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CORN CLUB BOYS TO EXHIBIT

At Grange Encampment & Fair—State College Instructors to speak to Young People.—Boys and Girls Urged to Make Display.

An interesting feature of the Grange Encampment and Fair, which opens Saturday, September 11th, will be a corn exhibit by the Corn Club boys of Centre county at which time they will place in the horticultural building an exhibition of corn. C. E. Clemmer of State College will be there to talk to the boys on the growing, cultivation and selection of seed corn. Also, Miss Pearl McDonald of State College will be there to instruct the girls on canning, preserving, etc. The boys should bring a half dozen ears or more of corn, either old or new, some good and some inferior, to be used in demonstration.

All boys and girls in Centre county are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to bring exhibits and meet Mr. Clemmer and Miss McDonald who will have some interesting things to tell them. This opportunity is for all the boys and girls in Centre county as well as those who are members of corn clubs. Boys and girls, don't miss this, but bring whatever you have and premiums will be paid you for every article.

Work is going on rapidly on the ground and everything will be in readiness for tent holders and exhibitors by the middle of next week. Be sure to plan to spend a few days at the Grange Encampment and Fair.

A Call for Old Relics.

The Old Relic and domestic handwork department should be made a large and attractive feature of the fair this year, and every woman and girl is urged to bring something for this department. Premiums will be paid for each article.

The Grange Fair association cannot go into your homes and ask you to show them the beautiful relics, quilts and fancy work you have stored away but they do urge you to bring them to the Grange Fair where they may be seen.

A Tribute to Suffrage.

A splendid tribute to the woman's suffrage movement was paid by the liquor forces at their recent state convention at Reading when they resolved to work against "votes for women." If the liquor men had chosen to inform the country that women are against the saloon, they could have chosen no more effective device.

The liquor forces are opposed to giving the women of Pennsylvania the right to vote not only because, as they admit, women are against the saloon but also because the women are against such alliances as that made last year by the Penrose machine and the liquor men for the election of a governor and state legislator.

The greatest ally the liquor forces have in this state is the corrupt political machine in state, county, city and borough. Without such partnership, the liquor question would be solved with only a small portion of the difficulty. So long as corrupt government joins hand with the liquor forces so much more difficult is the fight.

And the pity is that so much of the so-called respectable element in a community will give its support for one reason or another to a gang which draws the greater part of its revenue from the cash drawers in the saloon, the brewery and the distillery.

It must not be forgotten that the grant in city and county and in adjacent counties which is seeking to elect its ticket this fall is the unit upon which the Penrose machine and its allies depend for help. One of the first steps in the redemption of government is the complete and lasting divorce of politics and liquor and special interest.—Harrisburg Patriot.

Last Elk in Paddy Mt. Preserve Killed.

The last bull elk in the Paddy Mountain Game Preserve, near Inglesby, was found dead about 300 yards from the road on Monday last week, says the Gazette, and the evidence is that he was shot by some scoundrel with BB shot, as Game Warden Keister, of Coburn, extracted one of the pellets from one of his eyes and several others which had lodged in other parts of his head.

The estimated weight of the animal is from a ton and a half to two hundred pounds, and he had a magnificent rack of horns which are in the velvet and were recovered by Warden Keister on Tuesday.

Though this is the last bull of the original herd placed in the preserve some three years ago, it is hoped that the loss will be replenished by young bulls born to the cows of the original herd, quite a number of which are said to be alive and doing well.

Festival and Ball Game.

The Linden Hall baseball club will hold a festival at that place Saturday evening. In the afternoon a good game of baseball will be played, the crack Spring Mills team being the opponents.

AN UNIQUE BILL OF SALE.

James J. Gramley, formerly of Rebersburg, Discovers Bill of Sale of Man and Woman When Administering on Estate of His Father.

The following article is interesting because of its uniqueness and also because of the fact that it concerns the relatives of a former Centre countyman—James J. Gramley—formerly of Rebersburg and now residing in the west. The article appeared in a recent issue of the Courier, published in Howard, Kansas.

James J. Gramley of Rebersburg, Pa., is visiting in Howard this week with his brother, Rev. C. H. Gramley. He has shown the editor of The Courier the following bill of sale which he found in the papers when administering on the estate of his father. The Conrad Schmeltzer mentioned in the bill of sale was the great-great grandfather of the brothers Gramley, and was from Rotterdam, Germany. He and his wife were sold at auction for their passage to this country, and the following is the bill of sale:

Philadelphia, Pa., August 27, 1791. This Indenture witnesseth that Conrad Schmeltzer and Margaret Schmeltzer his wife, of their own free will have put themselves as servants to Henry Frank Spang for the consideration of 41 pounds (about \$200) three-fourths of which (about \$75) paid to George Mead for their passage from Rotterdam, and also for other good cause, the said Conrad and Margaret Schmeltzer have bound and put themselves as servants to the said Henry Frank Spang, to serve him or his executors or assigns from this 27th day of August, 1791; We from the above date agree to work for three years and six months, during all of which term the said servants, their executors or assigns that they shall faithfully serve and that honestly they shall perform their work for the above masters, and the said Henry Frank Spang, their executors and assigns shall provide during the said term for their said servant, Conrad Schmeltzer and Margaret his wife sufficient meat and food and drink and apparel and washing give said servants lodging, and at the expiration of their term two complete suits of clothing, one whereof to be new, 15 pounds specie in lieu of the suits; likewise a cow and for the true parties bind themselves unto each other by the said presents, to witness whereof hereunto in agreeable set their hands and seals, dated the 27th day of August, 1791.

Henry Frank Spang of Philadelphia Conrad Schmeltzer and Margaret Schmeltzer, his wife, Witness present, Lewis Farmer, Register of Philadelphia.

Mr. Gramley tells us that at the close of the above agreement and after the service had been performed, Mr. Spang gave them each a plate, knives and forks and spoons, cups and saucers and two small soup bowls.

Mr. Gramley is a well respected man of 72. He had led an active life, served his home county—Centre county, Pa., as county treasurer, and he is a thorough bookkeeper and man of business. For some time he has been keeping books for a big chicken ranch at Freeport, Ill., owned by Henry Pitt, and is now taking a little rest and recreation, visiting his relatives and seeing the country. From Howard Mr. Gramley will go next week to Menz, Ark., to visit another brother, A. J. Gramley, who is a retired minister of the gospel.

Mr. Gramley has shown us pictures of his great-great grandfather, Conrad Schmeltzer, mentioned in the above indenture, who died at the age of 96; also a picture of George Schmeltzer, son of Conrad, who died at 95; also Mr. Gramley, his own mother, who died at 92. Mr. Gramley owns the farm in Pennsylvania which all the above ancestors owned. Their several photos show a very strong family resemblance, and Mr. Gramley himself strongly resembles all of them in face and feature.

We have enjoyed meeting Mr. Gramley very much, for he is an active quick-minded old gentleman. He writes for the press very frequently, and his descriptions of his travels and the different places he visits are very interesting.

Exhibition at the Grange Fair.

Farmers should help make the Grange Fair a success by placing on exhibition the meritorious grain, fruit, vegetables and stock raised on their farms. The exhibition building is large and it should be filled to overflowing.

Building Big Annex.

The unprecedented number of students seeking admittance to the State Normal School at Indiana, Pa., this year has made it necessary for the big school to add still another wing to its main building. This annex will be the largest one the school has built, four stories high, 100 feet long and 46 feet wide. It will provide exceptionally attractive rooms for 66 more girls. In addition, there will be a large reading hall, four bath rooms, four teachers' rooms and a passenger elevator. The new rooms will be fully up to the high standard of Indiana Normal comfort, each with a large dressing room and with running hot and cold water in every room. The school expects to build this annex for seven or five thousand dollars.

The fall term at Indiana begins Sept. 14th.

Harvest Home services will be held in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening, September 5th, instead of the 12th, as per schedule.

LETTER FROM NEBRASKA.

Clyde P. Wieland, Formerly of Linden Hall, Has 8000 Acres of Sugar Beets Under His Care.

Inclosed find draft for \$150 for which please send me the Centre Reporter for one year. I was formerly from Linden Hall, and take this way of getting the Penna Valley news which I enjoy very much. I am employed by the Scotts Bluff Sugar Company, which is a branch of the Great Western of Denver, as field superintendent. This is very suitable for me as I was reared up along agricultural lines. At present there are almost 8000 acres of sugar beets grown under my supervision and I assure you I am quite busy, but I enjoy it just the same. With best wishes for the Centre Reporter and the Centre county people, I remain,

Yours Respectfully,
CLYDE P. WIELAND,
Mitchell, Nebraska, Aug. 20, 1915.

Interesting Letter From Michigan.

*** I enjoy reading the news from my boyhood county very much. My adopted state, "Michigan, My Michigan," is all right and swell and I can dig up no fault against it, yet the feelings of intense interest I have for friends and relatives and the scenes and haunts of childhood in old Penna Valley will not dim in face of the many things I enjoy here.

The bean crop of Michigan is "all in," or at least so badly damaged that only a few elevated or favored places will be gathered at all. Potatoes are half crop in consequence of the heavy rains of the month of August. Corn will not ripen here. Farmers had the time of their lives gathering their hay, rye and wheat. It has let up raining for a few days so the oats may be housed in fair shape. We can say we had a freak summer, playing continuously against the farmers' crop. Last night we had slight touches of frost in quite low places. Huckleberries are very scarce and sell here at 10 cents a quart. Very few apples will be gathered here. Most all the small fruit for which Michigan is famed, such as strawberries and raspberries (red ones) perished by the hard frosts on May 26.

Yours truly,
F. A. TITTLER,
East Tawas, Mich., Aug. 26, 1915.

Broom-Creighton.

J. Edgar Broom and Miss Sadie Creighton, both of Akron, Ohio, were married on Sunday, August 15. Following the ceremony the couple started eastward on their wedding trip and spent a week at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Broom, at Axe Manr.

Mr. Broom for a number of years has been employed by the Goodrich Tire Company and last winter received a promotion to the position of traveling auditor, a position requiring much ability. He traveled through nearly all the far western states and also visited the Panama-Pacific exposition. He is a brother of George Broom of Centre Hall and has a large number of friends in this section who will read with interest of his most recent "promotion." The couple will go to housekeeping in Akron. Congratulations.

Rain Prevented Ball Game.

Rain prevented the baseball game between Milesburg and Centre Hall on Grange Park, Saturday. The Milesburg team, traveling in a large yellow bus, arrived in their playing uniforms about two o'clock, but the field was too soggy for play and the remainder of the afternoon continued rainy.

The following players compose the Milesburg club: L. R. Woodring, cf; J. L. Oswald, p; Ralph Shopp, utility fielder; C. Jodor, c; A. Boggs, cf; B. Montgomery, p; J. Watson, lf; E. Miles, 1b; T. Sheekler, 2b; C. McCullough, ss; B. Jones, 3b.

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GRANGERS AT PORT MATILDA.

County Pomona Grange Held Interesting Session—24 Receive Fifth Degree.

One of the most interesting meetings of the Centre County Pomona Grange was held in the hall of the Port Matilda Grange, Thursday last week. The attendance was over one hundred, some of the members traveling over thirty miles to reach the meeting place. George Nearhood, a prominent Worth township resident, is master of the Port Matilda Grange, and it was due to his efforts that the Grange was ready to receive and royally entertain the county organization.

After formally opening the Grange, Master Dale called on Mr. Nearhood who gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by Prof. C. R. Neff.

The report of the insurance company was then read by David K. Keller, the secretary. The condition of the company is first-class, and the insurance rates have been among the lowest of companies in its class.

The Grange Encampment and Fair Association report was given considerable time, the improvements now completed, others under way and those in contemplation receiving due attention. The telephone company was also fully brought to the attention of the people in that portion of the county, with the view of interesting farmers in the movement.

Miss Florence Rhone presented the matter of woman suffrage as viewed by her.

The local grange prepared a musical feast for the visitors. There was not only vocal musical talent displayed, but the cornet and violin were brought into play.

At the noon hour a most sumptuous feast was prepared and enjoyed by every member who chanced to be seated around the board, and at the close of the afternoon session for the refresh themselves.

The officers in the chairs were: A. W. Dal, Master; C. F. Neff, Overseer; David K. Keller, secretary; Daniel A. Grov, Lecturer; Jacob Sharer, Treasurer; Mr. Catherine Rees, Chas.; G. A. Gingerich, Stewart; Clyde J. Brooks, Ass. Sec.; Mrs. Alda Arder, Ass. Lady Sec.; Mrs. D. W. Bradford, Pomona; Mr. Jacob Sharer, Seces; Mr. Viola Burris, Flora; Mr. George Nearhood, Gate Keeper.

Sunday Service on Grange Park.

Miss Martha Robison of Bloomington will deliver the Harvest Home anniversary address at 2:30 p. m. Miss Robison is a well known Sunday-school worker and an eloquent talker.

Plans to Save in Rural Delivery Service.

Postmaster Burleson announced last week that he would ask the next Congress for an appropriation of 149,000,000 to provide rural delivery service during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1916. The last appropriation for this purpose was \$53,000,000 and the department plans to save the \$4,000,000 without reducing efficiency. Of the amount to be asked, \$48,000,000 will be used to maintain the service as it now organized and the remaining \$1,000,000 will be expended on new routes and improvements.

Mr. Burleson said plans already were under way to provide a more modern and larger service during the fiscal year 1917 without increasing the 1916 appropriation.

Teachers Elected in Haines Twp.

The following teachers have been chosen by the Haines township school board for the schools of the township during the term, which begins next Monday.

Aaronsburg—Grammar, F. W. Raeban; primary, Meda Bower.

Wells Chapel—Ruth Winkleblech.

S. Paul—John Bower.

Woodward—C. E. Muser.

Vonada—Henry Stover.

Loss—Lida Hosterman.

Pine Creek—Boyd Vonadr.

Mountain—A. M. Martin.

The board had made application to the state officials for a township high school to start at Aaronsburg this fall, but the department declined the privilege, contending that it would have a tendency to fall short of the required number of scholars and possibly also work to the detriment of the Millheim school.

Dogs May Now be Trained.

According to a letter received from Joseph Kalbf, the fish and game commissioner, dogs may be trained on game from September 1 to March 1, inclusive, Sundays excepted, so long as no harm is done to game while chickens are being trained. The dogs must be under the absolute control of their owners.

John F. Treaster has started his older mill at the station. See advertisement elsewhere.

DEATHS.

Mr. Amos Alexander of Millroy died in the St. Joseph hospital at Lancaster, Friday, following an operation for tumor. She entered the institution two days previous. The remains were laid to rest in the Woodlawn cemetery in Millroy Monday morning.

Her age was fifty-one years and six months. Surviving her are her husband and the following children, namely; Mrs. Sumner Eisenhuth, of Coburn; Mr. George Holbrook, Mr. Frank Shirk, James and Robert, of Reedsville; Mr. John Curry, of Yeagertown; Mr. Robert Harmon, of Millroy; Clara, at home. Also by one brother—W. C. Sweetwood—of American Falls, Idaho, and two sisters—Mrs. W. M. Grove of Spring Mills, and Miss Cora C. Sweetwood of New Haver, Conn.

Deceased was Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Sweetwood, deceased, of Centre Hill. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church, a kind and loving wife and mother, whose death is sincerely mourned by many.

On her own relatives who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Grove, Spring Mills; Miss Cora Sweetwood, New Haver, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMullin, Millheim.

Typhoid fever claimed Mr. John Taylor Friday morning, after an illness of about six weeks, at her home near Colyer. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Zion Evangelical church, near Colyer, and interment in the cemetery conducted therewith, Rev. Bierly officiating. Besides her husband she is survived by three small sons, namely, Theodor, George and Charles. One brother, Charles Fye, of Colyer, also survives. Deceased before marriage was Miss Effie Fye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fye, deceased. Her age was thirty-one years.

Mr. Taylor's sickness resulted from a simple indigestion when during a hot day in July in an overheated condition she sat on the ground to shell peas. She had always been a healthy and hard working woman, and could handle a plow or drill in the field equally as well as a man.

John H. Heiman died at his home in Pleasant Gap Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock, of a complication of diseases and kidney trouble. His age was sixty-two years and eleven months. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the house and interment in the Lutheran cemetery at Pleasant Gap, Rev. McKechnie officiating. Surviving him are his wife and six children, namely; Miller and Mrs. Harry Grov, of Shiloh; Edith, Elsie, W. T., and John Herman, at home. Also a brother and a sister—Clark Herman of State College and Mrs. Frank Keen, of Pleasant Gap.

For the past five years Mr. Herman had been living a semi-retired life, having previously been a tiller of the soil.

Mr. Maria J. Deshler died at her home at Aaronsburg on Wednesday afternoon of last week of general debility, aged eighty-six years, five months and twenty-four days. Her maiden name was Maria Jordan and she was born at Spring Mills. Her husband, Dr. E. J. Deshler, died about sixteen years ago but surviving her are a son, Dr. Jordan Deshler, of Glendon, Iowa, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Her, of Aaronsburg. The funeral was held Monday morning from the Reformed church in Aaronsburg.

Mr. M. D. Poorman died at York Thursday of last week following an operation. Funeral services were held on Saturday. Her husband, who survives her, is a half-brother of Edward Ritter of this place.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Henry F. Bartley, a contractor, died in Bellefonte, aged eighty-five years.

Mr. Edward Speer died at her home in Milesburg of a complication of diseases, aged fifty-five years.

Theodore P. Reader died near Tyrone. He was born Centre Furnace and was aged seventy-seven years. He was a Civil War veteran.

Mr. Lena Siltzer died at Howard from blood poisoning, aged eighty-one years.

Fam and Egg Supper at Penna Cave.

A ham and egg supper on the Penna Cave property was enjoyed to its fullest extent by a number of Centre Hall young people, Thursday evening. The five mile run was made in cars and after the feast a tour was made to Millheim where the department stores were visited by the female contingent. Those in the party were Misses Isabel and Ethel Rowe, Hazel and Lillian Emery, Laura Mitterlin, Nina Slob, Ruth Smith, Caribel Euserich, Lulu Homer, Jeanie Stahl, Messrs. William Row, William Bradford, Ray Durr, James Ling, Thomas Foss, George Bozzer, Warren Honar, and Carl Auman.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Mr. Lucy Henney went to Philadelphia on Saturday to select her fall millinery.

Miss Margaret Hart of Frankford is spending a week or more with her friend, Miss Emma McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook Hubler drove to Lock Haven last week and were guests of their son, Harry F. Hubler, during Old Home week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Showers of State College and two sons spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Showers' parents, M. and Mrs. W. Cook Hubler.

A. S. Work, the artist who frescoed the Lutheran church in Centre Hall a few years ago, last week finished a similar piece of work in the Lutheran church at Rebersburg.

J. W. Mitterling shipped a carload of cows to the eastern market on Friday. Among the number was a cow having healthy twin calves by her side. The bovine was purchased from Frank McFarlane of Boalsburg.

The road bed from Penn Hall eastward as far as Woodwar, is being repaired under direction of the state department of highways. A petition carrying scores of names was necessary before any action was taken on that bad stretch of road.

A carload of white peaches were sold on the streets last week and if you paid what you were asked it required a half dollar for a basket. Some paid forty-five cents and before the vender could take a negative answer you could have them for thirty-five cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Burkholder returned to their home in Pittsburgh on Monday after spending a week at the home of the former's brother, Morris A. Burkholder, near Centre Hill. Mr. Burkholder holds a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the electric signal department.

William Bozzer, one of the Tochester Beach excursionists, on arriving at Baltimore, Md., spent Sunday in that city instead of taking the boat ride down the Chesapeake Bay. His friend, Earl Fleming, living in that city, met him at the train and together they took in the sights of Baltimore.

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Members of Progress Grange who attended Pomona Grange meeting at Port Matilda on Thursday were Hor. L. Rhone and daughter, Miss Florence Rhone, Prof. C. R. Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer, Mrs. Harry Burris, Mrs. D. W. Bradford, Dr. K. Keller, Clyde Brook, and George Gingerich. The trip was made in automobile.

The white doe which for several years has been seen at intervals near Bloomington, Lycoming county, was a visitor in a farmyard there a few days ago, this time accompanied by two fawns, which were the regulation color, but with white spots. Pastoralists are going to try to get a shot at the family. Within the past few years three white bucks have been killed in that region, all supposed to be the offspring of this famous doe.

James E. Lohr and daughter, Miss Mabel Lohr, of Philadelphia, came to Centre Hall Friday of last week for a brief visit. For twenty-four years Mr. Lohr has been in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the offices at Broad street station, having previously been a trackman on the local branch. One of the pleasures Mr. and Mrs. Lohr are looking forward to is the return of their son, Prof. William Lohr, to Philadelphia, where he will become an instructor in civil engineering in the University of Pennsylvania. During the past year or more he held a similar position in Lafayette College, Easton.

The Tochester Beach excursion, on Sunday, was not well patronized on the I. & E. road, owing, no doubt, to the unfavorable weather. At Centre Hall only five took passage and not more than ten more tickets were sold between here and Lewisburg. Bellefonte sent ninety-eight. Those who took a chance on the weather improving were rewarded with the most pleasant sort of a day. The air while sailing down the Chesapeake Bay was balmy and the thousand passengers on the steamboat "Louise" considered this thirty-mile ride well worth the \$2.50. Two other excursion trains from the north-eastern part of the state were also run to Tochester Beach on Sunday and all three were loaded onto the "Louise," a ship built in 1884 and still doing good service.