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## STATE GRANGE IN ANNUAL SESSION.

**Fifteen Hundred Delegates at Allentown Meeting—951 Lodges Represented.**

Upwards of 1,500 delegates, representing 95 subordinate Granges in the 55 of the 67 counties in this state were present at the opening of the annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange in Allentown. In addition to the delegates there were present upwards of 1,000 Pennsylvania men and women interested in agriculture.

Among the committees appointed was that on legislation made up of: A. D. Miller, Susquehanna; E. M. Day, Washington; E. J. Tuttle, Tioga; F. Williamson, Chester.

That the burdens of the world are heaped on the farmer was the tenor of the report of the Legislative Committee of the State Grange, which submitted its recommendation to the annual convention. The report was presented by a committee.

"The readjustment of war inflation and extravagance has resulted in almost chaotic conditions and the result to agriculture is calamitous," said the committee. "The hastily developed and highly inflated balloon of the national business has been punctured and agriculture, as usual, has been almost the greatest, if not the greatest, sufferer." To avert a calamity a President must be elected by popular vote and the electoral college abolished, according to the committee, and there must be legislation to give farmers the encouragement and freedom of action which other industries have received.

From a national standpoint the Grange asked that the United States Government immediately establish machinery by which the credit of Europe be mobilized. The effect of this action would be two-fold, said the committee. First, if the Central Powers are ever to pay their debts they must be allowed to resume business; and second, if American agriculture is to prosper, it must regain its world market.

Among the legal enactments demanded were a tariff to protect the farmers, the passage of the Capper-Volstead bill to permit them to buy and sell collectively without prosecution, the publication in detail of pensions to prevent fraud, and drastic legislation against oleomargarine and other butter substitutes. The committee asserted that it is a flagrant inequality of the state tax laws that the manufacturing corporations of Pennsylvania so long have been able to evade the payment of a tax on capital stock, which it declared, should be taxed, together with natural resources. It recommended especially that coal and oil be taxed at the source.

The Legislature will be asked to experiment with public schools, especially in reference to manual training, agricultural course and domestic science. In conclusion the committee said it should be given power alone to reflect to Congress and the Legislature its sentiments on what is best for agriculture.

State Master McSparran was authorized to appoint a committee of seven Grangers to devise ways and means for the establishment of a State Fair. The plan is a fair that will bring a revenue to the State, after convincing the Legislature that grounds and buildings costing at least \$1,000,000 will prove a profitable venture.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the conduct of the Department of Agriculture under State Secretary Fred Rasmussen, especially the valuable help given the farmer in inaugurating a marketing system and fighting live stock disease. The Grange was addressed by R. S. Watts, dean of agriculture at State College, who outlined the needs of that institution.

John A. McSparran, of Lancaster county, was elected for his seventh consecutive term as Master of the State Grange. The executive committee will decide on the place for the holding of the 1921 convention.

### Use Christmas Seals.

It is not understandable why people hesitate to purchase Christmas seals, the proceeds from which are applied to the support of one of the most worthy causes before the public today. There is nothing more important than health and if we fail to purchase this county's allotment of seals, we send the public health organization of the county into its 1921 program curtailed and hampered by lack of funds to do what it has assumed as its objective for the year.

Let no one fear that in buying Christmas seals they are sending their money into other states or other cities for distribution, even though such a scheme is commendable. All but a small portion of every dollar invested in seals or health bonds is to be expended in this home community for the purpose of spreading the gospel of health and making the vicinity a more liveable place.

This is the last issue of the Reporter for 1920. The next issue will appear January 6th, 1921.

## Reception and Donation for Methodist Pastor and His Bride.

Last Friday evening a company of about 125 of the Methodists of Spruce-town and Centre Hall met in the Centre Hall church for the purpose of giving their pastor, Rev. C. F. Catherman, and his new bride, a reception, and enjoying the evening in a social way.

A short program was rendered. The opening number was the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," sung by those assembled; followed by a prayer by Rev. Catherman. The children of both congregations then gave a number of recitations and sang several songs. The literary part was concluded by a song by the young ladies' class. The pastor, who had discovered in the meantime that a goodly number of jars and packages of various sorts had been donated to him and his good wife, arose and expressed their thanks in very appropriate words.

The social part then began, and every one seemed to have a very enjoyable time. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, sandwiches and coffee were then served.

About 11 o'clock the people left for their homes, having had such a fine time that it will not soon be forgotten.

## Christmas Entertainments in Centre Hall.

Three of Centre Hall's five churches will render Christmas entertainments within the next four nights. They are here given in the order of their occurrence.

To-night (Thursday) in the United Evangelical church.

Friday night, 7:30 o'clock, in the Lutheran church, the cantata, "A Christmas Dream," will be rendered. A silver offering is asked for, owing to the heavy expenditure incurred in its preparation.

Sunday night, in the Reformed church.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer attended the State Grange meeting in Allentown, last week.

Cheer up. If the sun should shine continually the earth would soon dry up and all vegetation die.

Dr. J. R. G. Allison, landlord of the National Hotel, Millheim, was a business caller at the Reporter office on Thursday.

Ed. T. Jamison, agent for the Lebanon Mutual Fire Insurance Company, is distributing 1921 calendars among his patrons.

Mrs. James High and niece, Miss Mary Runkle, of Lock Haven, visited the former's brother, James Runkle, at the Runkle homestead at Tusseyville, several days last week.

It is reported that the timber on the Henry Moyer farm, at Colyer, recently sold at public sale, will be cut out this winter. A mill will be placed on the tract and the timber converted into merchantable lumber.

Andrew Rote, of Spring Mills, who quit the farm six years ago, was a caller the latter part of last week. While he no longer farms, he says he has been quite busy during the past year working at the carpenter trade.

George Taylor and Sterl Stoner, two young men from near Tusseyville, went to Fort Slocum, New York, last week, to enlist in Uncle Sam's army. Stoner was accepted but Taylor was returned home because of a weakness of the heart. George hopes to overcome the affliction and make another attempt some time in the future.

## Public Sale Register.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, at 10 a. m., Chas. S. Stoner, at Tusseyville, will sell: Horses, mules, cattle, shoats, farm implements.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 12:30 at Pottery Mills, A. O. Detweiler will sell: Horses, cattle, hogs, implements, etc.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1st, at 10 a. m., 4 miles west of Centre Hall, M. M. Keller will sell: Horses, cattle, hogs, implements, and some household goods. A clean-up sale.

WED., MARCH 2nd, 10 a. m., one mile east Pottery Mills, M. A. Sam, will sell farm stock and implements.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, at 10 o'clock, 1 mile east Centre Hall, Harry C. McClenahan will sell: Horses, cattle, hogs, implements. A clean-up sale.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, at 10 a. m., 2 miles west of Centre Hall, Lutz & Bartholomew will sell: Horses, cattle, hogs, implements. A clean-up sale.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, at 9 a. m., on the Goodling farm, 2 1/2 miles west of Centre Hall, Irvin Shuey will sell: Horses, cattle, hogs, implements.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd, 10 a. m., one-half mile south of Penns Cave Station, by Jamison and Dauberman: Horses, cattle, hogs, and implements. A clean-up sale.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, at Farmers Mills: Pure-bred stock sale: Percherons, Holsteins, Berkshires.—W. F. RISHEL. Wise & Hubler, aucts.

MARCH 29, 10 a. m.—B. Gardner Grove, east of Centre Hall: Full line of farming implements and stock also household goods. Clean-up sale.—L. F. Mayes, auct.

## WEEK OF PRAYER, 1921.

### Union Meetings of the Churches of Centre Hall and Also of Spring Mills.—The Programs.

Week of Prayer services will be held at Centre Hall and Spring Mills, beginning Sunday evening, January 2nd, and continuing until the following Sunday. As usual, they will be union in character. The programs follow:

#### PROGRAM—CENTRE HALL.

Sunday, January 2nd Lutheran Church  
Subject, The Supreme Need of Our Community.—Rev. J. F. Bingman.

Monday, January 3rd Lutheran Church  
Subject, Showing My Colors.—Rev. R. R. Jones.

Tuesday, January 4th Evangelical Church  
Subject, Joining Hands.—Rev. M. C. Drumm.

Wednesday, January 5th Evangelical Church  
Subject, Practical Religion—Guarding my Speech.—Rev. C. F. Catherman.

Thursday, January 6th Methodist Church  
Subject, Practical Religion—Wholesome Recreation.—Rev. J. F. Bingman.

Friday, January 7th Methodist Church  
Subject, Practical Religion—Business a Means of Grace.—Rev. R. R. Jones.

Saturday, January 8th Reformed Church  
Subject, The Church's Debt to the Community.—Rev. C. F. Catherman.

Sunday, January 9th Reformed Church  
Subject, The Community's Debt to the Church.—Rev. M. C. Drumm.

#### PROGRAM—SPRING MILLS

Sunday, January 2nd Lutheran Church  
Subject, The Supreme Need of Our Community.—Rev. R. R. Jones.

Monday, January 3rd Lutheran Church  
Subject, Joining Hands.—Rev. M. C. Drumm.

Tuesday, January 4th Evangelical Church  
Subject, Showing My Colors.—Rev. I. C. Bailey.

Wednesday, January 5th Evangelical Church  
Subject, Practical Religion—Business as a Means of Grace.—Rev. R. R. Jones.

Thursday, January 6th Reformed Church  
Subject, Practical Religion—Wholesome Recreation.—Rev. I. C. Bailey.

Friday, January 7th Reformed Church  
Subject, Practical Religion—Guarding My Speech.—Rev. C. F. Catherman.

Saturday, January 8th Methodist Church  
Subject, The Community's Debt to the Church.—Rev. M. C. Drumm.

Sunday, January 9th Methodist Church  
Subject, The Church's Debt to the Community.—Rev. C. F. Catherman.

All services will begin at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend these services. Music by a union choir. Book used, World-Wide Revival. Pray daily for the success of the meetings and for God's blessing upon the community. An offering will be taken each evening to defray expenses and for the benefit of the American Bible Society.

## Centre Hall H. S. vs. Boalsburg H. S.

The following composition was written by William Sweetwood, student in the Centre Hall High school, on the athletic contests between the Boalsburg and Centre Hall High schools last Friday afternoon. The composition was considered the best of a half dozen submitted.

### "CENTRE HALL WINS AGAIN"

Last Friday afternoon our High school play ground was a centre of interest for those who are lovers of sports, for two games were played here; one by the boys—a soccer game—and the other by the girls—a volley ball game. Both games were played with Boalsburg High school.

The volley ball game was played first, beginning at four o'clock. It seemed an easy game for our girls for they had the advantage of practice over the Boalsburg girls. The game ended with the score of 21-3 in favor of Centre Hall Miss Rowe, the assistant principal here, was referee.

The soccer game started at about 4:15 with Centre Hall making the kickoff. This started one of the hardest fought games of the season. The first half, a period of twenty-five minutes, was a give-and-take period with neither side scoring a goal. Before the first half was rightly begun we saw that we were up against a fast team and they lived up to this idea throughout the whole game.

After a five minute interval the second half was begun with Boalsburg making the kickoff, but in this period Centre Hall was more successful than in the first for about fifteen minutes before the end of the game we scored the goal, but Boalsburg was unable to put the ball through our goal area, although they made a commendable effort.

The field, on account of recent snows, was very slippery and made the footing very uncertain, but nevertheless many good plays were made by both sides. Ernest Frank, although inexperienced in the art of refereeing, did his part well during the whole game.

"The game placed Centre Hall ahead in the Vocational League, Eastern Division, and we have expectations of playing in the championship game."

### Each Paid \$100 Fine.

Simon Keeler, of New Columbia, and W. E. Evans, of Lewisburg, R. D., were reported for violating the state game laws. While hunting in the Bunker Hill section of the White Deer forest in Union county, the men "shot first and looked afterward" and killed a handsome doe. Game Warden Miles Reeder, of Millinburg, preferred charges with the result that within twenty-four hours the hunters were each fined \$100 and costs.

A Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year to all.

## A SAD SURPRISE.

Reporter Reader Finds Scarcity of "Gentlemen" Among Centre Countians, and Then Takes a Knock at Them.

'S'prised? I'll say so; but that is too tame; 'stonished is more like it. Why? Well, I used to think "Old Centre" was a very tidy, respectable place to live in. Having been born there, and "brought up" in a way, too, I'll say I've had a great deal of pride in my soul for the place—lo! these many years, but now I read the most distressing report in the Centre Reporter I have ever read about its people that I used to think were good, generous, moral, righteous, and some even pretended to be "saintly."

In the olden days, and it is probably so now, Old Centre was crowded with churches. In the village from one to eight and more of those institutions existed, all opposed to each other in doctrine, but all headed for the same port apparently. That fact always seemed strange to me, even when a youngster. Why, I would reason—why don't they unite and be sociable and neighborly, discharge most of their preachers, hire one or two real good ones, unite all the musicians into one grand choir, have a grand time and practice being friendly to a greater degree? I still think so. Why don't they?

In them times every village and town had one or more booze joints thru which certain ones betime sought "spiritual consolation." While most persons were fairly upright, the booze factor gave greater impetus to religion thru the fact that here were some benighted souls that needed saving, and, though saved, on an average of once a year, yet they persisted in back-sliding and having to be "saved" again and again. That, of course, kept the preachers humping.

John Barleycorn is now no more. His demise was long coming, but came at last, thank goodness. Well, that ought to help some. The persons have more time to eat "Yellow legged chicken," and citizenship everywhere to be of a higher standard, but is it? And why are they not? That is the puzzler.

I looked over the Centre Reporter's list of County Jurors this week and, by gosh! my whole system underwent a convulsion when I saw in that list of 85 names, only one person who is a "gentleman." Now-don't-that-beat-H---!

ALFRED BEIRLY,  
Chicago, Ill.

[Dear Mr. Editor—If you can see your way clear, quit calling those idlers "gentlemen." Idlers are apt to be more mischievous than persons who are busy. Call them retired, out of business, speculators, or even loafers, and set the pace for Centre county's editors to quit that ancient notion that a loafer is a "gentleman."—B]

## No Paper Next Week.

Conforming to its time-honored custom the Reporter will not be issued next week—Christmas week—thus affording its employees a week's rest from the busy routine of the print shop. The office will be open, however, to receive money on subscription and give attention to job work.

## "They All Do It"—It Appears.

Twenty quarts of whiskey, seven barrels of wine, hundreds of bottles of Jamaica ginger, stomach bitters and horke vino in odd lots were confiscated in raids on four places—pool room, grocery and restaurant, barber shop and confectionery—in Altoona, conducted by state, county and city officers. The proprietor or one in charge at each establishment was arrested and held for a hearing.

## Notice Regarding Dog Law.

On or before the 15th day of January, 1921, the owner of any dog six months old or over shall apply to the County Treasurer, either orally or in writing, for a license for each such dog owned or kept by him.

License for male dog . . . . . \$1.75  
License for female dog . . . . . \$2.50  
Any person violating or failing or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of the Dog Law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$100.00, or undergo an imprisonment not exceeding three months, at the discretion of the court.

The Commissioners of Centre County will enforce the Dog Law to the letter in the year 1921.

## Annual Election.

The annual election of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Centre County will be held in the grand jury room, Court House, Bellefonte, Monday, January 10th, 1921, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., to elect twelve directors for the ensuing year.

F. M. Fisher, Secretary,  
Col. W. Fred Reynolds, Pres. 3t.

Turkeys for the Christmas season are passing from farmers to hucksters at sixty cents per pound, live weight.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Burnham school children have purchased 4700 Christmas seals and arranged to support two Armenian children for a year.

A marriage license was issued at Bellefonte last week for Frank Phillips, of Colyer, and Miss Emma V. Florey, of State College.

Christmas carols will be sung on Christmas eve on the streets of Centre Hall, as has been customary for the past few years.

Sixty new Ford cars have been received by the Beatty Motor Co., at Bellefonte, within the past few weeks, and all are sold.

How is this? Wheat \$1.65 per bushel; bread fifteen cents per loaf! If any one is losing money between the granary and the table, pass the hat.

Some of our enterprising merchants, as well as the Penns Valley Banking Company, are distributing handsome art calendars among their customers.

David Stoner, at Tusseyville, has been quite ill for a few weeks, which has prevented his moving from the farm to his home near the station in Centre Hall.

In parceling out your gifts for the coming Christmas remember the poor, especially the poor children whose hearts may be gladdened by the expenditure of small sums.

Charles Way, Penn State's star half-back on the football eleven, is Walter Camp's choice for his first "All-American" team. Hinkie Haines, also a half-back, is Camp's choice on his third team.

The Bell Telephone Company issued its new directory, the same having been distributed locally. The new directory covers the territories of the Williamsport, Lock Haven and Bellefonte districts.

Jury Commissioners Decker and Emrick have decided that men during 1921 as heretofore, will be able to do the jury work. With this belief the jury wheel was filled without placing in it the name of a single woman.

A son of David Rearick, of Georges Valley, shot a nice buck last Wednesday, the last day of the season, close to the farm buildings. The young man espied the deer lying in a field and went to the house and got his gun and shot it.

From the Dempsey-Brennan combat the receipts at the door were divided thus: Dempsey, \$100,000; Brennan, \$35,000; promoters, \$13,000; federal tax, \$21,000, state tax, \$10,500. And Dempsey retains his position as heavy-weight champion.

The local Red Cross is arranging, so the Reporter is informed, to have the teeth of the children examined and treated. Of course, this does not mean all the children, but those whom the organization feels need their aid in work of this character.

The Youth's Companion home calendar for 1921 has reached our desk, and as usual, is a rich and practical piece of work. Our thanks are due the Perry Mason Company, of Boston, Mass., publishers of the Youth's Companion, "the best of American life in fiction, fact and comment."

George W. Clark, who was the owner and landlord of the Musser House, in Millheim, when it was burned January 5, 1909, committed suicide in a boarding house in Williamsport, where he had resided since the the big fire in Millheim, which started in the stable on the Musser House lot and soon spread to adjoining building.

The next issue of the Reporter will be January 6, 1921, when our mailing list will have been corrected and proper credit given on subscription to all who remitted since October. Others who desire to see the figures on their label strictly up to date, should remit at once so that a correction of their label may be shown with the first issue in the new year.

Washington county farmers cannot be termed profiteers, for a report comes from a customer of a huckster who sold potatoes that to date in the heart of the potatoes there have already been found five pennies, one nickel and one quarter dollar. The money was completely surrounded by the potatoes in which the pieces of money were found. How the cash got there is a mystery.

Charles Duncan, who for eighteen years represented the dry goods firm of English & Co., at Shamokin, as a traveling salesman through Penns Valley, made his last trip in that capacity last week. He is a member of the prosperous firm and will hereafter be engaged at headquarters. Mr. Duncan has made many friends among his customers and others with whom he came in contact along his route of travel, who will regret to know that his line of work will change with the beginning of the New Year.