



INTERESTING S. S. CONVENTION HELD AT REBERSBURG.

The thirteenth annual Sunday-school convention of the twelfth district of the Centre County Sunday-school Association was held in the Reformed church at Rebersburg last Wednesday.

The convention was called to order by the president, a good representation of superintendents of schools, delegates and citizens being present.

All the speakers did splendidly and without partially we must not forget to mention the very able, thoughtful and well received and so masterfully handled that the county chairman has requested him to come to the County Convention at Howard and give a talk on the same subject.

Next week "Death to the Rooster." Birth control in the barn yards of Pennsylvania is advocated by the State Department of Agriculture which has declared war on the 1,000,000 roosters that are lords of many a chicken coop in the rural districts and back alleys in the cities.

Not all of them are to be killed in the campaign in which the poultry associations, granges and organized retail grocers' associations are asked to co-operate. It is suggested, however, that at least 750,000 of the roosters be either killed or penned up.

In order to bring about this change in the hens' dispositions and the output of eggs, the department advises poultry raisers to observe the week of May 29 as "Rooster Week." The death penalty or close confinement of the roosters is to be carried out not later than June 8.

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OX ROAST, JULY 4TH.

Odd Fellows Preparing for a Big Day at Centre Hall.—Parade and Athletic Contests.—Orphans' Band to Be Here.

The zeal and energy the various committees on the I. O. O. F. celebration are displaying would lead one to believe that the big time was only about a week distant instead of almost six. However, July 4th will come before you are aware of it, and if you have made arrangements to be out of town that day you will surely miss some big doings in the old home town for the local lodge of Odd Fellows is going to spring an innovation in the way of celebrations.

A big parade with a fantastic feature will open the program in the morning and there will be something doing every minute thereafter throughout the entire day in the way of athletic contests. In every instance a worthwhile prize will be awarded the winner. A baseball game will be played in the afternoon.

A feature that was highly appreciated during last year's celebration was the appearance of the Orphanage band from Sunbury. Arrangements have been made to have these gentlemanly little fellows here again. Outside of their excellent music they are liked because of their 100 per cent. deportment and their short stay in this town last year was a treat to every resident.

Writes from California. C. W. Stahl, Esq., a former resident of Pottery Mills, and now a prominent lawyer in Los Angeles, California, writes the Reporter these few interesting lines in remitting for subscription:

"I assure you that while I have been away from Pennsylvania since 1877, that I enjoy the Reporter very much on its weekly mission of home news. As the time has been so long there are very few that I communicate with so that through your paper I keep posted as to the few that are living in the old home that I remember. I certainly appreciate the Pottery Mills items as that is where I spent my boyhood days. With best wishes and kindest regards to you and all my Pennsylvania friends, I remain,

Yours very truly, C. W. STAHL. Los Angeles, Cal., May 13, 1916.

Alfalfa Fields Ruined.

The alfalfa fields, both large and small, in Penna Valley, have been ruined. Fearing that some pest might have made its appearance, stalks and roots of alfalfa from the writer's fields were sent to Pennsylvania State College, and from there they were forwarded to Prof. Eddy, an expert on insects, who reports that the plants had died from a combination of causes, and that while a few insects in the alfalfa stage were present, they were not of a harmful species. The destruction is evidently largely due to freezing after the plants had taken on new life in January and later.

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(Continued from previous column.) these male chickens we can easily and profitably do without and it is the earnest desire of those interested in the poultry industry of this State to have all poultry raisers of this state either kill off or pen up their roosters not later than the last week in May. Consumers of eggs can help in this movement by insisting that they want non-fertile eggs and such eggs only."

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

Most Marvelous and Spectacular Motion Picture Extant to Exhibit at Garman's Opera House, Bellefonte, Next Week.

Joseph Henabery, the actor who portrays President Lincoln in D. W. Griffith's historical spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," was selected from twenty players who were coached and prepared for the part before the choice was made. Mr. Lincoln's appearance and mannerisms were carefully counterfeited, even to the small, but interesting, detail of the President reaching back for his shawl just a few minutes before Wilkes Booth attacked him. It was a spring day in Washington, April 14, 1865, but a late frost had set in that night and it was raw and cold. Mr. Lincoln felt the chill and drew the shawl around him.

The first scene in "The Birth of a Nation" showing the War President is of Lincoln signing the call for 75,000 volunteers. Around him are his Cabinet heads and private secretaries. Lincoln fully realized the momentous character of the act that summoned Federal troops to subdue the individual sovereignty of rebellious States. After the deed was done and the attending company departed, he slowly buried his face in his hands as if in prayer.

Another view of Lincoln's character is exhibited in his granting of a pardon. As this scene opens, the gorgeously uniformed diplomatic representatives are being received by the President. They then depart and he turns to a plain middle-aged woman dressed in sombre black who had been awaiting a hearing. She tries to kneel to him, but he gently raises her up and talks to her, reads her petition and signs the paper granting to her the life of her son.

After the Appomattox surrender the Leader of Congress calls with a proposal to deal harshly with the South for its rebellion. "I shall treat them as if they had never been away!" is Lincoln's gentle answer. Then, two or three days later, comes the awful tragedy in Ford's Theatre, Washington, when Southern hopes of clemency are blasted by the assassin Booth's maniac act. That great and terrible scene is reproduced in the play to the minutest historical detail. Mr. Henabery, the portrayal of the great President, has been widely commended for the sincerity, dignity and pathos of his characterization.

At Garman's Opera House, Bellefonte, May 31 and June 1st, afternoon and night. Prices, 50, 75, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Boas Cox Dead.

George B. Cox, former political leader and boss of Ohio, died at his home near Clifton, a suburb of Cincinnati, Saturday morning. Cox suffered a stroke of apoplexy late in February and a few weeks ago pneumonia developed, hastening his end. He was born in Cincinnati in 1853, and was the last of the great political bosses. Mr. Cox himself acknowledged the title. From bootblack and newsboy he rose to the highest political place in Ohio, and died a millionaire. He was forced to leave school at an early age and support his mother. After he had accumulated a thousand dollars he went into the saloon business and rose to the highest place in the politics of Ohio.

Students Who Earn to Learn.

Four hundred students at the Pennsylvania State College have earned more than \$4,500 to help pay for their education during the present college year, according to the report of W. H. Weigel, secretary of the student employment bureau. This is an increase of a thousand dollars over the earnings of the student workers last year. It is estimated that double this amount will be received by the students for their work this summer. Hundreds of them are accepting employment with industrial plants, munition factories and steel mills.

One-third of the students of the college are earning their own way and the report shows that the employment bureau aided scores of worthy students to positions in the town where they received board and room worth \$200 for their services. For odd jobs, such as house cleaning, table waiting, garden digging, furnace attendance and lawn mowing, the students are paid 20 cents an hour. Many other students are typists and stenographers, while others tutor their less advanced college mates.

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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Hours for Holding Services Throughout the Valley in Honor of Nation's Heroes.—The Speakers.

Centre Hall, 6 o'clock p. m.—Parade consisting of various Sunday-schools, I. O. O. F. and K. G. E. members, and Our Boys band, of Milesburg, will leave Grange Hall at 5:30 o'clock and march to cemetery. Col. J. L. Spangler will be the orator.

Spring Mills, 6 o'clock p. m.—Rev. W. H. Williams will deliver the address in the Presbyterian church.

Farmers Mills, 9:30 o'clock a. m.—Rev. Luther Miller will speak in the Union church.

Georges Valley, 2:30 o'clock p. m.—Rev. D. S. Kurtz will speak in the Cross church.

Spruce town, 1:30 o'clock p. m.—Rev. W. H. Williams will speak.

Boalsburg, 6 o'clock p. m.—Rev. G. L. Courtney will make the address.

Madisonburg, 9 o'clock a. m.—Col. J. L. Spangler will be the orator.

Rebersburg, 10 o'clock a. m.—In connection with the decoration at this place, a monument to the memory of George Christopher Spangler, a Revolutionary soldier, will be unveiled by the grandchildren. Col. J. L. Spangler will be the orator on this occasion. The Aaronburg band will furnish music.

Millheim, 2 o'clock p. m.—In charge of Sons of Veterans, Camp No. 110.

Aaronsburg, 6 o'clock.—Rev. W. H. Williams will be the orator.

Pine Hall—6 o'clock p. m. The Sunday-schools will take part in the exercises. Rev. Mr. Horn will deliver the address.

Pine Grove Mills—2 o'clock p. m. The civic organizations and Sunday-schools will attend; also the Citizens band. Rev. McRiley will be the orator of the day.

New Corporation Formed in Bellefonte.

The Co-operative Investment Company of Pennsylvania is the name of a new corporation for which a charter was granted last week. The new concern aims to be of great benefit to Centre county farmers in furnishing a medium through which they may dispose of any amount of produce, receiving the highest cash price.

The corporation is capitalized at \$100,000 and much of the stock has already been subscribed for. Centre county people are given first choice in purchasing the stock. At a meeting held in Bellefonte on Monday the following officers were elected: Walter Cohen, president; George Bezer, vice president; G. Oscar Gray, secretary-treasurer. The directors are Ellis L. Orvis, Col. H. S. Taylor, Clayton Brown and Laird Curtin, all of Bellefonte.

The company has an option on one of the best stores in Bellefonte, the object being to own and operate its own mercantile establishment in Bellefonte. In the course of time it is planned to open small industries in Bellefonte, such as furniture factories, etc., giving employment to a number of persons.

BOMBARDER IS CONVICTED.

Sharper Who Circulated Among Penna Valley Farmers Last Winter is Convicted for False Pretense in Westmoreland County.

Westmoreland county farmers have been victimized by E. S. Bomberger, of Palmyra, who claimed to represent the Pennsylvania "State Cattleman's Protective Association," but was hauling before the court and convicted of false pretense. Testimony produced proved that no such an association existed as the swindler represented himself to be an agent for. He did a thriving business as long as it lasted.

This is the same individual who operated among Penna Valley farmers last winter. He was a member of the Palmyra hunting club which was organized at John Venrick's, above Colyer, and made it his business to come back and circulate among farmers on the south side shortly after the close of deer season. He had little difficulty in persuading farmers to sign up and hand over ten spots, and it is a fact that a few with whom he had become well acquainted he placed on his list gratis, stating that because of their good fellowship he would pay the fee for membership in the pseudo-association.

This swindler is another warning to farmers that they ought to deal more cautiously with strangers, and the old plan of "sleeping over" the contract before signing it will work to a great advantage in many cases. The sharpers well know that at this time the farmers have good bank accounts, and that their checks are not protested. Give the stranger the go-by, unless he comes with a proposition that he is not afraid to discuss in public and present evidence and documents that cannot be disputed.

HAYES SCHEENK SENTENCED.

Former Justice of Howard Must Serve Two Years or More in Penitentiary for Bounty Frauds.—Also Pays Cost of Prosecution.

Second week of court convened on Monday morning. Hayes Schenck, who had nine bills of indictment for bounty frauds hanging over him since February sessions of court and late on Wednesday afternoon pleaded guilty thereto, and withdrew the motion for a new trial in the one in which he was convicted at February sessions of court, was called for sentence, and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, one dollar fine, and to the penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than three years.

The trial list was then gone over and the following cases disposed of:—Samuel Grant Dale vs Moshannon Coal company, a corporation, in an action trespass; continued under terms of settlement.

Mary E. Krebs vs. Ellis L. Miller, executor of G. Wood Miller, deceased, mortgagor with notice to E. L. Miller, and Albert Eves occupant. Verdict for the plaintiff for \$1963.00.

Selected Principal of Danbury (Conn.) Schools.

Prof. John S. Hosterman, youngest son of Dr. G. W. Hosterman, of this place, was last week elected principal of the High school at Danbury, Connecticut, at a salary to begin at \$2000 per year.

The Danbury Evening News, in making comment on his election, had this to say:

Concerning Mr. Hosterman's qualifications Superintendent Bost made the following report: "He is thirty-three years of age, married, and a graduate of Franklin and Marshall college in 1904 with a degree of A. B. He took his A. M. degree from Teachers College, Columbia university in 1910 and he has spent all of the past years as a graduate student in Columbia, working for his Ph. D. degree. A great deal of his graduate work in Columbia has been along the line of pedagogy and I consider him very well trained indeed for the position.

"He has had eleven years of experience, having been principal of the Hubersburg High school, assistant principal of the Bellefonte High school, and principal of the Phillipsburg High school. He then went to the position of supervising principal of the schools at Montrose where he remained for eight years. He resigned from this position last spring to do a year's graduate work in Columbia."

Motor Cars Received on L. & T. E. R.

W. V. Betts, supervisor of the Lewisburg & Tyrone R. R., last week received five motor cars to supplant the old hand cars used by section crews along his road. The gasoline cars are capable of making high speed, and are powerful enough to pull heavy loads of material used in construction work.

The local crew, of which A. S. Krebs is foreman, expects to receive one of these cars. This section has possibly the hardest grade on the road and to pump home the old hand car after a day's hard work at either extreme of the section, was no child's play. The motor car can come none too soon.

Ask Rev. Stauffer to Remain at Rebersburg.

At a recent meeting of the Rebersburg Reformed church, action was taken to have Rev. A. G. Stauffer reconsider his resignation. There was a unanimous request for him to do so. Sometime ago he accepted a call to Hawthorne, which he has now recalled. Owing to impaired health the Rebersburg people have asked him to take a vacation and when his health will permit to become their pastor again.

Senior Student at "State" Dies.

William Leroy Kester, a senior at Pennsylvania State College, died Friday night after a short illness from typhoid fever, at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house. His was the only case of typhoid fever among the entire student body. Funeral services were held at the fraternity house Sunday afternoon and on Tuesday morning the body was shipped to his late home at Bloomsburg for burial.

Hunters' Licenses to Carry Laws.

The State Game commission will begin the issuing of the new hunters' licenses about August 1, and will be prepared to send them all to the various counties. On the back of each license will be a digest of the game laws and, what is of very great importance, a warning in large black type to hunters to guard against forest fires.

Zeigler Reunion.

The sixth annual Zeigler reunion will be held at Grange Park, Centre Hall, on Saturday, June 17. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Lewis town wants a Y. M. C. A. building. John D. Meyer, of Altoona, was home over Sunday.

William Shoop, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday with his father, Emanuel Shoop.

Victor R. Jones delivered an excellent sermon in the Reformed church on Sunday evening.

Alfred Crawford was home on a short vacation from the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven.

Roy White, who is employed in the manufacture of war shells, at Lewis town, was in town over Sunday.

Next week is "Rooster Week." The Department of Agriculture recommends the axe or close confinement for the bird at that time.

Mrs. T. W. Simkins, who for the past few months was with relatives at Bloomsburg and Philadelphia, returned to the Presbyterian Manse on Thursday.

A full house greeted Centre Hall's first "movie" show, Saturday night. Mr. Jury will not show pictures again until Saturday night and then three times a week thereafter.

More than seventy people were fed at the Old Fort hotel at dinner on Sunday. All were tourists from various parts of the state and one auto carried a New York state license tag.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hettinger, near Penns Cave station, was brightened recently by the visit of the stork which left a ten-pound baby girl at that home. It is the fourth child in the family.

Claude E. Wert, of near Tusseyville, is quite proud over the fact that he has a nice lot of Berkshire hogs that appeal to farmers who prefer that breed of hogs. He is giving hog breeding more or less attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Moore attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, I. O. O. F., held at Connetts Lake, Crawford county, last week. More than nine hundred lodges were represented by delegates.

Mrs. Byron Garis, Mrs. John Kreamer, John and William Garis, motored to Burnham on Sunday where they visited the former's daughter, Mrs. John Mowery, who has been ill with appendicitis. Her condition is somewhat improved.

The town of Milroy will have electric light in about six weeks. The Penn Central company, of Altoona, secured the contract for the service within the past week. The line will be built from Nagay, about a mile and a half distant, where the company supplies current for the Cambria Steel Company.

Much of the corn crop was planted since last Friday. An occasional farmer in this section had planted before that date, but planting was not generally begun until the latter part of last week, at which time the ground was in fine condition although the temperature was rather low for good corn weather.

Miss Myrtle M. Miller, solicitor for the Bellefonte hospital, on Saturday canvassed the business places in this town for advertising space in a cook book which is to be published for the benefit of the Bellefonte hospital in equipping the institution with an X-ray apparatus. The space in the book sold for twenty dollars a page and the advertising for most business places in the valley will occupy a quarter page.

The funeral of J. C. McCloskey, whose death as announced in this paper last week occurred in Logan, Utah, on Tuesday, took place in Millheim, the home of his wife, who was Miss Lida Mueser, on Monday morning. The funeral was in charge of the Masonic order and was attended by the following from this place: Messrs. Hon. Leonard Rhone, Julian A. Fleming, Dr. G. W. Hosterman, J. H. Weber, D. J. Meyer, D. A. Booner, W. C. Booner and Edward Durst.

Fifty-seven creameries in Pennsylvania entered the first of seven educational creamery-butter-scoring contests being conducted by the department of dairy husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College. The first contest was held April 25. A large per cent of the lower scoring butter was due to the fact that the creameries were receiving too much old, stale, sour cream. Even though the buttermakers use the latest and most improved methods in manufacturing butter, it is impossible to secure high-scoring butter with a good, clean, delicate flavor from cream that is old and stale. In a number of cases the delicate flavor of the butter was spoiled by too high a percentage of salt. The highest score for the first contest was ninety-five per cent.