



WRITES FROM NORTH DAKOTA.

W. L. Royer Gives Graphic Account of Things of Interest Seen on Return from Visit in Centre Hall and Vicinity.—Visits Many Former Penns Valley Folks.

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Editor Reporter:

As I know of no quicker and better way to reach all my relatives and friends than through your valuable paper, I shall endeavor to tell of my trip home following my visit to Centre Hall. I got to Johnstown, January 16th and stayed until the next day, where I found my sister, Mary Reider, and her two sons and families in the best of spirits and doing well. I landed in Chicago on the 18th and stopped with George Leitzel until the next day. Mr. Leitzel is a son of Samuel Leitzel, of Penn Hall, and is a painter and decorator. He is a skilled workman; his brother Samuel works for him. The next day I left for Joliet where I made a few calls and left the same evening. It snowed all the time while I was in Joliet—that is what started me home so soon. I took the interurban to Plainfield, Aurora, and Elgin. Here I had three hours time to take the steam train over the Northwestern railroad; while waiting here I went over into the city for supper, and on my way I noticed a large tabernacle. I learned that the meeting had been in progress over two weeks and that evening there was special doings. I was still in the hotel and all at once the people rushed for the door and I was not far behind to see what was going on. I was told that every Order was out with their banners and military bands. They came marching down in the middle of the street. Subsequently they all marched into the tabernacle two by two where they commenced singing. I learned that the tabernacle was 125x75 feet, such as they build for Billy Sunday. This evangelist was from Madison, Wis. After the singing stopped he called on six men to take up the envelopes that were handed out the night before. By the stack of envelopes received he should have given them a good sermon. I was unable to remain because my train was due. I got to Freeport at 11:30 p. m.; the next morning I went to the Bulletin office where I always find P. O. Stiver at his desk but never so busy but what he will not stop and have a talk to one who just returned from Centre county. I phoned out to Will Stiffler and he told me to wait and he would be in after me, as he did. I also visited Roland Stiver, and Lank Muser, formerly of Pine Grove Mills. At Red Oak I visited my sister, Katie Lied; she had a big dinner planned for my return and had twelve invited guests. The next day my sister and I went up to Orangeville in the train where I phoned to John Clarno who was married to Ellen Decker, the girl who was raised in the Lott Evans home. She is related to John and Daniel Decker; they own a fine farm. We spent the day and night at her home and in the morning Mr. Clarno hooked up a fine team and they both went with us to Orangeville. I phoned to Bruce Goodhart and he came and took us to his home. He said his farm northeast of town and he bought one southeast of town, known as the Michael Swartz farm. The road to this place is not so good as the one where he lived before. He drove a fine small team and it was a load in places for them as the mud was very deep. He drove on the south side of his farm on the public road so we could see all over his farm. Most of it lays to the south; it is more rolling than the one he had but he is well pleased with it. The house is of brick, big bank barn, large hog shed, chicken coops, wind mill, milk house, summer house, and smoke house, out they need some repairing. He put new stalls in the barn just a short time before I got there for his horses and cattle. After dinner Mr. Goodhart and I went to a sale where he bought two cows. The next place visited was Samuel Reeser's home where we stayed all night. The next morning his boy took me over to Samuel Jordan's, brother of Henry. There I took dinner and he told me of the trip he and his wife made to the fair on the coast. Mr. Jordan has a well improved farm and is a good farmer. He owns an Overland car and every thing looks prosperous about the place. Next I went to McConeil where I visited my son and family. I then took the train for Winslow to see Luther Leitzel and found him well but not so with Mrs. Leitzel. I had often heard of the Blue Lable Dairy Farm at Winslow so I asked Mr. Leitzel to go along and look it over. We first went to the cheese factory; they make four kinds of cheese. Fred Karlin went to New York state and bought a bull calf for \$11,000. His herd consists of about 200 head, 150 of which will be milked.

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INTEREST SHOWN AT INSTITUTE.

Large Gathering Attend Session of Teachers' Local Institute, Friday Night.

Not in many years was there such a successful, interesting and instructive teachers' local institute held in Centre Hall as that which attracted a large crowd to Grange Hall Friday night. The hall was filled to the doors and while the large attendance may be attributed to the excellent program of entertainment, and in which parents are always interested because of the part their children take in them, yet there was manifested such a degree of interest in education generally among the audience that a very good attendance would have been assured even though the part the children played had been omitted.

Prof. W. R. Jones, principal of Spring Mills schools, and chairman of the district, presided. The session opened with the audience rising to their feet and joining in singing "America." Miss Verna Frantz followed with a recitation, "Children." "Tell Us," a beautiful quartette, was rendered by Misses Ethel Rowe, Marion Royer, Esther Parsons, and Rebecca Kramer. In a clear strong voice Frederick Moore told of "A Boy's Troubles," which were many. The High and Grammar grades gathered on the stage and joined in singing "Rowing—Not Drifting." Following this Prof. Jones introduced Prof. J. M. Lord, a member of the faculty of the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, as the speaker for the evening. Prof. Lord came as a substitute for Prof. Charles Loe, who found it impossible to attend. "Community Cooperation" was Prof. Lord's subject and some very excellent things were said in the course of his hour's talk. Before success in the school-room is assured, said Prof. Lord, it is first necessary that the teacher has the proper interest in school work; this interest in turn gets the scholars and parents interested. This is on the theory that interest begets interest. The architecture and environments of the rural schools came in for the most severe criticism. Instead of appearing as stables, the schoolrooms should be as beautiful as our homes, said Prof. Lord. How can we expect our children to come out of such places as ladies and gentlemen, possessing aesthetic taste, said he. Prof. Lord would remove the drudgery of study as it appears in subjects and problems which have no attractiveness for the student, by substituting laboratory work, thereby gaining definite knowledge. He scored good points here.

"A Smack in School" was very well delivered by Miss Ruth Parson. Miss Mary Whiteman followed with the reading of the High school paper, which contained some interesting local subjects. Miss Margaret Emery very eloquently delivered "Our Few Shall Not Ring To-night." Miss Emery in her excellent rendition of this poem displayed latent powers in elocution. "A Matrimonial Advertisement" was a laughable one-act playlet in which Adaline McClellan, Ruth Birtges, Pearl Ruble, Catharine Bradford, and Harold Keller, took the leading roles. The evening's program came to a close with a pretty pantomime on "My Old Kentucky Home," by Misses Esther Parsons, Marion Royer, Mary Whiteman, Ida Sweetwood, and Ethel Rowe.

The Saturday morning session was devoted to two subjects, namely, "County Organization" and "Spelling."

The attendance was severely small, and but three school directors were present—one from Centre Hall borough and two from Potter township. Added to these were a dozen scholars from the various grades of the local schools, half as many citizens, and a light representation of teachers from the district. The questions were well discussed and proved interesting to those present. It was the consensus of opinion that Centre county was too large for a county organization of teachers, but that the teachers should be organized in smaller groups—one or two townships, or a township and a borough. The purpose of the organizations would be for heart to heart talks among teachers, where knotty school problems might be gone over and solved.

How to teach spelling was discussed at considerable length, and was participated in by a number of teachers, Prof. Lord, and County Superintendent Etters.

It was "Pay-Up Week" that brought P. Edwin Brown of near Pottery Mills to Centre Hall on Monday, and while here dropped his one-dollar in the Reporter's till. Mr. Brown is making regular trips to the Lewisburg district, carrying with him meats and many other supplies for the table. He is in the market for pork, and just now, a turkey gobbler.

THIS LECTURER WILL RECEIVE \$100.00 FOR HIS APPEARANCE IN CENTRE HALL

Fourth Number on Centre Hall Lecture Course, Tuesday Evening, February 29

DR. HAMILTON HOLT



DR. HAMILTON HOLT, the brilliant editor of the Independent, who is soon to lecture here, scarcely needs an introduction to any community in America. The constructive policy of the Independent under his editorship has endeared the magazine to the hearts of Americans, and our people will deem it a rare pleasure to royally greet Dr. Holt.

No man in America is better fitted to discuss the theme, "The Federation of the World," than is Dr. Holt. Under his direction the great magazine which he heads has been a leading advocate of international peace, and his editorial expressions have been strong supports to that propaganda which desires the substitution of law for war throughout the world. Dr. Holt has been prominently identified with leading peace gatherings of the world in recent years. He is one of the founders of the New York Peace Society, a member of the first National Arbitration and Peace Congress held in New York in 1907, official representative from the state of New York to the second National Arbitration and Peace Congress held in Chicago in 1909, a speaker at the New England peace conference, Hartford, 1910; president of the third National Arbitration and Peace Congress, Baltimore, 1911; a member of the Conciliation Internationale, a director in the World Peace Foundation and connected with various other peace organizations. In the summer of 1907 Dr. Holt attended the second Hague conference.

State Offers to Buy Road Across Mountain.

Wednesday afternoon of last week Robert J. Cunningham, State Highway Commissioner, met with the County Commissioners at the court house to discuss the matter of the State's taking over the Centre and Kishacoquillas turnpike between Centre Hall and Bellefonte, a distance of practically eight miles.

Some time ago the state highway engineer went over the road and appraised the value of the property. The stretch of road from the foot of Nittany Mountain, on this side, to the top, a distance of a mile, was valued at \$2,300. The appraisement of the entire piece of road was placed by the engineer at \$17,615, an average of \$2,200 a mile. This figure does not include the value of the toll houses which the State does not care to acquire. The turnpike company held the road at an original value of \$4000 a mile, but later cut down \$500 a mile. The State's figures are unchangeable and even though the turnpike company agrees on the price, the county must pay one-fourth of this sum, owing to the insufficient sum the State has on hand for the purchasing of toll roads. The commissioners passed a resolution agreeing to pay this sum out of the county funds providing they have a legal right to do so.

The proposition will in the near future be put up to the turnpike company and in case of their refusal to accept the terms the State may exercise its right of eminent domain and seize the property and pay a sum such as a board of viewers may think the road is worth. It is thought, however, that the turnpike company will make this step unnecessary.

Special Meeting of Pomona Grange.

The Centre County Pomona Grange will meet in special session Thursday of next week at State College. There will be two periods—afternoon and evening, and both meetings will be held in the Old Chapel, Main Building. The evening session will be in charge of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society. State Post Master W. T. Cressy is expected to be present at this meeting. It is urged that there be a large attendance of Patrons from over Centre county, as the meetings will be full of interest.

This is "Pay-Up-Week." Get in the swim.

JUDGE JOHNSON KNOCKS OUT BOOZE IN UNION COUNTY.

Brooks High License Law Wrong in Principle, He Says. People, Not Judge, Should Have Power to Decide Granting Booze Licenses.

Union county, Centre's eastern neighbor, went "dry" when Judge Albert W. Johnson, supported by the two Associate Judges, refused license to the only two wet places in the county. It was one of the biggest surprises in the state for none had expected the license court to refuse the licenses of the only two wet places in the county, the Cameron and Baker houses, in Lewisburg. Incidentally, that town is especially elated, because it will prevent the sale of intoxicants to the students of Bucknell University. The action of the court was unanimous, President Judge Albert W. Johnson being supported by Associate Judges Gottlieb Rowe and W. H. Diefenderfer. They ruled lack of necessity in refusing the applications, after hearing witnesses for two days.

In announcing the finding, Judge Johnson declared the Brooks high license law to be wrong in principle. He said it put the power of local option in the hands of the judge, when it should be in the hands of the people, and that by their votes the saloon should be put out of existence. He further said the power placed in the judge's hands hurts them. He urged the people to keep up the good work they had begun. He added that speakesses must be watched to prevent infractions of the law, and warned that it would be impossible to keep the county entirely free of rum, since it could be obtained from Northumberland county, directly across the Susquehanna river.

While no charges of law violations were brought against the Cameron and Baker houses, remonstrances signed by 1100 out of the adult population of 1800 of Lewisburg were presented to the court. Among the witnesses was Dr. Mary Wolfe, of Lewisburg, a suffrage worker, who went to the state insane hospital at Norristown and studied conditions there. She testified she found that 25 per cent of the insanity there was directly due to alcoholism.

Crawford County Goes "Dry."

Judge T. J. Prather made Crawford county "dry" last Thursday, when he refused all of the thirty-seven liquor license applicants. The present licenses expire March 1st.

Last year Judge Prather refused all wholesale applicants, and granted the thirty-seven applicants who re-applied this year, as well as three new ones, the two breweries and one distiller. These three withdrew their applications a few days ago, preferring to take their chances with a state license.

An opinion was given by Judge Prather, in which he quotes decisions of other judges, and says he was guided in his action by evidence presented at the hearing and from personal knowledge of conditions in the county. He says:

"In the exercise of sound discretion, all license applications are therewith refused." Crawford county now stands with Bedford, Huntingdon, Jefferson, Wyoming, Juniata, Mifflin, Venango, Green, Lawrence and Union counties as white spots on the Keystone state.

Letter from Minnesota.

We are having a very cold winter here in Minnesota; on the 13th of January it was 31 below zero, while it has been 20 below quite often. It can snow 'most as easy as it rained last summer, as it snows 'most every other day and some times in between. If there is anything in the ground bog predictions I guess we are in for it for a month at least, as the sun was shining all that day.

The crops of 1915 were almost a total failure around here and we are all living in hopes that 1916 will be better. Cattle are selling high at most of sales while horses are just at a standstill. Lots of horses were bought up through here for war purposes last fall.

MRS. JOHN GEARHART. Mountain Lake, Minn., Feb. 15, '16.

Women Can't Vote at Primaries.

The women of Illinois were denied the right to vote for delegates and alternates to the national conventions and for members of the state central and precinct committees by a decision of the supreme court which held the legislature had the right to grant women to vote on these offices but had not done so.

Centre county's neighbors are fast becoming the sort that every good citizen likes to have close at hand. Clean and spotless of the rum traffic are Huntingdon and Mifflin, and with Judge Johnson's decision last week, Union will be in the same class April 1st. Old Centre will undoubtedly benefit by the wholesome influence in time and make herself fit to be in their company.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Miss Nina Blick spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Miss Lena Bressler, at Spring Mills.

The first Bell automobile handled by Boozer & Fetterolf was sold last week to William Bartger, east of town.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lucas, Wednesday morning. It is the third child in the family.

Bidney Royer expects to go to York next week where he will secure employment with the Pullman Motor Car company.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrill, at Amesbury, Massachusetts, on Friday. Mrs. Morrill was Miss Nellie E. Kerlin, formerly of this place.

Mr. J. S. Getchell and son Wendell returned to their home in Youngwood this week after a short visit with the former's parents, 'quire and Mrs. Cyrus Bruggart.

Arthur G. Cummings, farmer on the William Rishel farm near Rebersburg, brought a load of hogs to Centre Hall on Tuesday, and while in town favored this office with a call.

Congressman Rowland introduced a bill in the House providing for a \$75,000 public building for Philadelphia. Of course, there is no certainty that the measure will become a law.

The orchestra of Centre Lodge, I. O. O. F., Bellefonte, will be present at the conferring of the third degree in the local lodge, Saturday evening. Refreshments will be served after the close of lodge.

The Williamsport city council is charged with doing business at secret meetings, contrary to the Clark law that provides that all of a council's business must be transacted in the sight and hearing of all who care to see and listen.

To increase the seating capacity of the gallery in the Millheim Auditorium the elevation of the gallery is being changed. The improvement will not only result in accommodating a larger number of persons, but will also give the gallery gods a better view.

J. W. Raymond of near Centre Hall thought that "Pay-Up-Week" was a most sensible movement and to show that he had the right spirit, plucked down a dollar and a half bright and early on the first day of "Pay-Up-Week" for a year's subscription, although his label carried respectable figures.

It is a good time now to fix in your mind that when you construct a concrete walk you will make the surface rough. When the first walks in Centre Hall were built, the smoother the surface, the more acceptable the work, but we have all now learned that the ideal surface on a concrete walk is a rough one.

Last week S. W. Decker, accompanied by his wife and three children, arrived in Penns Valley from Litcher, South Dakota, where they lived for several years. Mr. Decker has no intentions of going back west again and for the present will spend the time with his brothers, Dolan Decker and Colonel Decker, in Georges Valley.

State Highway Commissioner Robert J. Cunningham passed through Centre Hall in his auto Wednesday afternoon of last week on his way to Bellefonte to meet with the County Commissioners on the matter of taking over the turnpike from Bellefonte to Centre Hall. His identity was established through his auto license which was No. 3.

The Stork virtually unloaded his hamper of interesting bits of humanity at State College, last week, and consequently the town's population was increased to the extent of nine souls. Five boys and four girls is the way the count stands. The faculty of the college was particularly favored in the distribution, coming in for about half of the number.

Guy W. Jacobs arrived in Centre Hall Saturday morning for a week's rest following a busy year with the York Manufacturing Company, ice plant manufacturer, in whose interests he has been in the southern states for some time. Mr. Jacobs has now been in every section of the United States but Centre Hall is the dearest spot to him of all.

Business at the Centre Hall planing mill has been picking up materially since John D. Lucas has become a part owner in the plant, which now is conducted by him and E. E. Zettle, the former owner. Mr. Lucas, while he intends giving good attention to planing mill business, will not neglect contracting and building. The planing mill will serve him a good purpose in taking future contract work.