her husband are first cousins, their mothers being sisters. An act of June 24, 1901, forbids marriage of this character.

Mrs. Susan Hoover of Bellefonte is at the home of her brother, Samuel Gingrich, near Centre Hall, where she is taking care of Mrs. Gingrich, who for the past few weeks has been suffering from heart trouble. Her condition at present shows improvement and her friends trust that she may soon fully recover.

Frank Smith, fisherman extraordinary, landed the biggest trout that was ever taken out of Spring Creek when one day last week he succeeded in hooking a 26-inch fish that tipped the scales at 6 1/2 lbs. The catch was made within the corporate limits of Bellefonte. Minnow was the alluring bait, and when the trout "struck," a battle was on which required the assistance of a fellow fisherman to land the prize.

E. S. Kurtz of Lancaster is the guest of his brother, Rev. D. S. Kurtz, at the Lutheran parsonage. Mr. Kurtz is a printer who manages a nice little shop of his own and has been in business long enough to acquire a competence sufficient for himself and family to live on Easy street for the remainder of their lives and he is now ready to retire. He has not made the money, however, in short order, but it is the fruit of forty-five years labor at the art preservative.