

**AGAINST ROAD BOND ISSUE.**

State Grange Addresses Memo to Legislature Declaring Expenditure Unnecessary.

The Pennsylvania State Grange, through the action of its Legislative Committee, has openly declared war on the proposed fifty million dollar bond issue for highway improvement. In a memorial addressed to both branches of the legislature, the grange declares that a bond issue is not necessary; that in view of our national situation, it would be particularly objectionable at this time, and that there is plenty of revenue in sight to build highways and pay for them as we go if the legislature will do its duty, enacting laws that will equitably distribute the burdens of taxation.

The Sprout resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution authorizing the loan has passed the senate and is now before the house. Should the resolution pass and receive the signature of the governor, this measure, which was overwhelmingly defeated at the polls in all the country districts four years ago, would again come before the people in the fall of next year.

The full text of the grange memorial to the legislature is as follows: To the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, Harrisburg, Pa.

Gentlemen: We, the Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange, recognize a very serious problem in the revenue situation confronting this State. It is admitted on every hand that current revenues are insufficient, and we have learned by bitter experience that the appropriations for agriculture and the welfare of the rural districts have suffered most as a result of this situation.

This is particularly true of the appropriations for the township dirt roads, indemnity for diseased cattle, primary election expenses, which have been thrown back upon the counties, and the appropriations for schools, which have been reduced from \$2.31 per pupil, as in 1908, to \$1.69 in 1915.

Such discriminations against the people or the rural districts only tend to drive them off the farm into the large centers of population, thus decreasing the number of food producers and increasing the cost of living.

We, therefore, desire to suggest certain measures, which, if enacted by your honorable bodies will provide ample revenue to enable you to deal fairly with all the people of the State in the matter of appropriations.

We would be more than willing to have the tax laws so changed that every class of property should pay its just share of taxes, State, county, and local. But since the division has been made that corporate and personal property bear the burden of the maintaining the State government, while real estate pays the taxes that support the local governments, thus placing proportionately over five times the burden on the homes of the State that the personal and corporate interests bear, and we challenge contradiction of this statement, therefore we recommend, to meet the needs of the present emergency, the enacting of the following program:

A tax on manufacturing corporations; a tax on both anthracite and bituminous coal, and a tax on petroleum and natural gas. We are convinced that if a reasonable tax is levied upon these practically untouched sources of revenue that at least ten millions a year will be added to revenues of the State. We are also convinced that the State can save several millions of dollars annually by the establishment of the budget system of appropriations for charities, basing the amount of the appropriations on the basis of actual charitable work done.

The State is also paying a large number of bills for work that is local in character.

In view of these facts we see no reason why the State should depart from its traditional policy of steering clear of debt, and embark upon the disastrous policy mortgaging the future by issuing bonds.

We reiterate our unalterable opposition to the proposed fifty million dollar bond issue, and we wish to say that the legislature should not shirk its duty, overlooking legitimate sources of revenue, and then compel the people of the State to fight at the polls for the freedom of their children from a bonded debt for roads, which, it is estimated, would finally amount to \$250,000,000. And we would especially call your attention to the fact that in these trying times the labor of the State will be needed in the several fields of production.

Respectfully yours,
John A. McParran,
W. T. Cressy,
Leonard Rhone,
R. M. Day,
E. J. Tuttle.

LETTER FROM FORT NIAGARA.

"Ned" Keller, Linden Hall Boy, Writes His Mother of First Few Days' Life as a Soldier at the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara, N. Y.

Fort Niagara, New York, Barrack No. 4, May 13th, 1917.

Dear Mother: As you are the first one to hear from me, I will write and tell you a few things that have occurred since I have enlisted. I am sitting on the edge of my cot writing this. It is the only place I have. I believe I could almost write a book on what has transpired since I left you.

Arriving at State College I spent a few hours with brother Harry, then left for Lock Haven; arrived at Buffalo at ten o'clock and then took a car at once for Fort Niagara. Arrived there about eleven o'clock Saturday night. The scenery was grand. The Niagara Falls were beautiful with the searchlights playing on them.

As soon as I stepped off the car I was under military rule. I was commanded to halt, and a short distance from the car were ten men sitting in a row and I had to march up to them. I gave my name and after fixing up some papers was told to go to Barrack No. 4. Just before going the captain halted me and ordered me to be very careful for there was a sentinel on duty and that he had bullets in his gun. To assure my safe arrival he detailed a sergeant to accompany me. We had to walk quite a distance in the dark and several times we were halted and asked, "Who goes there." It was quite a sensation to undergo such strict discipline as soon as I arrived. When I came up to the second floor I had to register. I was then sent to the quarter-master's room. He gave me a folded cot, two blankets, two sheets, pillow and pillow case, and then said I was to go upstairs to bed. I picked it up, not knowing what to do or where to go. After I had gone upstairs I was told to "come in here," and when the door was opened I beheld a wonderful sight. I saw 125 cots and every one was taken up. Two boys were kind enough to get up and help me fix up my cot. I am unable to express my thoughts after getting ready for bed. I got in between the blankets which were placed on a canvas stretcher across the cot. I could only wonder how it all happened so quickly that I was there. I was the last one to go to bed and hardly had I been quiet when a dozen or more of more of the boys began to snore, and I could not help but laugh at the queer sounds all around. I lay in wonderment for several hours and then began to get cold, but I had to endure it. The result was I did not get any sleep at all. At 6 o'clock we were all up and prepared our mess kit for mess.

It consists of knife, fork, spoon, canteen and mess pan. These we had to take in hand and form in line in front of the barracks. I was assigned to Co. 2, squad 14, No. 6, in the front rank. From there we marched to the mess house, and after standing in line for a half hour we passed the line of black chefs and one gave me a spoonful of potatoes, another gave me a spoon of omelet; then came a slice of bread and butter and last a cup of coffee. We then had to go to a long shack with a long table all the way through, and there we ate our breakfast. After that we again formed in line outside and awaited our turn to wash our mess kits. From there I came back and folded up my bed clothes and cleaned around my cot. Then went down to the quarter-master and stood in line until 9:30 and after getting my outfit, which consisted of shoes, trousers, shirt, coat, hat and army overcoat, I came back and reported to the captain of our company, and for one hour we engaged in army tactics. Following that we marched across the grass lots and lined up to be inoculated for typhoid, and I also had to be vaccinated. After that I was given free until twelve bells. I went back to have something exchanged that did not fit.

When I came back our company had gone to mess. I started to write to you until we were ordered to go. I had gotten so far as telling you about the sentinel having lead bullets in his gun. After marching down to the mess house at noon we had rice, boiled potatoes, beef and gravy for our dinner. I have just washed my mess kit and am now dressed in my military uniform and am again sitting on my cot trying to tell you in a hurry just what position I am in at present. The band is playing in front of the barracks and the captain has told us we are free for the afternoon, but are not allowed to leave the barracks. We must be ready for a call. Every time the officer comes in we must rise and stand until he says, "At ease."

Every one's arm is now getting sore and by tomorrow they expect us to be

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GREATEST S. S. CONVENTION IN HISTORY OF CENTRE COUNTY.

In the Opinion of S. S. Leaders Who Attended the Two Days Sessions at Centre Hall Last Week.

The forty-eighth annual convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association was held in Centre Hall, May 22-23rd. The event proved to be the greatest of its kind ever held in the county. The attendance exceeded that of any other Sunday School convention, and the program rendered was of the highest order. In fact, the addresses delivered would have been a credit to the state or national platform.

In connection with the general convention a conference for the older boys and girls of the county was held. This department of the work was in charge of P. G. Orwig, of Philadelphia, Miss Margaret Hillier, State College, Mrs. L. W. Nuttall, Phillipsburg, Rev. Earl J. Bowman, of Phillipsburg, and A. C. Thomson of the same place. A number of speeches were made by the young people, as well as the leaders mentioned. At noon a banquet was served by Progress Grange, in Grange Arcadia. Over one hundred boys and girls from different sections of the county sat at the table. The object of the conference, as stated by Mr. Orwig, is to train young people for leadership in the Sunday School and Church work.

GENERAL CONVENTION BY SESSIONS.

Tuesday Morning. The convention was opened by a song service in charge of the Ackley Brothers, of Philadelphia. The music of the convention was of the highest order. Mr. B. D. Ackley, who for years served as Billy Sunday's pianist acted in that capacity at the convention. He is a marvel at that work. He used his own book and many of the fine songs that were enjoyed by the people of Centre county were of his own composition.

Rev. W. A. Lepley, of Millsburg, had charge of the devotions during all the sessions. His exposition of the Sermon on the Mount was exceptionally clear, and the devotional periods were a feature of the convention.

Rev. W. H. Williams, of Spring Mills, gave a fine statement of the place of the graded lessons in the Bible School. He showed how indefinite and unsatisfactory the present uniform lessons are and then showed how graded lessons are prepared to meet the needs of the student. An extended discussion followed his address.

Miss Grace Kane, of Philadelphia, gave an address on "The Beginners."

The first address was given by Mrs. L. W. Nuttall, of Phillipsburg, subject, "Sacred Music vs. Muscular Music." Mrs. Nuttall is a finished musician and she drew a fine distinction between the different kinds of music now in use in the Sunday School.

Rev. T. A. Macleod, of Bellefonte, then gave a talk on the subject "Missionary Education in the Sunday School." Rev. Macleod's statement was clear and forceful and stirred his hearers to a realization of the importance of the subject.

The convention then divided into two conferences, one on elementary work, and the other on practical Sunday School problems. One of the features of the latter was an address by Rev. B. R. Jones of Centre Hall on the subject "If I were a S. S. Superintendent." The address covered many practical questions and was admirably handled.

Tuesday Evening. The first address was delivered by Miss Kane on the subject, "The Needs of The Child." Miss Kane showed that the teacher must not try to change the child, but meet its needs. That we must understand the child mind in order to develop it from a religious standpoint.

The final address was by Rev. Norman F. Johnson, of Orviston. His subject was "The Bible School of the Future." Rev. Johnson believes that the Church of the future will be one and the same thing. That the recognized Church of the future will be the forces that will serve. It follows then that this will be a united force which will reach out and influence the affairs of the world.

Wednesday Morning. The first address was delivered by Prof. James Hughes, of Bellefonte. Prof. Hughes gave the convention the benefit of his practical observation in Sunday School work. In a forceful telling way he spoke of the practical affairs of a school, and gave many hints that will be helpful in making the program of the local school more interesting.

In the absence of the next regular speaker, Rev. Norman F. Johnson gave a talk on temperance. The ac-

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O. H. S. S. Commencement.

Out of the original thirteen who began High school work in the borough schools three years ago, only three reached the crowning end, known as "Commencement." The exercises were held in the Grange Hall last Thursday evening. A crowd of house guests greeted the graduates and appreciatively applauded their efforts. The hall was tastefully decorated and the class colors—white and green—were much in evidence, being surpassed only by the more liberal display of Old Glory's red, white and blue. The class motto—"Non sibi sed omnibus"—which when translated from the Latin into English means, "Not for ourselves, but for all," was prominently displayed at the front and top of the rostrum.

The Bellefonte High school orchestra consisting of young men and young women under the leadership of Prof. Welk, rendered a number of excellent selections prior to the opening of the exercises which followed the invocation by Rev. Still. The graduates without the aid of their manuscript delivered their respective orations in good style and with forceful language, in this order: Robert Neff, salutator; Miss Lillian Emery, on the subject, "Trifles"; and Thomas Foss, valedictorian. The several orations were interspersed with orchestra selections.

Prof. W. O. Heckman, the man to whom a great measure of the credit for the consummation of the school work locally on the part of the graduates is due, was the speaker for the evening. The class of 1917 cast president to the wind in the choice of a commencement speaker, believing that their principal was competent to deliver as fitting an address as one of the so-called commencement speakers. The class did not misplace its confidence. Prof. Heckman delivered a very able lecture, dwelling on the careers open to the young woman as well as to the young man, and cautioning against the entering into a life's work for which one is not fitted by reason of reusing to give one's best endeavors to that work.

Prof. Heckman closed his second term as principal of the local schools and has shown marked success. That he was elected and has agreed to remain for another term is gratifying to both patrons and pupils.

Lemont Man in Trouble.

I. J. Dreese, of Lemont, was brought before a Williamsport alderman Thursday of last week, to answer on four charges, namely: exceeding the speed limit within the city limits, larceny, reckless driving of a motor car, and aggravated assault and battery. With Dreese was a Mrs. Laughlin who was arrested with him, charged with larceny. Both were held in \$1000 bail for their appearance at court. Bail in the full amount was furnished.

The two were arrested in Lock Haven after striking a four-year-old girl in Williamsport on Wednesday evening. It is said they did not stop after striking the girl. Dreese and his partner, it is alleged, were both under the influence of liquor.

The charge of larceny is the result of the finding of a quantity of silverware in a room at Lock Haven which it is said was occupied on Wednesday night by the couple. The silverware bore the stamp of a Williamsport hotel and was returned to the owners. Dreese is aged fifty-three years.

Falls Through Trap Door: May be Fatally Injured.

From our Pine Grove Mills correspondent. John Johnson was seriously, if not fatally, injured last Thursday when he fell through a trap door in his barn to the hard ground below, injuring his spine so that his life is despaired of by his physician and friends. The unfortunate man almost lost his sight several years ago, but was able to do most of his farm work because of his familiarity with the surroundings, but it was the new addition which had just been built to his barn that proved his undoing. He was walking about on a loosely laid floor when the accident occurred. He is resting comfortably but shows no improvement.

Houser-Booze.

Wednesday of last week, Rev. S. C. Stover, pastor of the Reformed church at Boalsburg, united in marriage James E. Houser, of Lemont, and Miss Susan E. Boose, of York, at the Boalsburg Reformed parsonage.

The average production per acre of both wheat and rye in the State this year is expected to be below the average for the past ten years. Present indications are that the average yield of wheat will be 15.6 bushels per acre, and of rye 15.2 bushels per acre.

The condition of wheat compared with an average in Pennsylvania on May 1 was 87 per cent. while it is only 73.2 per cent. in the United States.

ORGANIZE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

An Auxiliary Organization to Centre County Agricultural Committee of Public Safety Formed on Friday Evening.

Conscious of the need of the cooperation of the farmers of this nation in the world war to accomplish the righteous aims of this government, was responsible for the response of nineteen of the thirty representative farmers in this community invited to meet at the home of S. W. Smith, Friday evening, for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary organization to the Centre County Agricultural Committee of Public Safety, of which latter committee David F. Kapp, cashier of the First National Bank, State College, is the enthusiastic chairman. After talking over the situation in a general way, Mr. Kapp made a statement of the purpose of the calling together of the farmers, and at once had the hearty support of every individual. Attention was called to the very important service that can be rendered by the tillers of the soil to bring about an enlarged production of staple food crops; to the very low reserve food supply; the necessity of enrolling in the great "Service Army" to the end that our brothers who must needs go where destruction and death hold revel may be equipped and nourished. The cooperation and council of the farmer was asked that he as chairman might be able to organize the community that every agency may be employed to successfully cope with the crisis as discovered in the impending food shortage.

Prof. C. R. Neff backed Chairman Kapp in a manner that still further impressed those gathered of the necessity for action, and prepared the way for smooth sailing when the organizing itself was attempted. His deep interest in the farmers during the past years was sufficient guarantee that his plea for action could and should be accepted.

The movement was further endorsed by David K. Keller, cashier of the Penns Valley Bank, and R. H. Olmstead, head of the county Farm Bureau, who briefly explained the purpose of his appointment and willingness to impart information desired.

The organization as perfected follows, together with the duties of each department: Chairman, David K. Keller; Secretary, E. E. Bailey.

Committee on Lands: D. C. Roseman, R. P. Campbell, W. S. Brooks, whose duties are to encourage the cultivation of any unutilized land that may be made productive.

Supplies: R. M. Smith, C. E. Flink, M. A. Sankey, who are expected to learn as to the requirements of the community as regards seed, fertilizer and equipment, where the supplies may be had and price asked.

Plans: F. A. Carson, B. W. Ripka, P. H. Luse, who will equip themselves to be able to advise as to the selection of standard seed and the proper diversification of planting with a view of raising staple products; to guard against unprofitable expansion of acreage and the attempt to grow a crop not suited to the conditions as found in the soil and season.

Utilization: (to be appointed.)

This committee will arrange to follow with a series of demonstrations and informal and practical talks on methods of utilizing and conserving the products by the process of drying, canning or storing for future use. Pennsylvania State College will send members of the Home Economics Department to participate in these demonstrations.

Labor: C. A. Miller, Roy M. Garbrick, Samuel Durst, who are invested with the task of making a survey of the community with a view of discovering the help required to properly cultivate the land and harvest the crops.

Finances: S. W. Smith, D. K. Keller, M. M. Keller, who will seek ways and means to provide funds necessary for the pushing forward of the propaganda.

After the organization was perfected an hour was devoted to getting acquainted with County Agent Olmstead and talking over with the ones to the right and to the left the general movement under the call of the meeting, during which time light refreshments were served.

The following responded to the direct call of the meeting: M. A. Sankey, F. A. Carson, R. P. Campbell, Wallace Igen, R. M. Garbrick, P. H. Luse, Wm. Brooks, C. B. Neff, Samuel Durst, M. M. Keller, H. W. Frantz, C. E. Flink, C. A. Miller, J. H. Burkholder, D. C. Roseman, R. M. Smith, D. K. Keller, F. P. Floray, B. W. Ripka, David F. Kapp, R. H. Olmstead.

Others present were L. Rhone, D. A. Booser, C. W. Luse, John S. Dale, R. D. Foreman, Joseph Carson, John V. Campbell, Richard Campbell, Edward Sweetwood.

It is estimated that seventy per cent of the spring plowing was completed in this State before May 1.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.**HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS**

Messrs. F. A. Foreman and L. R. Lingle, of State College, were in town on Saturday.

Enoch Sweeney, one of Boalsburg's substantial citizens, was a visitor in town on Friday.

Miss Carribell Emerick is learning the intricacies of typesetting at the Reporter's cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Clody Brooks were the only excursionists from this place to Harrisburg, on Sunday.

Miss Eleie Elick, a former typo in this office, has been confined to her bed for the past few weeks owing to illness.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Homan, east of town, Monday last week. It is the second child in the family.

Miss Mary Delinda Potter returned on Saturday from a ten days visit among friends in Philadelphia and neighboring counties.

Mrs. W. A. Magee and son Huyett returned to their home in Wenonah, New Jersey, last Thursday after three weeks' visit in this place.

Mr. F. O. Bairfoot purchased a handsome new Franklin roadster last week from a Williamsport agency, disposing of her Overland car.

Lewisburg is making preparations for the P. O. B. of A. gathering to be held there on Saturday, June 16th. It will be a county-wide celebration.

Roy Miller, who is engaged in extensive lumber operations at Charlotte Court House, Virginia, is spending a short vacation with his family at Tusseyville.

Miss Helen Luse, who has been employed in a professional capacity along the line of nursing in Harrisburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Luse.

Tusseyville and Tussey Sink baseball nines came together on a grass field at the later place last Saturday, the "Villes" defeating the "Sinks" by an 8 to 3 score.

A forty foot flag pole was planted on the diamond in Centre Hall on Monday afternoon to receive the handsome new flag purchased by the local P. O. S. of A. order.

The people of Yeagertown want a new postoffice since that office has been raised to the third class. As it is at present it does not meet the town's requirements.

Young man—you who are between the ages of twenty-one and thirty years—don't fail to put in your appearance at the polling place and register on Tuesday, June 5th.

John V. Campbell and family, of Tyrone, and Dr. H. C. Campbell, of Philadelphia, came to visit their brother, R. P. Campbell, at Penns Cave, the latter part of last week.

The large strawberry patch of Orvis Horner, at Colyer, presents a beautiful appearance at the present time with its waving blossoms. Barring further cold weather the crop promises to be a good one.

Messrs. E. M. Huyett, Samuel Durst, and P. H. Luse left Monday for Granville Center, Bradford county, where they attended a sale of registered cattle on Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

The work of digging out the four-inch pipes and replacing with eight-inch mains was resumed in Millheim last week. The water company officials have been unable to get as large a force of men as they desire to rush the work to completion.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Krape, daughter Florence, Mrs. Kate Saunders, Mrs. H. C. Reish, baby Alfred, and Miss Emma Reilly, motored to State College on Sunday and heard Governor Brumbaugh preach in the auditorium. They took dinner at the John Rapp home.

Messrs. S. A. and M. A. Yoder, of Inman, Kansas, sons of the late R. C. Yoder, came east last week to adjust the affairs of their father's estate here and at Belleville. When asked whether they would continue shipping horses, they promptly responded no. They are giving attention to cattle feeding on a four hundred acre farm.

The Yeagertown Civic Club having received for the purpose a special fund from the outside friends is offering four prizes of \$20 each to the householder in each of the four districts of the town whose premises shall show the greatest improvement during the summer in general appearance and particularly in sanitary conditions. By thus encouraging the residents to clean up and keep clean all summer as well as by having all dump heaps removed, the club hopes to prevent any outbreaks of infantile paralysis in the town.