



GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Estimated Production for 1916 Compared With Crops of 1915. A summary of the June crop report for the State of Pennsylvania and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates...

CENTRE COUNTY'S MOUNTAINS.

Their Construction and Study Have Gained a Prominent Place in the Books of American Geology, Says Harvard Man. [The inexhaustible supply of material for geological research which the mountains of Centre county contain has made them a source of great study to men of science...]

WILLIAM W. HARPSTER DEAD.

Paralysis Causes End of Native of Centre Hall at His Freeport (Illinois) Home—Lived Retired After Successful Business Career. The unexpected announcement of the sudden death of William W. Harpster, at Freeport, Illinois, came as a shock to his many friends in Centre Hall, when the sad news was received Wednesday of last week...

DEATHS.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Eliza Jordan, widow of William F. Jordan, at the home of her daughter in Columbus, Ohio, was received by Miss Kathryn Fleisher, a sister, in this place, Thursday of last week. Her death, it is supposed, took place on the Sunday previous, after an illness extending over several years...

Auto Truck Crashes Into House.

The big oil automobile truck belonging to the Atlantic Refining Company left the road at Axe Mann on Friday morning and crashed into the Wallace E. White home, doing considerable damage. It appears that Leonard Wion, a new man, was being given instructions in handling the heavy truck, while George Tibbens, the regular man, was seated behind Wion. On approaching the White home an auto standing in the road made it necessary to turn out in rounding the curve at that place and before the truck could be turned in its right course it had already struck the pale fence, crashing it to splinters, and then proceeded to mount the concrete steps. The car rammed its nose into the front of the house and in an instant had a good view of the parlor inside. A hole the size of an ordinary window was made and much of the weatherboarding was damaged. The house is one of the prettiest in that locality and the oil company will be put to some little expense for repairs.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Today (Thursday) is the opening day of the bass season. J. W. Mitterling shipped a fine load of coveys to the eastern market on Friday. Charles Geary, of Newport, spent a few days last week with his brother, F. P. Geary, and family. Lewistown reached its goal of \$75,000 in the campaign for raising that amount for a Y. M. C. A. building. The Bell telephone company issued their new quarterly directories last week. Many new names are to be found in the latest edition. Messrs. E. F. Ripks, V. A. Auman, T. L. Smith and William Bradford were to Spring Mills Friday evening to witness the initiation degree which was conferred on a class in the I. O. O. F. lodge there. John C. Rossman last week received the appointment of registrar of vital statistics for Centre Hall and Potter township, the office having been made vacant through the removal of Dr. J. R. G. Allison to Millheim. At the teachers' examination held at State College by Superintendent D. O. Eiters, last Thursday, the following young people from this place were in the class: Misses Edna Neff and Grace Isler, Messrs. Ralph Luse and William Rockey. State College has issued an order that auto owners must discontinue the use of their cut-outs and also to use care in running their cars. Failure to heed warning in the matter will result in a request being made of the State Highway Commission to revoke the license of the offender. The local United Evangelical church installed electric light in its edifice last week, using it for the first on the occasion of its Children's Day service, Sunday evening. Other places in which the modern light was installed within the past week were G. O. Berner's store and residence, D. J. Meyer's residence. At the commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High school, last week, Lee W. Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Frazier, below Centre Hall, was awarded the \$10.00 prize offered by Harry Keller, Esq., for excellence in mathematics during the year. Another of the graduates who was honored by being given a part on the program was Ray Durst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Durst. A certain housewife east of town can produce the best argument in favor of the buy-at-home doctrine since realizing a bitter disappointment a few days ago when on arriving home from a shopping tour in a distant town she unwrapped a broom which was already half worn out from use, paying for it the price of a new one. Of course, she will be obliged to make the best of it since the store is too far away to have the wrong adjusted. At a recent meeting of the Millheim school board the following teachers were elected for the next term of school: Prof. D. P. Stapleton, of Millifield, was re-elected principal at a salary of \$90 per month; W. E. Keen, re-elected teacher of the grammar grade, at \$50 per month; Ray A. Miller, of Millheim, teacher of the intermediate grade, at \$40 per month, and Miss Carrie Bartgee, of near Centre Hall, teacher of the primary, at \$50 per month. William Meyer, of Loganton, spent the latter half of last week with his cousin, D. J. Meyer, in this place, and then went on to State College to visit a daughter. Mr. Meyer undoubtedly is one of the oldest millers in point of service in the state. At the age of seventy-four years he is still at the work after a continuous run of fifty-six years. Twenty years ago he was the miller at the local mill and from here he went to Loganton. While his son now operates the mill there Mr. Meyer still makes a good hand and does considerable work. His one great desire is to build a mill after his own ideas, which he thinks, he could plan just right to have it most convenient in every detail. Richard, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, of State College, formerly of Millheim, on Monday morning inflicted a wound near one of his eyes that may cause the loss of his sight, says the Millheim Journal. The youngster procured a knife and was cutting at a window sill in the kitchen, when the blade glanced and hit the lad just below the eye cutting an ugly gash. A physician was summoned, who advised that the lad be taken to a hospital. Arrangements were immediately made and the boy was taken to the Williamsport hospital in the afternoon. Four stitches were required to close the wound, but the hospital authorities are not certain if the sight can be restored.

Old Fellows Will Decorate. The graves of deceased Odd Fellows of the local lodge who are buried in the various cemeteries nearby will be decorated on Sunday, as is the annual custom of the order. At Centre Hall the members will gather at Grange Hall at six o'clock p. m. and march to the cemetery where after the graves are decorated Prof. W. O. Heckman will deliver an address. The graves in the Tusseyville, Zion Hill, Spruce town and Centre Hill cemeteries will be decorated in the afternoon, beginning at the first named at 1:30 o'clock. Odd Fellows owning automobiles are requested to have them ready for conveying brothers to the cemeteries across the valley in the afternoon.

Have Filed Their Expense Accounts. Practically all the candidates who ran for the nomination for office at the recent primaries have filed their expense accounts. Harry E. Scott's expenses were \$312.00; C. L. Gramley's \$199.50, \$25.00 of which amount went to the Republican Temperance League. M. I. Gardner spent less than fifty dollars. Charles H. Rowland spent \$409.57, and W. E. Tobias less than fifty. A. H. Gaffney, for Republican National delegate, spent \$207.34, and W. I. Swoope \$481.29. J. L. Montgomery, treasurer of the Republican county committee, received \$300, spent \$290.25, and has a balance of \$9.75. J. Linn Harris, N. E. Robb and Lewis Emery spent less than fifty dollars.

A section of the Philadelphia Inquirer containing a marked editorial bearing the caption "An Increasing Death Rate," was forwarded to this office by the "Committee on Publication," Perry Building, Philadelphia, with the view of having the editorial published. The burden of the article is to discredit the effort of the State Board of Health to give the public simple rules of living which if observed will not fail in making life more pleasant as well as make the observer's days longer. Doctors and men of science are also assailed. The Reporter is unable to see the motive of the attack unless it is political.

Don't fail to give your support to the young people of Sigilville who will be here on Saturday evening to present "In Plum Valley," a rural comedy drama, in Grange Aroadis.

But all this is an old story to the people of Pennsylvania and of Centre county in particular. I say Centre county, in particular, because no other county of the state so combines all its natural resources as does this geographic center: coal, iron, wood, limestone, glass sand, Penna. Cave, Seven Mountains, fertile valleys, State College, etc. Here the traveler finds represented all the natural, intellectual and scenic resources of the state. If we would appreciate Pennsylvania he must certainly see Centre county.

There are certain intellectual resources of the county which are perhaps not so well known to the majority of its inhabitants as are its economic ones; I am referring especially to the beautiful delineated type of mountain structure and the fossiliferous rocks. Appalachian Mountain structure is famous in the world over, and it was due to the efforts of such men as Rogers, of the first Pennsylvania Survey; Bailey Willis, of the U. S. Geological Survey; and W. M. Davis, of Harvard University, in this region of folding and erosion without great faulting that America was first able to publish to the world the mechanics of mountain building. The study of the Appalachian Mountains of Central Pennsylvania has proved the most noble chapter in the books of American geology. The fossiliferous rocks have yet to be studied in any great detail. Already much work has been spent upon them and in time they will probably be as fully described as the rocks of New York and the southeastern states.

These tremendous thicknesses of sandstone, limestone and shales and their included fossils which thrived in the great inland sea long before powerful earth movements raised and folded the sediments into what are now the eroded hills and valleys of Pennsylvania, are of compelling interest to all students of the earth's history. It perhaps may seem strange to the economist of Centre county that his locality is probably more famous among foreign nations for its scientific interests than for its agricultural and mining possibilities, nevertheless this fact should be appreciated.

RICHARD M. FIELD.

PROMINENT IN COMMUNITY. Mr. Harpster was a prominent man in this community, where he had lived since 1880. He was fifty-eight years old. He was formerly in the confectionery business and before that was in the employ of John W. Henney, when the latter conducted a carriage factory at Cedarville and which afterwards was located in Freeport, when the Henney Buggy company was organized. He enjoyed a wide acquaintance and was a friend to everyone. He was known as "Mack" Harpster to his friends. He was loyal to all, upright in his dealings, and had retired to enjoy the earnings from the successful business which he conducted.

CAME FROM PENNSYLVANIA. William Wolf Harpster was born at Centre Hall, Penn., Dec. 19, 1857, a son of Samuel Harpster and wife. He learned the saddlery trade while in Pennsylvania. Coming to Stephenson county in 1880, he located at Cedarville, where he was engaged as a carriage trimmer by Mr. Henney. The merits of the Henney buggy were then beginning to be well known, and the demand for the vehicles caused Mr. Henney to move the plant to Freeport, where larger quarters were secured. This was done after Mr. Harpster had spent several years at Cedarville, coming to Freeport when the factory was located here. He continued with the Henney Buggy company for a number of years, giving up his work to engage in the confectionery business, which was established on Van Buren street in the Wilcox block. He was later engaged in the same business at a stand in Stephenson street, but gave up active business life several years ago. Mr. Harpster always retained a strong affection for his birthplace and it was customary for him and his wife to make frequent trips to Centre Hall.

Mr. Harpster was married in April, 1885, to Miss Anna M. Newcomer, John S. Harpster, the merchant tailor, is a brother of the deceased. Mr. Harpster joined the Masonic fraternity soon after attaining his majority. His affiliation was with Excelsior lodge No. 98, and he was a past worshipful master of that organization. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of John S. Harpster, 83 Van Buren street. Burial was made at Oakland cemetery, where Excelsior lodge was in charge.

F. G. M. Academy ex-students to Reunite. A re-union of the ex-students of the Pine Grove academy and seminary will be held at the historic old building on Friday, June 23rd, at 10:30 A. M. Many prominent speakers have consented to be present. The gathering will be on the style of a basket picnic. Everybody is welcome. Good music will be one of the pleasing features, as well as reminiscences by friends of long ago.

Deaths of Centre Countians. Mrs. Margaret A. Neff, widow of William H. Neff, at Howard, aged seventy-six years. Martin E. Garman, formerly of Bellefonte, died in Philadelphia following an operation, aged forty years. Mrs. Lucy A. Albright, of Patton township, died at the Bellefonte hospital, following an operation, aged fifty-nine years.

Former Local Reformed Minister Dead. The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Land, sixty-four years old, of Manchester, Md., died suddenly of heart failure Wednesday night of last week in the chapel of Franklin and Marshall college. He was attending the commencement exercises. He was buried at Manchester, Md., Tuesday. His wife and two sons—George and John—survive him. Dr. Land served the local Reformed church for four years, beginning his pastorate February 20th, 1885.

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Brown-Brown. At the Reformed parsonage in Boalsburg on Wednesday of last week, Rev. S. C. Stover united in marriage Charles C. Brown and Miss Maggie E. Brown, both of State College.

Centre Hall Juniors Defeat Linden Hall. Centre Hall's 14-year-old future baseball stars played the first game in their early existence on Saturday afternoon and did what the local first team was unable to do, namely, defeat an aggregation of ball tossers from the town of Linden Hall. The score, of course, was not confined to small numbers, but since the local youths had the long end of the 23-11 score, they "should worry." "Nestle" Smith, "Crawford," "Skip" Smith, and "Gross" are among the locals who are destined to defend the town's reputation for high-class baseball, and Saturday's game proved that they have a good start. The line up was as follows: LINDEN HALL—McClintock, cf; Glasgow, lf; Raymond, rf; P. Noll, 2b; D. Noll, 1b; Isler, ss; Klinger, 3b; Season, c; Kalsion, p. CENTRE HALL—Keller, lf; Smith, 2b; Crawford, 1b; Frank, 3b; Gross, p; Lucas, lf; Henney, c; Gferrer, ss; Ritzer, rf.

Rebekahs Install Officers. The Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., in this place, held its installation ceremony Tuesday evening of last week. Because of the inability of District Deputy Mrs. Elizabeth Hazel, of Bellefonte, to be present, Mrs. Anna Puff was deputized to perform the work of installing the newly elected officers, which are as follows: Mrs. Emory Ripks.....Noble Grand Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs.....Vice Grand Mrs. Elia Shoop.....Wardens Mrs. Anna Puff.....Chaplain Mrs. Anna Dutrow.....Conductor Mrs. Lillie Moore.....R. S. N. G. Mrs. Daisy Luse.....L. S. N. G. Mrs. James Stahl.....R. S. V. G. Mrs. Edie Kreamer.....L. S. V. G. Mrs. Margaret Smith.....Inside Guardian Mrs. Margaret Crawford.....Outside Guardian Mrs. Grace Ripks.....R. S. Supporter Mrs. Flora Vonada.....L. S. Supporter Mrs. Mary Whiteman.....Pianist

A number of visiting members from Millheim and Linden Hall were present. At the same time a degree was conferred upon Mrs. Charles Pennington. Centre Hill couple Married. Saturday evening Rev. R. R. Jones united in the bonds of holy wedlock Charles H. Foust and Miss Mary A. Byers, both of Centre Hill. The ceremony was performed at the local Reformed parsonage. The bride is from near West Chester and for the past two terms successfully taught the Centre Hill public school, making her home with the parents of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Foust. The groom is a young man of good character and worthy of the young woman he has promised to love and protect. The Reporter joins their many friends in wishing them all the joy and happiness possible in their wedded life.

Mrs. J. J. Wehrley, of Altoona, spent Sunday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Shoop, in this place.