



ZION GRANGE REORGANIZED.

Order Now Has Thirty-one Members With a Class Forming for Admission.—Degrees Conferred by Progress Grange.

The Grange spirit about Zion, the most fertile section in all Nittany Valley, has been revived after the organization had become pronounced incurable from inactivity on the part of its members.

The initiatory step to revive the Grange spirit was taken by Deputy John S. Dale, Master of the County Grange, C. R. Neff, and George W. Gingerich.

Progress Grange held a special session in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of reinstating and giving the first, second, third and fourth degrees to the new members.

MEMBERS REINSTATED.

James C. Showers, Mrs. James C. Showers, Foster M. Sharer, H. T. Struble, Mary C. Struble, Harry Smeltzer.

NEW MEMBERS.

G. W. Smith, J. H. Hockman, Mrs. Arthur Vonada, Mrs. C. E. Hockman, H. N. Rockey, Mary C. Vonada, Luella Breon, Nellie Stine, Nannie Smith, Mrs. J. H. Hockman, Paul A. Vonada, H. M. Showers, Mrs. H. N. Rockey, Clara Eby, Lillie Neff, Lottie M. Kaufman, Henry M. Smith, Arthur N. Vonada, C. E. Hockman, Mrs. H. M. Showers, Edna M. Vonada, Alma D. Breon, Pearl Shaffer, Mary A. Corman and Clara A. Gentzell.

The trip from Zion to Centre Hall, a distance of eight miles, was made in automobile, the cars of the following gentlemen having been requisitioned: Epla Gentzell, G. W. Smith, H. N. Rockey, H. T. Struble, Arthur N. Vonada, John Eby and Newton Hockman.

The work of accumulating new material is still going on, several names having already been secured in the new class now forming.

Committee Inspects State College.

The House appropriations committee this week visited the Pennsylvania State College, inspected the property and inquired into the needs of the institution.

President Sparks introduced James W. Woodward, chairman of the committee, and Jeremiah Simpson, of Allegheny, both of whom assured the students that the committee would recommend appropriations in keeping with the State's revenues.

A Literary Achievement.

As usual, a host of the most brilliant and well-known authors and illustrators have contributed to Cosmopolitan Magazine for April. Among these celebrated artists who have aided in making this issue one of the most remarkable in magazine history are Amelle Rives (Princess Troubetskoy), Robert W. Chambers, John Glasworthy, Jack London, John Glasworthy, Mary Roberts Pinchard, Herbert Kaufman, Harrison Fisher, Howard Chandler Christy and Anton Otto Fisher.

Although the Post Office Department has issued a fraud order on the National Mail Order Exchange, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the concern is being mailed letters at the rate of from four to ten thousand daily, each containing a dime.

BOAL TROOP PASSES INSPECTION.

Mud and Rain Prove Troopers to be Made of Real Stuff—Pierre Boal Tells of Fighting in France.

Last Friday was the time set by the federal government for inspection of the Machine Gun Troop of the 1st Pennsylvania Cavalry, at Boalsburg. The full personnel of the troop is seventy-two members, but a number failed to appear.

On Friday evening the troop assembled in the mess hall to listen to Pierre Boal, son of Lieut. T. D. Boal, who recently returned from France where he has won the insignia of second lieutenant in the aviation corps for valiant service.

The remuneration that the French soldiers receive for fighting, according to Lieut. Boal's remarks, is five cents a day, which suffers greatly in comparison with the wages paid by Uncle Sam.

At 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon the troop assembled for drill. Conditions could not have been better for proving to the U. S. officers the stuff out of which the Boal Troop is made.

Sunday morning we found it necessary to don our "slickers" for a two-and-a-half-hour hike in the rain, reaching the drill grounds at noon.

BY A TROOPER.

NEWS OF 1882.

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

April 15th—Samuel Krumbine, a graduate of the Reporter office, has gone to Altoona.

Edward Hess, of Linden Hall, has gone to Florida for the benefit of his health.

Again we have a sudden death to mention. On last Thursday Jacob Ketner was found near his stable at his residence below Aaronburg, apparently dead.

Perry O. Stiver, of Lena, Illinois, formerly of Potters Mills, has charge of the Lena department of the Freeport Bulletin.

The brick dwelling of James Krapp, near Pine Grove Mills, was destroyed by fire on last Friday morning.

Judge Henry C. Quigley is holding court in Allegheny county this week and will continue throughout next week.

Interesting Letter from Michigan.

East Tawas, Mich., Mar. 5, 1917.

Last summer some of the Reporter readers were no doubt interested in my letter you published relative to the weather, crop conditions, and prices of the various farm products in force at that time.

There are large tracts of wooded lands all over Isocoo and adjoining counties and a continuous stream of teams hauling wood to East Tawas and Tawas City can be seen any day from my house which adjoins the one most used highway.

The oats crop was a failure here last year, which naturally tends to boost the price which is 65 cents a bushel.

Yours truly, F. A. STIFFLER.

For Raising Minimum Salary.

A bill introduced in the legislature at Harrisburg recently by Senator Snyder has for its purpose the increasing of the minimum salaries of school teachers, as follows: For all teachers holding professional or state certificates for seven months' term \$600; for eight months' term \$650; for nine months' term \$700; for more than nine months, \$750.

Middleburg Annex, Swinford.

After an investigation of all the freeholders of the territory of Swinford, Snyder county, proposed to be made and a part of Middleburg, the town council of the latter borough found 45 out of 57 freeholders had signed for annexation, leaving 42 who had not signed and at a recent meeting by unanimous vote the council passed an ordinance to annex the territory.

"The Princess Pat."

"The Princess Pat," most charming of all the musical comedies produced in New York during the last few years, will be the attraction at Gorman's opera house, Bellefonte, Saturday evening, March 17, under the management of John Cort, who has retained for this season's presentation of his wonderfully profitable and highly profitable offering, that cast of principals which has had so much to do with the triumph of the play.

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WILLIAMSPORT-STATE COLLEGE ELECTRIC LINE PROJECT DROPPED.

Negotiations Were Under Way When There was a Sudden Stop to Project.—Would Have Been an Immense Undertaking.

The Williamsport Sun which in its Monday issue is responsible for the story, gives the following particulars.

The rapid growth of State College and the town, and the building up of boroughs and hamlets between this city and State College is said to be the reason why these negotiations were launched.

Had the negotiations been carried out there would have been launched one of the biggest projects ever started in this part of the state.

Urges Farmers to Plant Potatoes.

Farmers should give careful consideration to the acreage they are planning to devote to potato planting this spring as the present shortage is only an indication of what might continue in this country should the disposition be to curtail acreage on account of the high price of seed.

Secretary Patton feels that it would be a grave mistake for the farmers to cut their potato acreage during the coming season and says that every man who can possibly handle as much acreage of even more than during the past year should save enough seed to be ready to start an early planting.

Secretary Patton says that the growers are not benefitting by the present unwarranted high price of potatoes as seventy-five per cent. of the potatoes were sold by the growers for two dollars or less a bushel and that in most instances the average price was about \$1.30 a bushel.

Centre Hall Hotel Gets License.

Judge Quigley on Saturday granted a liquor license to J. W. Kunkle, of the Centre Hall hotel, which had been held over since license court.

"State-Wide Good Roads Day."

Governor Brumbaugh has issued a proclamation fixing Thursday, May 24, 1917, as "State-wide Good Roads Day."

Sold Liquor Illegally.

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Straw Stack Falls; Kills Farmer.

John Long, aged sixty-three, a prominent farmer of Woodland, near Reedsville, met with sudden death last Thursday noon when the straw stack in his barn yard fell over and a wooden protection dropped upon him and crushed out his life.

A young heifer feeding at the stack undermined the straw pile until it collapsed, covering her from view.

Half hour later the man was removed from under the stack where his lifeless body lay.

The sixty-third birthday anniversary of the deceased occurred on Sunday.

He is survived by his wife and his son William and a daughter, Mrs. John Royer, residing in Derry township.

Interesting Compensation Case.

A hearing under the workmen's compensation act held at Bellefonte last Thursday, attracted considerable attention owing to the unusual conditions of the case.

Mrs. Yeager claims that her husband's earnings averaged \$24 per week and that she and her three children, all under 16 years of age, are left without support.

Judge Quigley Revokes License.

Judge Quigley on Friday revoked the license of William H. Hindle, of the Central Hotel, Phillipsburg, and immediately reopened the applications of Kondrat Juschik for a license at the Ramsdal House and Joseph H. Dugan for the Continental Hotel, both of Phillipsburg, and granted them.

Hindle was given a hearing on Friday on a rule to show cause why his license should not be revoked for selling to minors.

Monsell-Hassenpflug.

At Burnham, Thursday of last week Edward S. Monsell, of Huntingdon county, and Mae Hassenpflug, of Spring Mills, were united in marriage by Rev. N. H. Smith.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Spring arbor days are April 13 and 27.

If you have anything worth selling, it is surely worth telling.

The middle of March is here. Six more days and we may call it spring.

The Lewisburg lodge of Odd Fellows voted to purchase the brick building in that place owned by the Hayes estate.

Jerry Smith moved onto the old homestead, west of Centre Hall, last week, having recently purchased the place from the heirs for \$700.00.

Reporter subscribers who are changing location this spring should remember that in notifying us of the change the old as well as the new address is necessary.

The State-Centre Electric Company is distributing immense chestnut poles along the road from Old Fort to Millheim preparatory to building its trunk line down through Penns Valley.

Dr. George P. Bible, after a short stay in Bellefonte where he has just completed building one of the finest homes in the town, left for Dallas, Texas, last Thursday, to begin Chattanooga work.

The Freeport (Ill.) Bulletin contained this item in its issue last week: James E. Muser, of Centre county, Pa., is in the city.

The fifty-cent license for fishermen in this state, which was proposed in a bill at Harrisburg, will not materialize.

The borough of Lewisburg will be required to erect a sewage disposal plant, on the order of Dr. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, and the voters of Lewisburg will therefore soon pass upon the matter of a \$50,000 bond issue to raise the necessary funds.

At the sale of real estate of Luther E. Stover, deceased, at Aaronburg, recently, four acres of farm land in the town plot of Aaronburg was purchased by Durbin H. Muser for \$723.

The graduating class in the Centre Hall High school will be the smallest in number this year for some time, only three members being in the class, namely, Miss Lillian Emery, Thomas Foss and Robert Neff.

The Lewistown Sentinel in a recent issue contained this item, the detective mentioned being well known on this side of the mountains: Evil inclined persons having in mind the perpetration of misdeeds of one sort or another, had better beware for they will be captured sure.

Prof. R. U. Wason, principal of the public schools at Coburn for a number of years, has embarked in the mercantile business in that town, having quite recently bought out W. C. Kradler, who will go into the automobile selling business.

Lieut. Theodore Davis Boal, after spending a week in New York City, returned to Boalsburg Wednesday morning of last week, accompanied by his son, Pierre Boal, who recently arrived on a liner from France, and who has been granted an extended furlough in recognition of the valued services rendered the French government.

The ten inches of snow which covered the ground a week ago has nearly all disappeared and resulted in high water for a day or so.