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A STATE FAIR?

Question Before the State Legislature.—State Grange Endorses It; So Does Dean Watts, of State College.

Whether or not Pennsylvania shall have a state fair has been the question before the state legislature at this session. The general public seems to favor the move and it has been endorsed by the State Grange and other farmers' organizations. When approached on the subject the other day, Dean Watts, of the School of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station at Penn State, gave out the following statement: "It is impossible to estimate the good that will come out of a State Fair in the interest of Pennsylvania agriculture. The greatest value that a farmer can obtain from an agricultural show of any kind is the establishment for him of new standards, new ideals and improved methods. The larger the show the greater is his opportunity to obtain direct benefit. I am for a Pennsylvania State Fair, and it cannot be established any too soon; the agricultural interests of the State will boom because of it, and I wonder that we have been able to get along so well without one."

Dean Watts is an ardent believer in the State Fair and emphatically discredits the belief of many that its establishment would injure the county fair. "It is a false impression that the State Fair will practically kill off the County Fair," he says. "On the other hand, the State proposition will bring all kinds of aid to the smaller shows. It will act as a pace-setter and there is no reason at all why the county organizations should not improve their efforts through the great amount of stimulus that is bound to come from the State Fair. This has been proved in other states where the big fair is the leader in management and general conduct, and the county show has not only been maintained, but it has prospered wonderfully. Even the display of exhibits in charge of experts at a State Fair will act as a stimulus to the management of the county show, and by attending the State function, the managers of the smaller show can receive all kinds of suggestions for improvements and secure better attractions and results."

The State Fair is also looked upon as one of the greatest educational assets that it is possible to secure, according to Dean Watts. He cites as an instance the exhibits of the Pennsylvania State Department of Agriculture, the State Department of Public Instruction with its vocational school work and the State College School of Agriculture and Experiment Station, which could be displayed on a scale heretofore impossible. These and other means could be utilized to tell with concrete examples just what is being done in the State for the advancement of agriculture and its allied branches. The Farm Product Show and the State College Farmers' Week serve in a large degree to get farm problems before the "man behind the plow," but the united effort possible at a big State Fair, bringing everything the farmer wants to know to one centralized point, is entirely desirable, in Dean Watts' opinion.

"The educational value or importance of exhibits pertaining to labor saving tools and appliances, that could be made on an enormous scale, is another point in favor of the State Fair," continues Dean Watts. "Take for example a recently developed market gardening tool. It has showed good results already, and if exhibited and demonstrated before thousands of interested people, they learn immediately that it is practicable, and of great value to the market gardener and has come to stay. Such ideas taken to the county fairs would reach additional thousands. Another factor that cannot be overlooked in the matter of establishing a State Fair is the all-inclusive information that would come of it through various sources. Ideas and subjects that possibly could not be expressed through any other medium are certain to come out of such an important gathering."

"To me, the real farm show, the big exhibit that is worth while, performs a most important function. It is just this: A dairyman, confined to his own section, thinks that his own cows are the best that are to be had and that he is getting as much out of them as is possible to do with his very best efforts in care and feed. He goes to the big exhibit and is shown that there are far better cows than his. He goes home and strives to equal the records of the better cows and unconsciously contributes to a better farming community. I once saw some very fine specimens of carrots at a National Vegetable Growers' Show in Boston. Prior to that time I thought the carrots that I raised could not be excelled. Ever since that I have worked to reach the standard I saw at the exhibit. So it will be with State Fair. One will go, be convinced, and strive upon his return to equal the best he saw."

"The farmers of Pennsylvania will be surprised and pleased, I believe, with the influence and good that will come out of a State Fair, should one become a possibility. The project is deserving of united support from the agricultural districts of the State."

CHAUTAQUA DATES

JUNE 20TH TO 22ND.

Strong Program in Music and Entertainment Announced for Coming Season.

June 20th to June 22nd, inclusive, which comes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the week, are the dates set for Centre Hall and community's 1921 Chautauqua.

Superior features in music and entertainment include the famous Sheehan Concert Company. The Gales, great authorities on Indian life; Albert Harnly, well known lecturer; the Colonial Maids, a tuneful company of artists; Bill Bone, humorist lecturer; Filipino Quartet, and a clever comedy success of family life, entitled "Her Husband's Wife."

For instance, there will be the Gales with their tales of Indian life, with special costumes and scenery. Mr. Gale is a National authority on Indian customs.

Then, Henry Miller's success, which made such a hit on Broadway, "Her Husband's Wife," will make you laugh until your sides ache. There is a good moral and lesson back of it all. It will make you think.

Mr. Harnly will give one of his inspirational lectures that will be a delight to all.

The Sheehan Concert Company is made up of artists headed by Theresa Sheehan, one of the really great readers on the Chautauqua platform.

The Colonial Maids are clever and talented and will delight their audiences.

If you want a sure cure for the blues, don't fail to hear Bill Bone.

We are indeed fortunate to secure the Filipino Quartet. This novelty company from the far away islands of the Pacific will attract attention wherever they go.

Fire at State College.

On Friday afternoon, about three o'clock, fire broke out in the basement of the Metzger stores on Allen street, State College, and for a few minutes it looked serious, but the fire ladders, who were early on the job, prevented the spread of the flames, confining them to the basement and rear of the store. Little damage was done to the goods on the main floor, but those in the basement were ruined. Just how the fire originated is not known as the basement was so filled with smoke when the fire was discovered that the exact cause could not be ascertained. The store is temporarily closed, awaiting the arrival of the insurance adjusters.

Meyer-Limbirt.

Frederick W. Meyer and Miss Elva N. Limbirt were united in marriage by Rev. M. C. Drumm, at the Lutheran parsonage in Centre Hall, last Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

The bride was dressed in a pretty blue serge coat suit. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Limbirt, and is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran church at Spring Mills. The groom is a son of J. A. Meyer, of New Milford, Pike county, and is a graduate of the agricultural school of Penn State College. He now holds the position of assistant to the County Agent of Northumberland county. He is an ex-convict man, having served eleven months service overseas.

After an extended tour to eastern cities they will reside in Sunbury.

"It's a Boy," Says "Bobby."

Rossville, Illinois, March 27, 1921.

To the Centre Reporter and my old friends of Centre Hall: As a subscriber to the Reporter and a friend to all in Centre Hall, I am glad to tell you I enjoy my home paper very much. I have been away from the town about seven years but I get a great deal of news concerning the people I know, and those that were good to me while I lived there.

One reason I am writing this is to let you know the stork dropped a ten-pound baby boy at our house on the 6th day of March.

I supposed this would be of some interest to you and my friends as I was raised in Centre Hall by my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reesman.

ROBERT McCORMICK.

Military Honors at Avis Funeral. Full military honors were accorded the memory of Private Marrin May, an Avis soldier who lost his life in France, when his body, removed from a grave in France and shipped home, was re-interred at Lock Haven after a short service at the home.

All business in Avis was suspended for two hours during the services. The body was escorted from the home of the dead soldier's parents to the borough line by the New York Central band and members of the Jersey Shore post, American Legion. At Island, near Lock Haven, a detachment from Troop K, First Pennsylvania cavalry, mounted, met the cortege and escorted it to Lock Haven. At the court house the Lock Haven post of the Legion met it and acted as an escort to the met.

11th DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The thirtieth semi-annual Sunday School Convention for the eleventh district of Centre county will be held in the Lutheran church at Spring Mills on Saturday of this week. There will be an afternoon session at 1:30 and an evening session at 7:30, and both periods promise to be interesting. The program follows:

PROGRAM

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 O'CLOCK

Mr. C. E. Royer, Presiding. Mr. T. M. Gramley, Song Leader
Devotions and Greetings. Rev. M. C. Drumm
Appointment of Committees.
Theme—"How Shall I Go Up To My Father If the Lad Be Not With Me."—Genesis 44: 34.
"Our Debt to Childhood and Youth."—Ten Minute Talks by Pastors and Teachers.
Children's Division Institute—Conducted by Miss Lemen and Mrs. McGirk.
Conference. County Officers
"The Things Most Needed in Our Sunday Schools, and How to Have Them."
Solo. Rev. I. C. Bailey
Report of Nominating Committee
Prayer; Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION—7:30

Song Service. Choir
Devotions. Rev. C. F. Catherman
Enrollment of Schools
Address. Hon. I. L. Harvey, Vice President of State Association
Solo. Rev. I. C. Bailey
Address. Miss Lemen, Children's Division Superintendent
Report of Resolution Committee
Minutes; Offering; Benediction.

OFFICERS—C. E. Royer, President; N. L. Bartges, Vice President; Mrs. S. W. Smith, Secretary; W. H. Sinkabine, Treasurer.
DEPARTMENTAL SUPERINTENDENTS—Miss Helen Bartholomew, Home Department; Miss Orpha Gramley, Elementary; M. Tibben Zubler, Teacher Training; Thomas S. Swartz, Temperance; O. A. B. C. T. M. Gramley; Young People's Division, Rev. C. F. Catherman.

Forestry Notes.

District Forester Raymond B. Winter, of Millburg, in his report to the Department of Forestry stated that he has made arrangements for the construction of a cabin at the observation tower on Sand Mountain.

Russell Lloyd who served for two years with the Engineer Corps in France, has been appointed as the observer at this tower and will be on duty there night and day during the dry season.

Forester Winter has visited most of the local fire wardens in Union county during the past week and also was in conference with a number of saw-mill owners in an effort to obtain their cooperation in the prevention and control of forest fires.

On Wednesday evening he gave a short talk on fire prevention in the Lewis Township School near Millmont. The meeting was very well attended by pupils and citizens of the township.

District Forester T. Roy Morton, of Petersburg, reports to the Department of Forestry that the Lightner fire tower at Neff's Mills in the Logan Forest District has been completed. From the tower an observer can overlook 24,000 acres of State Forest and about 25,000 acres of private land.

Special patrolmen have been appointed and will constantly be on duty during the dry season and Forester Morton urges that the public in general gives these men and the regular fire wardens their best support and co-operation in reporting and extinguishing forest fires.

The work of lifting seedlings from the beds in the Greenwood Nursery has been started and a considerable number of little trees have already been shipped to various parts of the State. Forester Morton estimates that more than one million seedlings are available for shipment from the Greenwood Nursery this spring. Most of them will be sent to private individuals and to water companies to be used in the reforestation of waste lands and water sheds.

1127 Births, 683 Deaths, Centre County's Record for 1920.

The Stork led the Grim Reaper during the year 1920 in Centre county by a margin of 444. This healthy-appearing triplet figure represents the number of births over deaths in the twelve months period, and augurs well for old Centre's next census enumeration. The record of births and deaths comes from Harrisburg, being tabulated from the reports of the various registrars of vital statistics in Centre county.

In Unionville borough and Taylor, Worth, Huston, Halfmoon, Patton and Union townships, Miss M. F. Shipley registrar, there were during last year 46 deaths and 74 births.

Milesburg borough and Boggs township, Mahlon Miles, registrar, had 30 deaths and 45 births.

In South Phillipsburg borough, John B. Hoffman registrar, there were 16 deaths and 15 births.

In State College borough, Ferguson, Harris, College, Potter, Benner and Patton townships, Irving L. Foster registrar, there were 55 deaths and 159 births.

Howard borough, Howard, Curtin and Liberty townships, W. H. Holter registrar, had 45 deaths and 109 births.

In Snow Shoe borough, Burnside and Snow Shoe townships, W. A. Sickel registrar, there were 57 deaths and 110 births.

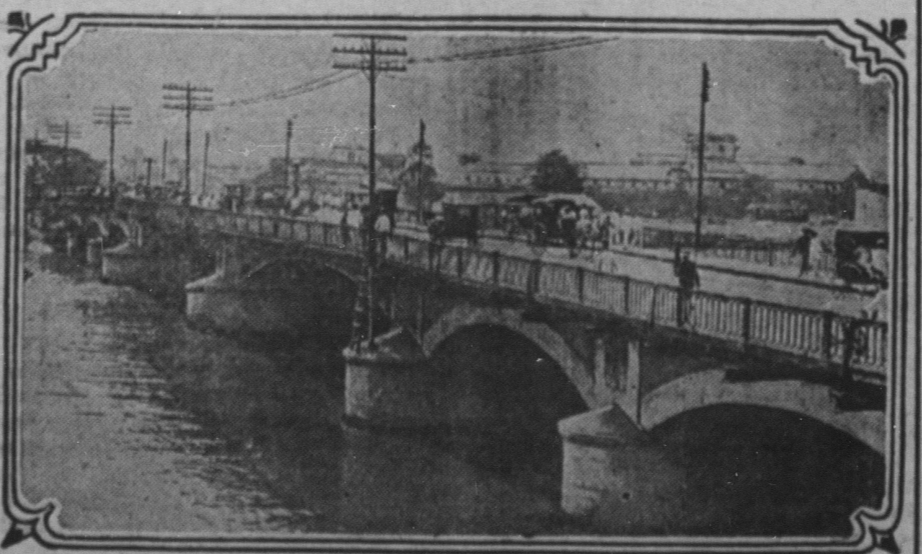
Phillipsburg borough and Rush township, Thomas G. McCausland registrar, had 163 deaths and 249 births.

Centre Hall borough and Potter township, J. C. Rossman registrar, had 29 deaths and 41 births.

In Millheim borough, Gregg, Penn, Haines and Miles townships, P. H. Musser registrar, there were 76 deaths and 104 births.

In Bellefonte borough, Benner, Spring, Walker and Marion townships, Miss Alice Tate registrar, there were 165 deaths and 241 births.

A Passing Landmark of Old Manila



This is a photograph of the famous old Bridge of Spain, Manila. It is now a departed landmark of the Philippines, for its place has been taken by one of the finest bridges in the entire Orient, the new Jones bridge. The Jones bridge is named in honor of the late Congressman W. A. Jones of Virginia, author of the Jones law of 1916 which promised the Filipinos independence upon the establishment of a stable government. The old Bridge of Spain is called "the mother of Manila's bridges." The original bridge was built of pontoons sometime between the years 1590 and 1600, being known as the Bridge of Beata. The stone bridge shown above was built about 1630. It was twice damaged by earthquakes, and was once partly demolished by a flood.

"The Handwriting On the Wall."

"Me Ne, Me Ne, Te Kel, U-Phar-Sin" What does it mean? How much do you weigh in God's scales?

Come to the LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING 7:30, and worship with us.

REV. M. C. DRUMM

Penn State Budget Less Than Others.

Considering its size and ranking as one of the leading Land Grant Colleges of the country, Pennsylvania State College is asking the State for less money for maintenance and buildings for the next two years than is being requested of any other state in the Union. This is because the college officials have already pared to the bone the necessary budget for properly operating the college and its state-wide educational projects.

The University of California, considered to be the largest of the Land Grant Colleges, is asking the California Legislature for a total of fifteen and a half million dollars to cover its program for the next two years. Indications are that this sum will be appropriated in full. The University of Wisconsin is asking for over twelve million and is likely to receive it. Michigan wants nine million, Ohio \$6,700,000, and so on. The University of Illinois, which is the Land Grant College in that state, announces that it must have ten and a half million or be severely handicapped in its educational work.

During the past five years Illinois has given more to its Land Grant educational institution than the Pennsylvania State College has received from Pennsylvania in its entire existence, a period of fifty-eight years. The taxable wealth of Pennsylvania is greater than any of these states. Penn State is this year requesting \$6,500,000. It would really require ten million to carry out plans for enlarging the institution to a point where some of the hundreds turned away each year could be accommodated. College officials have properly agreed that this amount could not be expended advantageously in the space of two years, and have therefore cut down to the lowest possible figure upon which the college could operate. Penn State is the only institution of higher learning in the state which the commonwealth has obligated itself to support.

Centre County Gains 880 in 10 Years.

Centre county, according to the 1920 census, has a population of 44,304, which is an increase of 880 in ten years. Nothing much to boast of, to be sure, but it is a gain nevertheless, which cannot be said of all strictly rural counties, the population of many counties in that class showing a decrease, owing to the trend city-ward during the past decade.

Centre county has the largest area of all the counties of the state, being 1,146 square miles big. This allows 38 people to the square mile, so there is no great density of population here. Philadelphia county, with only 133 square miles, has a population of 1,823,779 people.

Commencement at Penn State.

Commencement exercises at the Pennsylvania State College will begin Saturday, June 11, and Commencement will be on Tuesday, June 14th.

State Agricultural Notes.

There are approximately 11,972 pure bred bulls owned on the farms of Pennsylvania, along with 8,587 bred boars and 4,108 pure bred rams. The number of pure bred bulls and boars show a decided increase over a year ago.

In 1920 there were 557 registered and 393 unregistered stallions licensed by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. In 1910 the number of stallions registered in the state was 2,385, a decrease of 65 per cent. in ten years.

On March 1 it appeared that the farmers of Pennsylvania were holding 31 per cent. of their 1920 wheat crop, or 8,340,320 bushels, as compared with 3,758,830 bushels at the corresponding period of a year ago.

The number of flocks of sheep in Pennsylvania is estimated at four per cent. less than a year ago.

Approximately 57 per cent. of the farms of Pennsylvania are provided with telephone service.

Next week we will publish the second article on astronomy by Dr. Alfred Beirly, of Chicago. Take the time to read it, and see that the children, especially, read it. The articles are practically devoid of scientific terms, so that they make interesting, as well as profitable, reading.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Six electrocutions are scheduled for the weeks of May 9 and 23rd, at the death house at Rockview.

Friday of next week is the first day of the trout season, the day that brings as much joy to some grow-ups as Christmas does to the youngsters.

Miss Myra Kimport, of State College, was in town on Monday to arrange for her coming here a few days next week with millinery. See her ad. elsewhere.

Millheim has contracted for their 1921-22 lecture course. The program contains seven numbers, and is headed by Dr. Russell H. Conwell, one of the greatest lecturers in the world.

Last week's freeze-up had the effect of killing that fragrant little spring flower—the arbutus—which the unusually warm weather of a few days previous had caused to come forth in full bloom.

Harry Horner, son of George Horner, has rented the Mrs. Sadie Neff property at Tusseyville, and moved there last week. The Neffs have removed to one of Major Theodore Davis Boal's farms near Boalsburg.

Harry Neff, who had been employed on a farm in Harris township, will assist his brother-in-law, John Rimmey, near Tusseyville, this summer. Care and worry for a farm operator vanish when Harry Neff is right hand man on the place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jodon, of Milesburg, were married fifty years on March 26th, and the event was fittingly observed, with the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren present. Fifty dollars in gold was among the many presents received.

A detachment of State police has been stationed at Lewisburg, much to the satisfaction and relief of the citizens of that town, who have been annoyed by a set of characters known as "huggers," crap-shooters, notorious street characters, as well as by a certain class of students whose pranks have become unbearable. The police officers' presence will doubtless have the desired effect.

Because of the general dissatisfaction with the "Drummer boy of the Rappahannock" entertainment, the local P. O. S. of A., under whose auspices the entertainment was given, has arranged for a lecture to be given on Thursday evening of next week, April 14th, in the Grange hall, by Rev. Charles L. Hunter, State Chaplain of the P. O. S. of A., of Philadelphia. Reserved tickets have been issued to all who attended the previous entertainment.

The borough schools are entering upon their eighth, and last, month of the term. Commencement day for the senior class in the High school is set for Friday, May 6th, when exercises will be held in the Grange hall in the evening at eight o'clock, to which the public is invited. The program for Commencement has been prepared and will appear in the Reporter in due time. The senior class numbers fifteen, and is the largest in the history of the High school.

Lewisburg has a well developed case of smallpox, the origin of which is a puzzle to the local health authorities. The victim is Miss Amanda Derr, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Deitrick, on the Buffalo Road, just outside of Lewisburg. Miss Derr is 74 years of age and several months ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis which left her in an invalid state. Neither she nor the other members of the household have been where they could be exposed to the disease, as they have not been away from the premises for weeks.

Only about sixteen thousand farmers in Pennsylvania cut and stored ice during the past winter, according to statistics compiled by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The mild winter was largely responsible for this condition, farmers in the southern section of the state being unable to store practically any ice. The reports of the department show that eight per cent. of all the farmers in the state cut and stored ice, while practically all the ice stored was in the northern and mountainous sections of the state, where during the December cold spell ice froze to a depth of eight inches.

There is an outbreak of typhoid fever at Jacksonville. The family of Harry Butler has been sorely afflicted. A son, aged nine years, was buried on Monday in Howard, having died from the disease. His mother is now able to be about the home but a daughter is very ill and the hired man, Ralph Orr, is lying at the point of death at the home of his mother, Mrs. William Diets. The cause was traced to the drinking water used by the family. This water is piped from a spring to the house. A break occurred in the pipe some time ago and was repaired by boxing it in. Foreign matter gathered at this boxing and the germs developed. The authorities have the situation well in hand and no further cases are anticipated.