



BIG CROWDS ATTEND ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

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Delightful weather and big crowds of people, especially on Wednesday and Thursday, characterized the 1916 Grange Encampment and Fair.

The big exhibition building was visited by thousands of persons, the products of farm, garden, orchard and vineyard easily being up to the standard of former years.

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What has the Government done for the farmer during the past three years? It has passed the Smith-Lever bill, which will put a deputy Secretary of Agriculture, commonly called a County Agent, in every county in the United States, to show individual farmers how to make the science of agriculture boost the business of farming.

The Department of Agriculture devoted practically all its time and money to showing the farmer how to increase his yields. The present is the first administration that has made a determined effort to show the farmer how to get satisfactory prices for those yields. Former administrations have shown the farmer how to fight the boll weevil, the chinch bug, the army worm and other insect pests.

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STRUCK BY FREIGHT TRAIN.

Samuel Imms Escapes Death at Local R. Station.—Too Much Company With "John Barleycorn" Binds him to Danger.

Samuel Imms, a man of near seventy years, and having a reputation for being seen in an intoxicated condition more often than in a sober state, narrowly escaped death Saturday morning when the local freight train, east-bound, struck the old fashioned buggy in which he was riding as he attempted to cross the tracks at the Centre Hall station.

The freight had slowed down for the stop and was going at a very slow rate of speed when Imms, apparently unobserved by anyone, and blind to danger because of his intoxicated condition, started over the tracks. The horse passed over the second rail when the pilot of the locomotive struck the buggy.

Imms was tossed about on the cowcatcher for a few seconds and then deposited to the side of the tracks, unhurt save for a few minor bruises on the arms and legs. The buggy was slightly damaged. Two "half pints," filled to the cork, were on Imms' person and escaped unspilled.

Imms' bottled stuff was the only medicine necessary for him, and after fixing up the buggy, he started on his journey to the Walter Garrity place in the Seven Mountains where the old man makes his home.

Veteran Club Reunion cancelled. The members of the executive committee of the Centre County Veterans Club held a meeting in the grand jury room at the court house last Tuesday morning.

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The Big Milton Fair.

September 26, 27, 28 and 29 are the dates for the big Milton Fair. Racing on the last three days and the best lot of horses ever seen on one track will contest for the \$3500 in purses.

On Wednesday there will be the 2:10 trot and 2:14 pace, purse \$350; 2:28 trot, 2:30 pace, purse \$350 and half mile running races for \$200.

Thursday—2:13 trot, 2:17 pace, \$350 purse; 2:16 trot, 2:20 pace, \$350 purse; 2:22 trot, \$350 purse and two running races \$150 each, one a mile and one a half mile race.

Friday—Free for all, \$350 purse; 2:19 trot, 2:23 pace, \$350 purse, and 2:17 trot, \$350 purse and two grand running races, three-fourth mile dash, \$150 purse and a consolation race for the runners back of the money, \$150 purse.

An additional \$100 is put up for the first horse beating 2:10 in a race. The track was never in such perfect condition as it is at this time.

New starter and many new horses, will make this feature of the Great Milton Fair the best ever seen on a half mile track.

The exhibits will be better than before; this includes every class and division. More attention has been given this important part of the annual exhibition than in years past, and the result will justify those in charge of this work for their extra efforts.

One of the features of the cattle exhibits will be a herd of Brown Swis cattle, which will be shipped here by C. M. Robinson, the well known breeder and exhibitor of registered Brown Swis cattle, whose stock farms are near Conestoga Lake, Pa.

For the first time the Fair Association is making inducements for automobile displays and indications point to an Automobile Show that will exceed any that has ever been seen around Milton.

Dr. Dixon to Clean Up the State. "If I live and hold my present position within a year's time I propose to have every small town and borough in the State of Pennsylvania cleaned up. Some of them are already receiving our serious attention," said Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, Saturday, in speaking of certain infected centers in the State.

"At present we are preparing for clean-up campaigns in 140 small towns and boroughs. Through a law enacted by the last Legislature we have the power, if the town officials refuse to clean up, to enter the place and do the work ourselves. The law authorizes us to send the bill to the town and it has to be paid."

"This law has had a salutary effect on negligent officials. The 140 towns and boroughs I have mentioned are negotiating with us now, and I expect to have them in good condition within twelve months. Within a year's time, if I live, I expect to see this State one of the cleanest and best protected from a health point of view of any in the Union. Our efforts, of course, will depend upon necessary appropriations for the work."

Big Freshman Class at "State"

Record breaking enrollment in all departments of the Pennsylvania State College is indicated by the heavy registration for the freshman class. A. H. Espenshade, the registrar, announced on Tuesday that 770 applicants had been admitted to the new class. This is an increase of more than 100 over any previous year.

Total receipts from automobile licenses for the current year passed the two and one quarter million dollar mark on Monday. Daily receipts average about \$2,000.

Created in 1905 merely as a police measure, the automobile license has become one of the not inconsiderable revenue producers of the State's business. In 1906, the first year, total receipts were \$42,000. Last year they reached \$1,600,000. This year they probably will run in excess of \$2,300,000. Total cost of operating the Automobile Division is about \$100,000 per year.

The Bower Memorial United Evangelical church, at Berwick, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The edifice was built several years ago at a cost of \$45,000.

RALPH RUNKLE'S BODY FOUND SUNDAY MORNING IN STATE OF DECOMPOSITION

Hidden in High Grass on Bottom Land on Fleisher Farm, a Mile from Home.—Committed Suicide by Firing Bullet in Brain.—Body Lay for More Than Week in Open.—Buzzards Fly Close to Body and Searchers Make Discovery.

The search for Ralph Runkle, the young man who left his home at Tusseyville Friday night, September 8th, came to an end Sunday morning at ten o'clock when William Bitner made a gruesome find of the dead body in the bottom land on the Fleisher farm, tenanted by John E. Riehel, about one and a half miles north of the young man's home, and only a few hundred yards north of the Pine Grove school building.

The unfortunate young man was approaching manhood's estate in life and on the 20th of next month would have been twenty-one years of age. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Runkle, who farm the Swartz farm, and besides his parents is survived by three brothers: Morris, of Lamar; Lawrence, of Centre Hall; Wilbur, at home.

Immediately after the body was found a grave was dug in the Tusseyville cemetery and at 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening all that was mortal of Ralph Runkle was laid to rest.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at his late home and a sermon followed in the Union church at Tusseyville by Rev. R. B. Jones. The young lady with whom Ralph Runkle, the suicide, was in correspondence and pledged for the recuperation of his affections, notified the Reporter not to use her name in connection with an account of his death.

The entire community about Tusseyville was in a furor over the young man's disappearance and the thought that some one would come across his dead body, but in spite of diligent searching by a party numbering as high as forty persons, no trace of him could be found.

The unfortunate young man could not have selected a spot more suited for such a desperate deed and one which might have been passed unobserved than the one which he chose. The fact is that that very field had been hunted over time and time again in the search for the missing young man. It was a piece of bottom land, thickly covered with a growth of wild grass, three feet in height. It was easily possible to walk within ten feet of the body and not discover it. Here it was that Ralph Runkle decided that death was sweeter than life without the one whom he loved.

Consensus of opinion is that the young man made straightway from his home on Friday night to the field where he killed himself. To substantiate this belief there were several parties living not far distant who claimed to have heard a shot some time before the midnight hour. The young man no doubt did not wish the report of the gun heard, for instead of using a .303 cartridge he used a .32 calibre revolver shell. This was made possible by the use of an auxiliary chamber which is inserted in the barrel. It is known, too, that Runkle had purchased seven shells of each calibre from a local merchant a few days previous.

Young Runkle was dressed in his work clothes when found. He was minus his coat, and wore a blue striped shirt and khaki trousers which were inserted in a pair of cotton

stockings. A heavy silver open face watch had stopped running at 7:48 o'clock. A few coins were the only other personal belongings found on him. The rifle was lying with the butt lightly held under the left leg, while the barrel lay across the right leg and pointed skywards. The position of the gun proves that the young man was in a sitting position and held the muzzle close to his head, making it possible to pull the trigger with his finger.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Fred Herring, the convict who escaped from the western penitentiary at Rockview, a short time ago, was captured last week near Unionville.

John Markel, of Tyrone, paid his annual visit to Centre Hall last week. For eight years he has been with the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company.

Mr. and Mrs. David Haines, of McAllisterville, were in Centre Hall last week, guests of Mrs. Catherine Conley, with whom Mrs. Haines made her home for many years prior to her marriage.

To-night (Thursday), 8 o'clock, will witness the instituting of a new Order in Centre Hall, when a camp of the P. O. S. of A., recently organized, will be formally instituted. J. W. Yelkey, a state worker, will be present and have charge of the ceremony.

W. V. Harshbarger, the poultryman of near Bellefonte, did not fail to attend the Grange Fair last week. He made the trip in his Studebaker car, and his mode of traveling indicates that his business is just as good as turning out munitions for the allies.

The old Runkle homestead at Tusseyville will change tenants sometime between fall and spring. Hugh Runkle, who for a number of years occupied the place and who now lives near Bellefonte, will return, to the homestead, while James Runkle, the present tenant, will live with his brother, W. Groh Runkle, Esq., in Bellefonte.

Thomas Hardy, a youth of eleven years who was taken into the home of farmer Foster W. Frazier, near Penns Cave station, a year ago, suddenly disappeared one day last week. The boy had taken the cows to the field in the morning and that was the last that was seen of him. It later developed that he had flagged the train at Penns Cave Station and went to Ocosola Mills, to the home of his sister where he now is. The boy had proven an excellent help on the farm and appeared contented with his home. Mr. Frazier deplures the loss of the youth.

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