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## WAGE WAR ON RODENTS.

### Loss to Pennsylvania Account of the Rats in Millions of Dollars.—State Department Outlines Method of Attack.

Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton, and State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, are planning a general campaign against destructive rodents, and request the co-operation of all persons possible in the destruction of the pests which are causing a loss of millions of dollars annually in the State of Pennsylvania.

While it is impossible to estimate with accuracy the amount of property destroyed by rats and mice, an approximate estimation can be based upon a knowledge of the fact that there are 225,000 farms in Pennsylvania, and the loss to each farm alone by such pests must be \$100.00 at the lowest estimate, and in many cases \$100.00 will not cover the full loss. Even at the lower figure, this makes \$22,500,000 loss to farms by rats and mice. This is certainly a heavy loss when the loss in towns and cities is taken into consideration. The destruction in warehouses, stores, and even private residences is very great indeed. It is probable that this estimate is much below the real figure for such loss, but it brings the total to \$4,500,000. In addition to the above the loss by the short-tailed meadow mouse, or mole, in destroying fruit trees, field crops, meadows, and forest trees is fully more than \$10,000 annually in each county, which makes \$670,000. Thus, from these known sources of loss by rats and mice there is a total of over \$5,000,000 annually in Pennsylvania, without taking into consideration indirect losses, and the important subject of sickness and death due to diseases that such pests may carry. It is, therefore, no wonder that the State officers are planning a definite campaign along the line of helping the citizens to eliminate such loss.

For these plans the following suggestions are given:

1. Destroy old buildings, which give protection to such pests, and which themselves are unsightly and will be better destroyed than left standing.
2. Fill lumber and wood on supports, so that rats and mice will not find effective concealment, and dogs and cats can get under to find the pests.
3. Make buildings rodent-proof. At but slight expense this can be done when erecting new buildings, and it will pay well in the final saving.
4. Close holes in buildings and walls. Make a mixture of cement and sand with a little pounded glass, and put it into the holes through which rats and mice would otherwise pass.
5. Make special efforts to render crib, granaries and mowings proof against rats and mice. This can be done by the use of galvanized wire netting, tin, zinc, etc.
6. Take care to prevent the scattering of any materials that would serve as food for rodents. Keep all grain in enclosed granaries, and even protect garbage in such a manner that it will not feed rats at night.
7. Use poisons, such as barium carbonate, and even the arsenates, mixed with feed for the rodents.
8. Use caustic, such as powdered caustic soda or caustic potash, scattered where rats and mice run. This burns their feet, and drives them away.
9. Use traps at every opportunity.
10. Make use of ferrets in driving out rats, so that they can be killed.
11. Preserve the natural enemies of rodents, among which are black snakes, house snakes, the screech owl and other native owls, hawks, weasels, etc.
12. Make use of cats, and train them to be barn cats rather than house cats. Feed them so that they will not starve, and run wild and kill birds, but do not feed them so much that they will not hunt rodents. Since the rodents run mostly at night, better results in this line are obtained by not feeding the cats too much in the evening.
13. Keep terriers and train them in the business of destroying rats and mice. With but little effort they can be taught their duty, and will be busy during the day, while cats are busy at night.
14. Organize clubs that may enter into competitive contests, offer prizes, and otherwise devise means for the extermination of rats and mice.
15. In extreme cases kill such pests by fumigation, by the use of carbon bisulfide in their holes in the ground, or fumigating infested buildings with hydrocyanic acid gas. For directions in details of fumigation apply to the Bureau of Zoology, Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.

### Change of Date for Lecture.

Dr. Andrew Johnson, the next number on the Centre Hall lecture course, will appear on Friday, December 17, instead of Saturday, 18th, as printed on the course tickets. Course ticket holders might do well to mark this change on their tickets.

## POMONA GRANGE MEETS.

### Officers Elected for Two Years—Preparations for State Grange at State College.

The Centre County Pomona Grange met on Thursday of last week in Grange Arcade, Centre Hall. The attendance was only fair, the election of officers not having been of sufficient import to the great majority to bring them out on this occasion. The session was opened with almost a full attendance of officers, and those absent had good reasons for not being in the chair.

After the formal opening of the session the first business transacted was the appointment of a committee on credentials, who, when they reported, presented the names of five candidates for the Fifth degree and later the degree was conferred.

The report of the fire insurance company was read by the secretary of the company, David K. Keller, which indicates that the total insurance is \$1,298,565, and that to cover this business the company holds notes from the insured in the sum of \$65,313. These figures show an increase of business over the last report.

A verbal report was made of the business of the Patrons Co-operative Creamery Company, and it appears that the company is increasing its business with credits on the right side of the ledger.

John S. Dale, chairman of the local committee of arrangements for the State Grange at State College, gave a report of the work of the committee, in which it was stated that most of the arrangements for the great gathering had been perfected, and that all who attended the sessions of the State Grange would find the accommodations ample.

The subject of Rural Credits was given attention by Hon. Leonard Rhone and Prof. C. R. Neff, both of whom have been giving the matter more or less study.

By resolution the body expressed its appreciation of the efficient services rendered by D. M. Campbell, as secretary for a number of years, and further expressed its regret that sickness disabled him from performing these duties during the greater part of the past year.

The officers elected for a period of two years follow:

- Master—Calvin R. Neff
- Overseer—Foster Musser
- Lecturer—S. Grover Walker
- Steward—George W. Gingerich
- Assistant Steward—J. Cloyd Brooks
- Chaplain—Mrs. D. A. Grove
- Treasurer—Jacob Sharer
- Secretary—S. W. Smith
- Gate Keeper—Hugh Keston
- Pomona—Mrs. Carrie Bradford
- Flora—Mrs. Nettie Campbell
- Ceres—Mrs. D. F. Peterson
- Lady Assistant Steward—Vida Cori
- Auditor Fire Insurance—C. R. Neff
- Executive Committee—L. Rhone, John S. Dale, William Brooks, Wallace White, William Cori.

Centre County Pomona Grange Corn Club Directors—John S. Dale, W. W. Whetstone, Roy Decker, Grover Weaver, A. C. Grove.

Patrons Co-operative Creamery Company Directors—L. Rhone, Cloyd Brooks, Jacob Sharer, Richard Brooks, D. L. Baize.

The time for the installation of officers has not yet been fixed.

### Local I. O. O. F. Degree Team at Bellefonte

Last Thursday evening a large delegation of local Odd Fellows journeyed across the mountain in automobiles to Bellefonte where the degree staff conferred the second degree upon a class of ten candidates of Centre Lodge No. 153. Besides the large number present from this place, there were about seventy members of the order present from other lodges in the western section of the county. The local lodge was invited to perform this act of lodge work because of the prestige which it has won in the county through its high-class degree work, since having been in charge of degree master V. A. Auman. The performance of the degree team in Bellefonte was received with great applause by the onlookers and elicited much praise. Following this an oyster supper was served by Centre Lodge. The following were present from this place: The degree staff, composed of the following: Messrs. Ed. Crawford, T. L. Moore, V. A. Auman, Robert Bloom, J. S. Stahl, C. T. Crust, Clymer McClennan, George Heckman, Clyde Dutrow, J. W. Whiteman, J. H. Poff, Joseph Lutz, J. H. Kuarr, Bruce Arney, M. L. Emerick, Herbert Garis, William Lucas, Clyde Bradford, J. W. Bradford, Paul Bradford, L. L. Smith, H. E. Stark; also, J. S. Rowe, J. D. Moore, John Kreamer, T. L. Smith, E. S. Blipke, Ed. Laird, F. P. Geary, M. M. Miller, George Nearhood, Max Harshbarger, Charles Miller, Joseph Carson, Samuel Gross, C. D. Bartholomew; Ellis Hennigh and J. A. Wagner, of Spring Mills lodge.

## LOCAL MINISTERS GIVE REASONS FOR GIVING THANKS ON THIS

# Thanksgiving Day.

The Reporter asked the ministers of Centre Hall: For what have the people of Centre Hall and vicinity to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day?

The ministers replied in the order named, as follows:

Rev. W. H. Williams, of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Centre Hall and its vicinity ought to be thankful that "Thanksgiving" is not a day, but a habit. We cannot be thankful on Thanksgiving Day unless we have been learning how every other day in the year. There are some simple rules: Walk on the sunny side of the street; live as much as possible in the most comfortable room in the house; think about your friends, not your enemies; talk about your good luck, not your bad. These are some of the ways of acquiring the spirit of cheerfulness which is the only soil in which the flower "Thanksgiving" will grow.

Rev. F. H. Foss of the United Evangelical Church: The general development and unfolding of events necessarily produce new reasons for thankfulness as the years pass. The hand of Almighty God can be clearly seen in his gentle leading and gracious provisions. In addition to the benefits we share, due to the fact that God has blessed us with the richest harvest ever gathered on this continent, kept us from the entanglement of war and saved us from any serious epidemic, the people of Centre Hall and vicinity may well catalogue normal health, churches, schools, lectures, entertainments, good roads, moral influences, congenial and helpful associates, together with delightful environment, as reasons for hearty and devout gratitude on this Thanksgiving Day.

[The Reformed and Lutheran ministers failed to respond to the Reporter's request.—Ed.]

## PENROSE AS PRESIDENT.

Penrose as President of the United States is a spectacle which it is beyond the power of the human brain to imagine. Penrose as the presidential candidate of standpat Republicanism is the most logical and natural conception in the world. He stands for privilege in all its most loathsome forms; indeed is the greatest living exponent of privilege. He is one of the loudest shouters for a plundering tariff in the country. As an upholder of the right of the dollar superior to the rights of humanity he hardly has an equal. The grumblers fairly worship him. As engineer of a corrupt and corrupting political machine, a machine that smothers consciences and crushes hearts, he is a towering success. In short when it comes to the numerous excesses upon the body politic which have sprung up from the muck of standpat Republicanism, Penrose is one of the king germs at their heart.

In some respects it would be a valuable demonstration of the true sentiment of the country if he should be the candidate of privilege against such a man as Wilson. The New York Tribune, the greatest Republican paper in the country, says of his proposed candidacy: "Senator Boies Penrose says that he will be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. His idea of a Republican candidate seems still to be a man who can probably carry Utah and Vermont." That is being generous in the matter of electors. As a matter of fact it is not at all probable that he could carry even these states.

## Trial List for December Court.

- First week, Dec. 6.—Victor Strange vs. James Stott; appeal.
- Second week, Dec. 13.—Hannah Cower vs. Wilson G. Frantz; ejectment. Catharine Mulholland vs. M. D. Kelley and Matthew Shaddock; trespass. Wilbur H. Winning vs. Wilson G. Frantz, Abednego Laird, John Kelley and Gilbert Eller; trespass. W. T. Rawleigh Medical Co. vs. Ray Allison; assumpsit. Blaisdely Machinery Co. vs. Bellefonte Engineering Co.; assumpsit. I. L. Morrow & Co. vs. Bellefonte Shirt Co.; assumpsit. Heirs of James and Jacob Steel, deceased, vs. White Rock Quarries; ejectment. Paul Shay vs. John Snyder, Sr.; trespass.

## Set Date for Centre Co. Ass'n Dinner.

The directors and officers of the Centre county Association of Philadelphia met at the Manufacturers' Club on Tuesday afternoon and decided on Thursday, January 27, 1916, for the date of the next mid-winter dinner.

## Dr. Schuyler Improving.

Word has been received from Clinton, New York, that Dr. W. H. Schuyler, who has been at that place for some months, is improving. This news is gladly received by this paper, and will be read with much pleasure by the many close personal friends of the Doctor among its patrons. The hope of the full recovery of Dr. Schuyler is another definite reason for the people of Centre Hall and vicinity to give thanks on this 1915 Thanksgiving Day.

## NEWS OF 1882.

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

**March 2nd**—Our young friend, Al. P. Krapf, has left for Andrew county, Mo., where he has found employment in a nursery.

Geiss Wagner and family, of Potter township, left for Will county, Illinois, on Monday.

The store of A. E. Kerlin, at the old Stone Mill, will change hands about March 25th, Henry Straub of Brookville having bought Mr. Kerlin's entire stock.

William Sandoe has moved his tailor shop from the bank building to his private residence on the corner of Church and Main streets.

**March 30th**—The Uriah Slack farm was sold to J. A. and Samuel Slack. J. A. Slack takes the improved part, 75 acres clear, and 20 of timber, at \$4-486. The balance to Samuel Slack.

George Durst died in this place on Wednesday morning. Mr. Durst was one of our oldest citizens and had lived in Potter township from his boyhood. His family belongs to the early settlers; he was widely known. A cold which he took a few weeks ago laid him up with pneumonia which caused his death. He was eighty-two years old.

### Newly Elected Justices of the Peace.

The following justices of the peace were elected at the recent election in Centre county:

- J. W. Swabb, Linden Hall.
- J. W. Getz, Lemont.
- D. W. Miller, Pine Grove Mills.
- T. B. Jamison, Spring Mills.
- M. Woomer, Spring Mills.
- W. C. Thompson, Howard.
- O. H. Nason, Julian.
- W. G. Tallheim, Julian.
- Frank Courter, Blanchard.
- A. N. Cormar, Rebersburg.
- J. G. Matter, Benore.
- E. E. Smith, Millheim.
- C. A. Weaver, Coburn.
- F. A. Carson, Pottery Mills.
- J. W. Merryman, Sandy Ridge.
- John Rossman, Zion.
- J. W. Williams, Port Matilda.
- H. L. Sarger, Snow Shoe.
- Abram Houser, Bellefonte.
- Harry C. Wegner, Milesburg.
- Kline Woodring, Bellefonte.
- W. C. Cassidy, Bellefonte.
- Thomas Faxon, Milesburg.
- John F. Musser, Millheim.
- J. E. Hawkins, Philipsburg.
- H. C. Warfel, Philipsburg.
- J. B. Hoffman, Philipsburg.
- James I. Yarnel, Snow Shoe.
- J. A. Way, Stormstown.

### Farmers' Week at State.

For the farmer engaged in general agriculture the Farmers' Week program at the Pennsylvania State College next month is to be full of suggestions and ideas. Discussions on soils will include such topics as function and control of soil moisture; improvement of Pennsylvania soils; the principles of cultivation; and of organic matter.

Fertilizer topics include the lime sources of Pennsylvania; stable manure; relative value of different forms of lime; and some recent facts on fertilizers; and purchase and home mixing of fertilizers.

Farm crops will be covered in discussions on soybeans and cowpeas for Pennsylvania; sweet clover as a farm crop; successful potato culture; alfalfa; experiments with corn; and red clover.

Members of the college faculty and prominent men from other institutions in the country will give these lectures and demonstrations.

### Improvements on L. & E. R. R.

Traffic on the Lewisburg & Tyrone R. R. between Montandon and Bellefonte has grown to such an extent since the Pennsylvania R. R. took over the company a year or two ago that improvements are necessary and in course of completion. Thousands of dollars have been spent in laying new rails and placing the road bed in good shape. New bridges have been built that the heaviest motive power may be used to haul the trains, and now the company will supply its section foremen with motor cars to replace the hand cars. A complete telephone system is being installed for train dispatching that is intended to supplant the telegraph line.

### A New Building for I. O. O. F. Orphanage.

E. E. Chubbuck, Superintendent of the I. O. O. F. Orphanage near Sunbury, is superintending the erection of a large concrete and brick building of two stories used for the accommodation of four automobiles and a garage and repair shop, a band hall and a gymnasium. The building is situated 300 feet north-east from the school-house and is imposing in appearance and a credit to the group of orphanage buildings.

Bradford & Son have an advertisement in this issue.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Give thanks to-day.

Rev. W. H. Williams closed a two weeks' revival service in Millheim last week.

Mr. J. E. Campbell of Linden Hall favored this office with a call Thursday morning.

J. W. Swabb, who at the recent election was named justice of the peace at Linden Hall, has his professional card inserted in this issue.

Miss Lillian Smith of Bellefonte visited her sister, Mrs. C. W. Pennington, and brothers, W. J. and T. L. Smith, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dunkle of Georgetown, Delaware, are spending a short time with the former's sister, Mrs. Sarah Stover, at the William McClennan home.

The annual Thanksgiving service will be held in the Methodist church this (Thursday) morning. Rev. D. S. Kurtz of the Lutheran church will deliver the sermon.

Mrs. Chas. D. Bartholomew and two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, spent a week in Altoona, returning on Sunday with Mr. Bartholomew who on Saturday went to accompany his family home.

Jacob Musser and son Clarence, progressive farmers in West Branch Valley, were in town on Friday and paid their respects to this office. They report having had good crops and, of course, busy seasons.

Work on the fire lookout tower which Forester Leonard Barnes is having erected on the Greens Valley state forest, has been suspended. The structure is about sixty feet high and work on it will be resumed next spring.

The average letter writer will find that in a series of years it will be a great advantage to write his name and address on all first class mail sent out. Parcel post packages can not be accepted for mailing unless they bear the name and the address of the sender.

Bellefonte appears to be considerably riled over the orders of State Health Commissioner Dixon to lock the gates to their big spring. They see no reason why the people should not be permitted to dip their hands in the water or quench their thirst, if they were so disposed, as of yore. Probably they are right but Dr. Dixon appears to have a greater solicitude for the health of the town's inhabitants than they themselves have.

The large stack, 165 feet in height, of the defunct Nitany furnace, on the pike between Axe Mann and Bellefonte, was razed to the ground Thursday afternoon. The concrete foundation was dynamited and the huge bolts holding the stack to the foundation were melted off. A steel cable was fastened about the center of the stack and with the use of tackle the huge mass of iron and brick was toppled to the ground. It was the final work in removing the last evidence of a once great industry.

One morning this week when Dr. M. P. Fiedler was making professional calls west of Millheim he saw a turkey hen on the road at the Pine Woods, says the Journal. He drove his auto to within a few feet of the turkey when he discovered that it had one wing dragging on the ground, and believing it to be a wild turkey, which had been shot by a hunter, he stopped his car and tried to catch the bird but it made its way to the mountain north of the road so fast that the veterinarian was unable to outwind it.

A fair sample of a bargain day in a metropolitan department store was presented when the ladies of the M. E. church threw open their doors to the bazaar in the Kreamer building, on Saturday. An endless variety of fancy and useful articles which represented weeks of patient labor were thrown on counters and pinned to the four walls. Beside this there was a real bargain counter, termed the "parcel post counter," where for ten cents you had your choice of any wrapped package. These were sent from many distant points by friends of the ladies conducting the bazaar. There was an amusing side to this feature for the purchaser was always prevailed upon to open his or her package in the presence of all the bargain hunters. A commendable feature of the bazaar was that in every instance value was received for the money expended. Many beautiful articles of needlework were sold for only the material that entered in their making, giving nothing for the hours of patient work which was required to complete them. All day and evening there was a rush at the counters to secure the best "pickings" and a nice sum was realized by the church workers.

