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## KEYSTONE STATE'S POPULATION GAINS.

### May Statistics Show Biggest Increase in Years—Tuberculosis Causes Most Deaths.

Pennsylvania's population jumped over 10,000 during the month of May, vital and mortality statistics for which have just been completed by the state department of health. That month there were 19,154 births and only 8,870 deaths. It was the greatest increase recorded for any month in almost a year.

The causes of death show that pneumonia caused 804 deaths against 857 from tuberculosis of the lungs. Bright's disease and cancer run next as causes of death, with diarrhea next. Diphtheria caused 119 deaths, and 601 children died in early infancy. Influenza caused 96 deaths, whooping cough 61 and measles 58.

The death rate from typhoid fever, against which the state has been waging a campaign, dropped to 48, the lowest in many months, while only 34 deaths from scarlet fever occurred. Meningitis caused 33 deaths and malaria only 2.

The violent causes of death are given as 95 in mines, 90 from railroad injuries, 89 suicides and 459 from other forms of violence.

## Lecture Course Attractions.

The dates for the five attractions which will make up the Centre Hall Lecture Course for the season of 1915-1916 have been received from the lecture bureau by Rev. R. B. Jones, secretary of the Lecture Course Committee. The dates are only tentative but the attractions will appear as nearly at the time given as it is possible to do so. The attractions follow:

Dr. G. W. Ray, October 18th.  
Davenport Festival Quintette, October 30th.

Dr. Andrew Johnson, December 18th.

Dorv-DeLeon Co., March 10th.

Dr. Hamilton Holt, March 18th.

Saturday, August 21st, is the last day on which holders of course seat tickets may procure the same seats which they held heretofore. Have you secured your ticket? If not, do so now.  
R. R. JONES, Sec.

## LOCALS

Mr. L. O. Packer spent a few days in Sunbury with her sister.

Egar Wert of Woodward is the owner of a new Overland touring car.

F. D. Brislin became the owner of a new Reo touring car last week, turning in his Ford car on the deal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Strohm of Scranton are spending two weeks at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. M. E. Strohm, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stine of Tyrone spent a day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dinger. Mr. Stine is a brother of Mr. Dinger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Slick and daughter, Miss Nina Slick, attended the funeral of the former's brother, who was killed in a saw mill near Altoona, Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harpster, who spent three months in Centre Hall, will leave today (Thursday) for Chicago where they will visit for several weeks before returning to their home in Freeport, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Potter and Mr. and Mrs. John Ruly and their children started for Phoenixville Friday morning in the former's car and spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Potter, returning home this week.

In attempting to give the road to an automobile approaching from the rear, a son of Clyde Dutton drove the Dutton car—a Buick—down a short embankment near the Colyer farm, Saturday evening, which resulted in a broken front wheel. The party of young people who occupied the car proceeded to a nearby house and telephoned to a garage for aid and in the meantime another auto came along and seeing the abandoned car by the roadside stopped and helped themselves to all the tools that could be found. Who the thieves were has not yet been learned.

An attempt was made early Sunday morning to break into the home of E. W. Crawford, but the noise made at the windows awakened the family and the would-be robbers were scared off. Two hours later a second attempt was made to gain an entrance but Mr. Crawford was on the alert and again frustrated their plans. It is supposed that local talent attempted the dirty work since it was known that quite a sum of money belonging to the Odd Fellow lodge and the tabernacle party was not deposited in the bank that day and was kept at the Crawford home. The finger of suspicion points strongly to two individuals who, if they continue in their way, will have their measures taken under the Bertillon system and their faces adorn the rogues gallery.

## LOCALS WIN TWO GAMES.

Defeat Boalsburg on Home Grounds Wednesday and Pleasant Gap at Hecla Park on Saturday.

A ball team comprised principally of Lutherans but which carried a sufficient number of the home team's regular players on its lineup to warrant crediting the victory to that club, administered a bad dose in way of defeat to a combination of Boalsburg and State College players which for the sake of brevity was named Boalsburg. The game was played on Grange Park on the occasion of the Lutheran reunion, Wednesday of last week, and the concoction which the visitors were made to swallow is known in baseball's mysterious language as 14 to 5. It went down hard, yet, but while it caused suffering to only nine on the one side it brought joy to several hundred on the other who witnessed the first exhibition of good ball playing by the home team this season. And good ball playing means nothing less than good hitting, good pitching and good fielding. All three of these elements were in evidence and in big measure. Sixteen safe hits, for a total of twenty-five bases, netted fourteen runs. Boalsburg's log read five runs and six hits, the small figures being principally due to the effective pitching of Windom Gramley, a real "come-back" "Winnie" repertoire contained all the stuff of a decade ago when he was a winning pitcher on the Spring Mills team which was a formidable foe of the famous Millheim team when the mighty Musser was at his best on the pitching knoll. Gramley's twirling was gilt-edge, striking out ten batters. His only weakness was the commission of two errors which figured in the enemy's run-getting. The only batter to solve him with any consistency was Lytle, State's first baseman, who besides getting half of his side's hits, scored four of the five runs. For the locals William Garis was the chief stick artist. Four times he hit safe and every other member of the team, save W. Gramley, registered one or more hits. Snoddy, a member of the Loyallville orphan band, which organization was the guest of the Lutherans on this day, figured largely in the victory. His damaging two-bagger in the fourth inning started the locals on the road to victory and in the eighth inning his three-bagger was a titanic lick which the youth failed to stretch into a home run because of his slowness on the bases. Being only fifteen years of age, with 200 lbs. of muscle, he gives promise of developing into a real ball player.

The details of the game are given in the following box score:

CENTRE HALL		BOALSBURG	
R	H	O	A
E. Gramley, s. s.	1	2	2
Auman, c. f.	1	2	0
F. Bradford, 3b	2	2	1
Kearr, 2b	1	1	3
Kerlin, lf	2	2	0
Bailey, lb	2	1	0
Snoddy, rf	2	2	0
Routz, c. f.	2	4	0
Garis, c.	1	0	2
W. Gramley, p.	—	—	—
Totals	14	16	27

BOALSBURG		CENTRE HALL	
R	H	O	A
Lytle, lb. p.	4	3	0
Weaver, s. s.	1	0	1
Stover, 2b	0	1	3
Kline, 3b	0	0	2
Johnsonbaugh, cf	0	0	3
Coxey, lf	0	0	1
Routz, c. f.	0	0	6
Ishler, rf	0	2	0
Shutt, p. c.	0	0	2
Totals	5	6	24

Score by Innings:  
Boalsburg—1 0 2 0 1 0 1 0—5  
Centre Hall—0 0 1 4 3 5 0 1—14

### 8-4 VICTORY AT HECLA

One of the best games of the season was played at Hecla Park on Saturday. The Sunday-schools of Pleasant Gap plenished at that place and a large crowd was present. The Centre Hall and Pleasant Gap baseball teams furnished the principal sporting event. The game was not lacking in features and Low, the Gap pitcher, furnished the principal one in the first inning of play. The two extremes of baseball pitching were brought into play with the first six batters. In rapid succession he walked the first three men, filling the bases. Instead of blowing up Low kept his nerve and suddenly acquiring his control caused the next three batters to fan the breeze. Centre Hall won the game, nevertheless, by 8 runs to 4 and batted Low freely, connecting for nine solid drives, while Bradford for the locals kept the enemy to five single.

The jinx was closely attached to the Gap aggregation throughout the game and succeeded in getting three victims. Haminger had the top of his head cut open when a foul tip struck his mask. Gentzel was struck over the heart by a pitched ball and spat blood for a time, while Miller fell hard in going after a foul fly ball and had the breath knocked out of him.

The score by innings:

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## The Ripka Reunion.

The third annual reunion of the Ripka families was held on Grange Park Friday. About one hundred and seventy-five people bearing the Ripka name or connected indirectly with that family were present and enjoyed the day which was a perfect one for the gathering. Those present from the most distant points were Mrs. Bertha Galant, Liverpool; W. H. Ripka, Middleburg; Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Custaborder, Bellwood; Mr. L. Fagan, and John Ripka, Altoona. At the business session in the afternoon the same officers were elected and Grange Park was again selected for holding next year's reunion, the date set being the last Friday in July.

The most interesting feature of the reunion was the reading of the history of the Ripka family by E. S. Ripka of Centre Hall. Through his untiring efforts and with the aid of a relative in Philadelphia it was possible to trace their ancestors back for exactly one thousand years. The first one of this family, living in Vienna, was the chief representative of the Bohemian nobles, and his name was Premislav de Ripka. He was possessor of the castles and estates of the Ripkas, and lived in the year 915, and was numbered amongst Bohemia's greatest nobles—a great leader. In the year 1076 the family again figured in the events of the period. In this year a Premislav de Ripka was made king of Bohemia. During the remainder of his life he was content to remain quiet for there is nothing more recorded of his family until the thirty year war. At that time, about 1618, two brothers were prominent in the Ripka family—John and Paul de Ripka. Both were great warriors and held high offices in military circles. Down through the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries there are accurate records of this family and they show the Ripkas to have been owners of much real estate and people of energy and great activity.

The first to settle in America was Johann, in the year 1810, who desirous of extending his knowledge of the manufacture of the finer grades of silk, traveled extensively and finally settled in Allentown, Pa. Joseph Ripka came to America three years later, arriving in Philadelphia. He established himself in business weaving on hand looms an article made of silk for which there was great demand. He grew in experience and wealth and in 1846 his real estate and stock on hand amounted to nearly \$1,500,000.

The first member of the Ripka family to settle in Penna Valley was John Ripka, grandfather of A. C. Ripka of this place. The date given is 1816. He lived for a time on what is known as the Daniel Gentzel farm in Penn township. Later on he located about three miles south of Spring Mills on what was known as the old Ripka homestead. He died there in 1844, aged fifty-five years. His son, Charles Ripka, was the father of A. C. Ripka, and was born August 2, 1816, in Berks or Schuylkill county. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Zrby of Gregg township. To this union six children were born, A. C. Ripka being the third child. Charles Ripka was married the second time to a York county lady. Two children were born to this union.

### S. S. Convention at Aaronsburg.

The twelfth district S. S. convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association will be held today (Thursday) in the Lutheran church at Aaronsburg. There will be three sessions. The program follows:

#### MORNING SESSION.

- 9:30 Devotional services
- 9:45 Enrollment
- 10:00 The Improvement of the Sunday School and its Relation to the State.....Prof. W. P. Hosterman
- 10:30 Modern Sunday School.....Symeon Winkleschick
- 11:00 Why Should the Sunday School Include Missions in the Very Heart of Its Program.....Rev. J. L. Metzgar
- 11:40 Report of Department Superintendents.—Appointing of Committees.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 Devotions
- 1:40 12th District Problems.....L. E. Harvey
- 2:20 How Can Bible Teaching Be Made More Effective.....S. G. Walker
- 3:00 Why is it Important to Teach Things to Youth.....Miss Mary M. Meyer
- 3:30 Report of Committees and Election of Officers
- 3:45 Address O. A. R. C. Work.....Rev. James E. Lunning

#### EVENING SESSION

- 7:30 Devotions
- 7:40 How to Gain the Attendance of Sunday School Children to Church Services.....Rev. W. H. Williams
- 8:20 Development
- 8:50 Temperance Work.....Rev. R. E. Jones

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Centre Hall—0 3 1 0 2 1 1 0—8  
Pleasant Gap—0 0 2 0 2 0 0 0—4  
In a severe-inning game with Bellefonte, immediately following the game with Centre Hall, Pleasant Gap came off victorious by the score of 11 to 9.

September and chill winds will soon be here.

## DIXON'S HEALTH TALKS.

"Degenerative Diseases" is Subject of Commissioner's Weekly Talk

Benjamin Franklin said, "Nine men in ten are suicides." The indifference of individuals to their continued personal welfare which inspired this remark one hundred and sixty-nine years ago applies equally today. Conditions have changed in many ways and some of them are less beneficial for the individual.

Carefully accumulated statistics show that there has in all probability been a steady increase in Bright's disease and other degenerative diseases incidental to advancing age, within the past few years. Certainly the number of deaths from this cause is sufficiently high to warrant the serious consideration of every individual advancing toward middle life. Of course everyone now--days is familiar with the doctrine of fresh air, exercise and simplicity of diet, etc., which make up the creed of the sanitarian.

Few are willing to go to the fancied discomfort of denying themselves the pleasures of eating, drinking or indolent ease. They are perfectly aware to be sure that indulgence is unwise. They have been warned by other people's experiences and not improbably have been admonished by their medical adviser as to the evil effects of certain favorite indulgences. But the fact that a single gratification of their weakness is not likely to be accompanied by any of the forecasted ill effects seems to lead the majority of people on regardless of the ultimate accounting which Nature is certain to demand. The way of least resistance seems to be the popular path.

Probably every individual will admit to himself that he is running a risk and that the ultimate outcome will probably prove serious. Nevertheless continue he will and so there is more than a modicum of truth in what Poor Richard said.

Self denial and temperance may seem Spartan virtues to the self-indulgent but they are worth cultivating if one would challenge Father Time and his grim companion.

#### A Correction.

The Reporter was informed last week of the election of a teacher to teach the Colyer school for the coming term and in making comment upon this stated further that the election was made necessary owing to the failure of the teacher previously elected to pass the examination entitling him to a certificate. A letter to this office from George Harter, the teacher referred to, states that the assertion is incorrect and that he is in possession of a certificate from the county superintendent which qualifies him for the Colyer school. The Reporter is pleased to make this correction in justice to Mr. Harter who has very successfully taught Potter township schools for several years past. The Reporter was misinformed in the matter.

#### Williams-Keichlins.

At the Reformed parsonage, Boalsburg, on Saturday, Body D. Williams, of Lemont, and Miss Gertrude Keichlin, of Pine Grove Mills, were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. E. C. Stover. Both parties are well and favorably known in that community. After an extended trip to Atlantic City and New York, they will make their home in State College.

#### Peach Crop in Pennsylvania.

According to a statement received at this office from the State Secretary of Agriculture, the peach crop in Centre county is from 65 to 70 per cent. of a normal crop. The counties producing more than a normal crop the present year are Adams, Armstrong, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fayette, Franklin, Lodiann, Lancaster, Lebanon, Snyder, Westmoreland and York. Thirteen counties report a lower percentage than Centre, while Cameron, Elk, Forest, McKean, Potter and Warren counties report practically no peaches.

#### Mifflin Co. Has Powder Works.

The Aetna Explosive company, of New York city, began the manufacture of gun-powder and sold at Newton Hamilton, Mifflin county, on Monday, and by the first of September it expects to have a daily output of 50,000 pounds of smokeless powder.

Filtration beds have been completed which will purify every drop of the two and a half million gallons of water forced from the river to every corner of the vast industry. Fifty dwellings have been ordered immediately to accommodate a part of the 1,000 men required in the operation of three shifts of eight hours each and 530 men to the shift. Barracks have been erected along the river front for the 150 police who are always under orders.

Centre county Odd Fellows will unite in a big picnic at Hunter's Park on Monday, September 6th.

## DEATHS.

A telephone message to W. F. Slick of this place, Thursday morning, carried the terrible news of the death of his brother, James E. Slick, who was instantly killed shortly before noon on Wednesday when a steel cable in a saw mill almost completely severed his head from his body, while making repairs on the driving mechanism at the mill.

The deceased was boss sawyer on the Melvin Young mill, near Juniata Springs, and met his death when his brother started the machinery, not knowing that anyone was working underneath. Mr. Young was at the mill at the time and with Mr. Slick had gone beneath the carriage to make some adjustments to the cable. Thomas Slick, a brother of the deceased, who acts as engineer and assistant sawyer, had apparently not been notified of the intention of the other men to go underneath, and seeing no one about, concluded to saw a log that was in position on the carriage.

Mr. Young succeeded in leaping away from the danger, but James Slick was caught under the ears by the cable and forced so tightly against a cross bar that the top of his head was almost entirely severed.

Deceased was thirty-nine years of age, married and is survived by his wife and three little children in the family home near Juniata Springs. He also leaves five brothers, namely, Thomas and Samuel E., of Juniata Gap; A. D., of Johnstown; W. F., of Centre Hall, and J. G., of St. Clairsville.

Funeral services were held Friday at the home of Mrs. Slick's father, Clyde Kiesel, of Collinsville, and interment made at that place.

Ellis Shreckengast, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Shreckengast of Millheim, died of diphtheria Friday morning of last week, aged thirteen years, six months and fifteen days. The boy had been ill only for a day and a half. The remains were interred in the Union cemetery on Friday evening.

#### Patrolmen on State Roads.

A new system of keeping state roads in passable condition was inaugurated last week with the placing of 116 road patrolmen by the state highway commissioner.

These patrolmen, the first to be appointed under Cunningham's new system, are distributed over forty-two counties. Taking the state's sixty-seven counties, the 116 men average considerably less than two men to a county, but this average will be brought higher by appointments yet to be made for those counties in which the road patrol maintenance system will be started later. The 116 men represent an average of 2.76 patrolmen for each county of the forty-two which figure in the list.

The patrolmen are to work on the Sprout "main routes." Briefly, the road mender is to be about with his tools and a supply of stone and other material handy, and is to patch up a weak spot in a road whenever he sees it. And strict orders have gone out that they had better see weak spots; otherwise they'll have to explain them.

In Centre county one patrolman has charge of route No. 56, which leads from Huntingdon to Bellefonte, and No. 58, which leads from Bellefonte to Lock Haven by the way of Zior.

#### Woodward.

Miss Marion Smith spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Lottie White.

Mr. William Glantz and Jacob Fultz are on the sick list.

Robert and William Mo'z of Pittsburg are spending a few weeks in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Runkle spent a few days last week with the former's sister, Mrs. Snyder, at Milroy.

Mr. Ernest Kuhman of Coropolis is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Ard.

Mr. James Von Nelda and daughter, Miss Beesie, spent Saturday with friends in Aaronsburg.

Henry Treaster from Lewistown was a visitor at the home of his uncle, Abraham Treaster.

Misses Edna and Rachel Wolfe spent Sunday with their cousin, Mabelle Stover.

#### CENTRAL STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

Charles Loe, Principal.

The training school building is one of the finest in the state. The equipment is modern and complete. The gymnasium is commodious and modern. All told the 12 buildings and 32 acres of land composing the Central State property are among the best in the county.

The property is now owned and controlled by the state.

The location is ideal. The doctrine of self-control dominates the school government. The faculty is strong. Send for a catalogue and learn more. Lock Haven, Pa.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Warren Stover of Altoona spent a few days with his cousin, J. H. Koarr. John Coldron is working at State College this week with several local carpenters.

Miss Anna Stiner of Wilkesburg is spending two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoop.

Miss Carrie Sweetwood, who is employed at State College, spent a few days at her home in Centre Hall.

Miss Iona Tibbets of Bethel, Maine, is spending a short time in Centre Hall as the guest of Miss Margaret Goodhart.

Miss Viola Harter, of near Tusseyville, will teach one of the graded schools in State College borough during the 1915-1916 term.

Mr. T. R. Buck of Berwick and mother, Mrs. David Zrby, of Millheim spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary.

Miss Rebecca Kreamer is spending the remainder of the school vacation at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scholl, in Altoona.

Mr. Charles W. Geary and two children of Altoona spent a day last week at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. William Heckman, in Centre Hall.

Station agent Phillip Bradford of Lemont, accompanied by his wife and family, autoed to Centre Hall on Sunday and spent the day with his brother, Clyde Bradford.

James Frohm had the misfortune to lose one of the horses of his big hay team, for which he paid \$505 two years ago, on Tuesday night of last week. The animal died from a rupture (see to colic).

Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Barry, after spending two weeks in Centre Hall at the Mitterling home, left on Saturday for Sellersburg, Rev. Barry's former home, making the trip in the Mitterling car.

Baby No. 11—A big bright boy—arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rubie, Monday night of last week. The Rubie family is the largest one in Centre Hall, and incidentally it may be said no more pleasant or better behaved children are to be found anywhere.

J. L. Trester of Linden Hall was a business caller at this office Friday and attended to the matter of a year's reading of the home and world news. Mr. Trester finds the Reporter's bargain of the Thrice-a-Week World and Reporter a good one and never fails to renew both each year.

Equine Cyrus Brungart and J. J. Arney are spending a few days in Adams county and will cross the border line into Maryland where the biggest peach crop in the history of that section is now being harvested. Both gentlemen are interested in fruit culture and hope to bring home new ideas in that line.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Fischer of Shamokin, and daughter, Mrs. Ella Fisher, husband and two children, of Philadelphia, are among a party of fourteen who are traveling in a private car to the Panama-Pacific exposition. The Reporter is in receipt of a card from Mrs. Fisher, mailed in Portland, Oregon, which says that they are more than enjoying themselves and expect to take in both expositions. "We came across the Canadian Pacific and got back by the Santa Fe route. We expect to be gone about five weeks. The roses here are perfect; have rose hedges," she says.

Last Thursday E. W. Gramley photographed twelve of the worst spots and hills on the state highway between Woodward and Spring Mills, says the Millheim Journal. The views will be sent along with a petition signed by many taxpayers of Haines, Penn and Gregg townships and Millheim borough praying Highway Commissioner Cunningham to repair the highway. It is a fact that the automobile licenses paid this year by owners of cars in the district referred to will amount to about \$1,100, which sum is more than would be required to put the road in a fairly good condition.

Percy Megninney-Good, son of the editor of the State College Times, was run down by a passenger train on the Reading railroad near Arters station Thursday afternoon of last week and sustained severe injuries. The pilot of the engine struck him fairly and threw him to one side and down a steep embankment. The unfortunate man had his left leg broken at the knee and the bones splintered above and below. There are compound fractures of both arms at the elbow and wrist, the right being so badly injured that there is but little hope of saving it. He was hurried to the Mary M. Packer hospital, Sunbury, and it will probably be several months before he will be able to exercise the free use of his limbs.