

### THE CROPS.

#### Corn Is King With Three Billion Bushel Yield.

The harvest is over, though all the returns are not in. We do not get the final figures, but at this date we know approximately what the agricultural year has been.

Corn promises to go over three billion bushels, which it has done only three or four times before. The crop is likely to be the biggest we ever had, except those of 1912 and 1920. The earlier reports of this crop promised a value of more than half a billion in excess of that of last year, a gain in comparison with which the loss in wheat is a small matter. The great corn crop promises abundant feed for livestock, and ought to effect the quantity and price of meats.

The figures of winter wheat remain unchanged since a month ago, when they were 18,000,000 bushels less than the harvest of last year. While the corn estimate is 94,000,000 bushels greater than the figures given a month ago, spring wheat has gone off 4,000,000 bushels and promises a crop differing very little from those of 1917 and 1920, considerably above that of 1921, but almost 50,000 bushels behind that of last year, and 135,000,000 bushels below the enormous crop of 1918. The total wheat is less than in any year since 1917. The decrease from last year is 67,000,000 bushels. But the surplus for export, regardless of the amount brought over from the last crop, will be 150,000,000 bushels, and probably more, and as the price is low and the European demand is weak this is quite enough.

Oats promise a considerable increase over last year, and barley a slight increase, while rye is considerably less than last year. While potatoes and sweet potatoes are a good deal less than last year, but white potatoes are a much better crop than they were two years ago and four years ago. Hay will run behind last year. Sugar beets are almost 25 per cent better than last year. Apples and peaches run considerably behind last year.

Pennsylvania hay fields suffered severely from the drought this year and as a consequence they yielded a lighter crop than in any previous year as far back as 1901, and is less than one ton per acre. The estimate yield of hay in Centre county is 42,541 tons, an average of .95 ton per acre. The yield in Clinton county is estimated the same as Centre; Millin county is five per cent better, and Union county is twelve per cent below Centre.

#### Selecting Seed Corn.

Selecting seed corn will soon be in swing in Centre county. "A good crop of corn in 1924 will depend in no small measure upon the selection and curing of the seed this fall," declares E. J. Walters, corn specialist at the Penna. State College. After touring the state inspecting many fields of corn Walters believes that due to the last, cold spring, corn is rather backward in maturing in many sections of the state. For this reason, he urges the careful selection of seed corn at the earliest possible date.

Meetings will be held at the following places at which Mr. Walters will give practical demonstrations of seed selecting:

- Friday, 10 A. M.—T. J. Bechdel, near Blanchard.
- Friday, 2:30 P. M.—M. T. Zubler, Spring Mills.
- Saturday, 10 A. M.—H. B. Walte, Stormstown.
- Saturday, 2:30 P. M.—J. H. McCracken, Pine Grove Mills.

#### Over Million Auto Licenses.

A total of 1,662,944 licenses for motor vehicles has been issued from January 1st to August 31st, classified as follows: 932,497 for passenger cars and 71,454 for commercial vehicles. The department estimates that 999,000 licenses will be necessary for passenger cars this year and 76,000 licenses for commercial vehicles.

#### The Mellon Way.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon proposes to make the poor richer by reducing the taxes of the rich, and expects to go before Congress with data to prove it.

He will argue that the surtaxes be cut from the maximum of 50 per cent, to 25 per cent. It is understood that President Coolidge will support the recommendation and make it an Administration measure.

On good authority it is learned that Secretary Mellon has decided that a reduction of the so-called confiscatory tax on higher incomes will not work a hardship on the less wealthy, or poor classes.

The average man of moderate means, it would seem, would largely prefer to get relief by having his own taxes reduced, regardless of Mr. Mellon's opinion.

### WESTERN SUBSCRIBER HAVING FINE TIME IN THE SIERRAS.

The Reporter has received this communication from Howard Homan, a former Centre countian and now of California:

"Sequoia National Park, Calif., September 6th, 1923.

"Spending a week in the high Sierras and having one 'high time.' A fine buck with his 'wife and child' paid our camp an early visit this a. m.; a squirrel is sitting on my foot picking away a piece of bread; a robin picking up crumbs under the table, and a bear upset our garbage can last night. The animals are so well protected they have no fear. I stood in the shade of the old tree—General Sherman—the largest and oldest living thing in the world—more than four thousand years old.

"I am sorry so many people come out here and go back without seeing this wonderful nature spot; too wonderful for description.

#### "HOWARD HOMAN."

#### Edwin F. Wolf Killed.

Saturday night at about 10 o'clock, Edwin F. Wolf, of Juniata, was almost instantly killed in the Altoona yards where he was a brakeman. The information at hand is to the effect that Mr. Wolf went to work Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and an hour before the train he would have completed the turn he fell from a car, the injuries received resulting in his death.

Mr. Wolf was aged about forty years and was married to Miss Rebecca Spangler, daughter of James Spangler, of Tusseyville, who with three children—Robert, James and Helen—survive the father.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Spangler, father of the surviving widow, and Miss Anna Fortney, both of Tusseyville, were sent for in a car immediately after the accident.

#### Japanese Relief Contributions.

Contributions for the Japanese relief fund, as made to Miss Grace Smith, are as follows:

S. W. Smith	\$5.00
J. T. Potter	50
Presbyterian C. E.	4.20
S. P. Hennigh	1.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick	2.00
Mrs. Clyde Smith	1.00
Grace Smith	1.00
Howard Darrat	30
Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Drumm	5.00
Mrs. J. H. Puff	1.00
Rebecca F. Derstind	1.00
Centre Nat. E. church	12.35
Sprucetown M. E. church	7.50
Spring Mills M. E. church	2.99
Centre Hall Evangelical S. S.	5.00
Centre Hall Presbyterian S. S.	5.00

Others desiring to give have the opportunity yet to do so.

#### Messner Home Burned.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Messner, north of Penn Hall along Bush Mountain, was completely destroyed by fire on Monday morning. The roof of the house took fire from the flue, and since Mrs. Messner, who is well advanced in years, was alone and no neighbors or anyone else nearby, nothing whatever was saved in the way of clothing or furniture. Mr. Messner was at work at a saw mill when the fire occurred. Not only the house, furniture and clothing were burned, but also all the outbuildings, except a stable. The house was a good frame structure. The house on this place previous to the one just burned, was also destroyed by fire. The Messners carried no insurance. The loss will fall heavily upon them.

#### Harvey Minstrel Show.

The Harvey minstrel show will appear in the Bellefonte opera house, Bellefonte, this (Thursday) evening. This is one of the greatest shows of its kind on the road. There will be an afternoon parade, during which you will hear the jazziest trombone snorers and saxophone moaners in captivity.

With the Harvey Greater Minstrels are associated some fifty people, all constituting the very cream of the negro profession, and after all the negro is the natural musician and minstrel of the human race and during the engagement will spring some more of their pleasing surprises.

#### Sold Home at Potters Mills.

J. Madison Moyer sold his home at Potters Mills to Joseph Confer, farmer in Georges Valley, who will occupy it by spring. The price paid is said to have been \$1890. This is the property next to the hotel and was remodelled by C. S. Thomas and since sold several times, always at an advanced figure.

Mr. Moyer expects to locate at Burnham. The Confer farm, when vacated by the owner, will be tenanted by George Jordan, now living on the Lester farm, in Georges Valley.

#### Clothing, Rugs and Carpets Up.

Up in price is clothing for men, also carpets and rugs. This is due to a Republican tariff of 25 to 55 per cent the carpet manufacturers will collect from customers for "protection." The same reason is given for the rise in men's clothing.

### Farms in Poor Demand.

It is evident that farms in Gregg township are in poor demand in the real estate market. Th. A. N. Finkel farm, near Spring Mills, on Friday, was offered at public sale and not a single bid was obtained. This is no dilapidated place, but one of the best improved farms in that section. This is a deplorable condition.

### Missionary Women Meet in Reedsville.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, the forty-fourth annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the United Lutheran Church will meet in Reedsville, Mrs. J. W. Mitchell presiding. A feature of the convention will be an address by Miss Maude Powles, missionary to Japan.

### Eutaw House Electric Lighted.

Witmer E. Lee, proprietor of the Eutaw House, Potters Mills, has installed a Delco system of electric lighting, which is a step in the right direction by Mr. Lee, looking to the convenience and comfort of his customers. The plant was put in full operation the middle of this week.

### Growing Ginsen.

A half dozen residents about Reedsville have taken up the growing of ginsen and now there is estimated to be a half million of these plants being cultivated in that place. The leading grower is Bryce Peters, whose plants number fifty thousand, and he thinks the crop will net him between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Ginsen is a plant grown for the root and seed. Dried the roots are worth now \$11.00 per pound, or \$3.50 in the green state. The seed is also valuable. Mr. Peters places the seed value of his crop at \$1,000.

### Real Economy.

According to the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the fiscal year of 1923, it cost the government \$45,475,000 to collect \$2,621,745, 227.57 revenue. In 1922, under a Democratic administrator, it only cost the government \$29,647,429 to collect \$5,407,580,251.81 revenue. Thus we see the difference between a government with a head and a government with an overhead.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Prof. R. U. Wasson, who summered at Coburn, returned to Saltsburg, Indiana county, where he is teaching in the Kaskiminetas Springs school.

Ole Glekner, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Glekner, of Centre Hall, who has been confined to bed for a period of almost six weeks, is improving but slowly. She is suffering from sciatica rheumatism.

A new Chevrolet car of the touring type was purchased last week by Reuben Zettle from the Homan agency. Mr. Zettle has been engaged at the carpenter trade, during the past year or more, with his father, E. E. Zettle, working most of the time at State College.

The congregation of the Lutheran church will expend something like five thousand dollars on the outward improvement of their church home and an additional thousand on the interior, mostly in the basement. The edifice is a brick structure, and it is proposed to give it a stucco appearance. Rev. W. P. Ard is the popular pastor of this Bellefonte church.

Although farmers count it a loss to produce wheat, it is evident that the crop is being "put out" with greater care than in times past. Many fields throughout Penns, Brush and Nitany Valleys have been ideally prepared before receiving the seed. It is a pity that the crop, so long the money crop in this section, must be sown with the thought that it is to lose rather than gain money for the sower.

The senior editor made more than a scrapping acquaintance with a dashing young lady, Sunday afternoon, on the streets of State College. The bloom of youth dashed out of a side street into West College avenue and jammed the "Chevy" roadster she was driving into the center of the writer's sedan, partially removing the fender and running board. The "Chevy" was put beyond the running, but the Dodge purged on to the Tri-County S. S. camp on Spruce Creek, the objective point.

A three-ton Babcock newspaper printing press was hauled from Reno to Centre Hall and installed in the Reporter office, last week, and it was no mean task. Drayman William McClellan was obliged to make two trips in his motor truck to haul the heavy pieces of machinery. Frank J. McClellan assembled the press, and did a fine job. A new three-horse-power variable speed electric motor will be installed to run the machine. The old press, which had done service in this office since the early 70's, was dismantled and consigned to the junk pile.

### THE TRI-COUNTY S. S. CAMP.

#### Executive Committee of the Centre County Sunday School Association Met Sunday Afternoon.

At the Tri-County Sunday School Camp, located on Warrick's Run, tributary to Spruce Creek, in Huntingdon county, the executive committee of the Centre County Sunday School Association and a large number of other Sunday School workers, held a meeting Sunday afternoon. The president of the county association, Prof. I. L. Foster, of State College, who made the principal address, dwelt largely upon the necessity of the Sunday Schools meeting their quota to be paid to the State association. He stated many of the Sunday Schools failed to meet their obligation, and that he would be obliged to go to the State Sunday School convention at Williamsport, next month, with a bad report in this respect. There has been pledged to the State association \$550, and of this sum but one-half has been paid by the Sunday Schools.

Other speakers, whose talks dwelt largely on the work of the Tri-County camp itself, were Prof. O. R. Myers, president of Juniata College, who appears to be the motive power back of the camp activities; Edward H. Bonser, Jr., State Superintendent of the Young People's Division; George McWilliams, State College, and one or two others. The latter speaker had in hand the data relative to the amounts apportioned to the various districts to be paid against Centre county's quota for the camp site. Believing it may be of interest to the average reader to know the apportionment and the amounts paid, the record is here given. The place given in connection with the district will help to identify the territory covered by the district, and does not mean that the place mentioned alone comprises the district.

District	Apportioned	Paid
1 Phillipsburg	\$400	\$530
2 Snow Shoe	\$200	\$ 5
3 Fort Matilda	\$150	none
4 Millburg	\$200	\$ 15
5 Oryslton	\$200	\$ 21
6 Hubbersburg	\$175	\$ 17
7 Bellefonte	\$400	\$287
8 Buffalo Run	\$180	\$ 43
9 State College	\$250	\$116
10 Pine Gr. Mills	\$150	none
11 Centre Hall	\$200	\$ 25
12 Millheim	\$250	\$ 50

Former County President Hancock, of Phillipsburg, on the ground was called on to give his experience as president, which he did, and further assured the present officers of his co-operation.

President Myers made the statement that the camp site was comprised of three tracts—one of 235 acres, another of 46 acres, and a third of 26 acres. That the land was purchased on part payment, the deferred payments having been secured by mortgage. The counties interested are Huntingdon, Blair and Centre, each of which have a director in the incorporated board, and the three directors are backed by the three County Sunday School associations. The State association also has three directors. The amount apportioned to each county is \$2500, or a total of \$7500, and the State association pledged itself to pay a like amount, making the grand total \$15,000. The directors representing the three counties are Prof. Myers, Huntingdon; Mr. McLain, Blair; George McWilliams, Centre.

To date Huntingdon county has paid to the Tri-County Camp association a total of \$4000, or \$1500 more than its quota; Blair county has paid \$1200, and Centre county \$1000.

During the past season Huntingdon county had in training at the camp, 16 boys and 6 adults; Blair, 15 girls, 15 boys and a few adults; Centre, 5 girls, 3 boys.

The camp at the present time is held. The meeting on Sunday was held amid the tall and sturdy pines that stud a prominent knoll. There was no speaker's stand, nor seats to accommodate the Sunday School workers assembled there, yet they listened attentively for two or more hours while the work of the county association and the Tri-County camp problems were being discussed. There were probably 150 to 200 persons gathered from all points of the county, the most remote being from Oryslton.

The improvement to the camp, the accomplishments in the way of improving the mind and the spirit of the boys and girls will be left for a future article in these columns.

#### Jack Frost Comes Too Soon.

Peeps Valley was visited by heavy frosts Saturday and Sunday nights. Corn and garden truck were badly frozen. Much of the corn was not sufficiently ripened to be frozen without damage to the crop.

In many parts of the state frost came a day earlier than here, and much damage was done to the corn crop.

#### W. C. T. U. Convention.

The thirty-eighth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union opens this (Thursday) morning in the Reformed church, Centre Hall, and will continue over Friday, including an evening session. There is prepared a full program for each session, and the sessions are open to all.

#### Millinery Announcement.

Mrs. Lucy Henney is now in Philadelphia making her selection of fall and winter millinery for women, misses and children, and her opening days will be Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, at which time she extends a cordial invitation to all her former customers, and others, to visit her shop in Centre Hall and see the new styles.

### "Heard" the Dempsey-Firpo Fight

A number of local fight fans held "ring-side" seats at the Dempsey-Firpo heavyweight boxing match in New York City, Friday night, and not a one felt that he failed to get his money's worth (the fight lasted less than four minutes), for there was no \$50 to \$200 a seat price attached to the admission tickets. It was at the Kerlin poultry farm that the fans heard the bedlam of the immense crowd at the fight; heard the cheering when the champion and challenger entered the ring; heard the announcer give report of the first round's rapid-fire action when both men were floored a number of times, and the fatal count of ten, in the second round, which meant the end for Firpo, and the retaining of the crown by Dempsey. It was the 20th century wonder—the radio—that annihilated space and brought big New York City and little Centre Hall side by side so that what eye-witnesses at the fight saw was impressed instantaneously upon the minds of radio listeners through the sense of hearing.

At the home of Dr. H. H. Longwell fight returns were also received by radio.

### Rushing Road Construction.

Road building over the Centre county portion of the Seven Mountains is being rushed by the State Highway department, an effort being made to complete the building and outfitting of Centre Hill. A large force of men, fifty or more, and a dozen large trucks are at work every day. Workmen come from Unionville, Rebersburg and intermediate points. Stone are being crushed on the spot and in addition to these large quantities are being hauled from the Millin county quarries. The building has now reached a point this side of the State House.

### Juniors Win Off Rebersburg.

The Centre Hall and Rebersburg juniors met in a baseball contest on the latter's field Saturday afternoon, the result being a score largely in favor of the former team. The big feature was the hitting by the visitors and the pluck of Rebersburg youth to stand up to boys much more mature. It was a nice game and everything ran smooth. The Rebersburg team, considering their extreme youth, played a splendid game although they lost. At the conclusion of the game it was partially agreed that they come up here with a team a bit heavier and meet on Grange Park.

The line-up for Rebersburg was: Zeigler, Meyer, Wolf, Minick, Greninger, P. Birly, Cummings, Corman, S. Birly.

Centre Hall line-up: Ralph Martz, Paul Martz, James Lutz, Wm. Slick, Curtis Reber, Alfred Grove, Frank Gross, Russell Goodhart.

### Bucknell Has 1000 Students.

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, began its seventy-fourth year with an enrollment of over one thousand students. The incoming freshman class numbered more than three hundred young men and women. Because of the lack of dormitory facilities, over one hundred young women could not be admitted.

### Gypsies Touch Haines Twp. Residents.

A band of dirty Gypsies touched Haines township residents at Woodward and Aaronsburg, the middle of last week. At Woodward Michael Stover was relieved of \$5.00, which was taken from his pockets, and at Aaronsburg R. B. Hosterman was given several friendly jabs in the ribs by one of the women that shook loose from his pockets a wad of \$43.00.

The campers of the Gyps were telephoned to Millheim, and there officers awaited the arrival of the band, which traveled in two Cadillacs and a Dodge truck. But on arriving at that place the Gyps failed to heed the command to halt given by the officer and instead backtracked and took the creek road by way of Coburn to Spring Mills and on through to Georges Valley. A short distance east of Potters Mills a deputy officer took a shot at the rear tire of the fleeing car, which resulted in the capture of the band.

### A Millheim Justice Permitted Settlement by Paying off \$88.75, which Covered the Money Stolen and Costs.

Referring to the settlement of the case, the Millheim Journal makes this caustic comment:

"The arms of the law are too lenient hereabouts, and to allow the citizens of the community to be at the mercy of roving bands such as these is nothing short of maladministration.

"We understand that the band fell back on the time-worn sympathy plea, stating that they now had not one cent in the world, and that one fellow believed it to such an extent as to give them a dollar with which to buy gasoline for their Cadillacs. Get that, dear reader, Cadillac! We Americans certainly are gullible and our ability to absorb punishment good-naturedly is surely miraculous."

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Walter Bubb, son of Edward Bubb, of Colyer, returned to Arentown, on Monday, where he is attending school to become a minister.

A good question to ask yourself is this: Did you make a primary election promise? Did you fulfill the promise, if you made one?

D. P. Ream, who occupies a farm east of Wolf's Store, bought at public sale the Luther W. Wert farm at Aaronsburg, for \$12,100.

Ground was broken Monday morning for a new dwelling house on the lot next to F. D. Lee. The structure will be erected by P. Roy Dutrow.

Wilmer Garver, who holds a position with the Pennsy in Philadelphia, accompanied by his bride of a year, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dinges.

James Foust, of Spring Mills, is now engaged in the Homan garage. He is an experienced mechanic and capable of doing all kinds of repair work and finding "trouble."

Miss Elizabeth Boyer, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boyer, on Friday left for West Chester where she entered the Normal School to fit herself for teaching.

Many of those from Centre Hall who had a "speaking" acquaintance with Jiggs, Magy and Dinty, saw them perform on Friday evening. Funny people do funny things.

While adjusting a temporary top on one of the state road trucks, William F. Floray, one of the state's road men, had one of his hands badly bruised and the skin peeled off. He is now on the retired list.

Irvin Zettle, who has been engaged as a carpenter at State College for several years, is now working on a schoolhouse in the Johnstown district, having been attracted there by the higher wages paid compared with the State College rate.

The Millheim public schools opened with 63 enrolled in the grades—27 in the first grade, 27 in the second grade and 14 in the grammar grade. The high school has an enrollment of 47 and includes scholars from Miles, Penn and Haines townships.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ocker, of Lewisburg, are located in the Harrisburg district for the winter, having leased their furnished home in Lewisburg until next winter. Mr. Ocker is one of the eight hundred employees at the Bowman store in the capital city.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Smith, of Pittsburgh, after a two weeks' visit to their respective parents in Centre Hall, left town on Sunday. Mr. Smith went back to the University and Mrs. Smith to Clearfield, having graduated a nurse from the hospital in that place.

The injuries received by John H. Neff, farmer near Tusseyville, which were thought to be very serious, are yielding nicely to treatment. A horse squeezed him in a stall, badly bruising the flesh and the bone to some extent in one of his legs at a point between the hip and knee.

A short time ago eight or ten cars parked in Centre Hall, during the evening, were relieved of their motorists. There is good evidence that these trimmings were gathered by a man some distance from town who is now peddling them out at an attractive price to the buyer.

S. Paul Dinges, the insurance man of Philadelphia, while on a business trip through Central Pennsylvania, came to Centre Hall the middle of last week to visit his brother, H. W. Dinges, and look over the monument erected over the graves of his father and mother in the local cemetery.

A National cash register was installed in the Homan garage. The register is especially equipped for keeping records such as are desired in a garage-making balancing accounts for the day as well as recording permanently the business done in the various lines a simple matter of touching a button.

Harry Decker, of Altoona, was in town recently. He left the Dauberman farm in 1903 and went to Altoona where he has since been employed. He is now with the Albright Company, a wholesale concern, and recently moved to the outskirts of the city where conditions are better than about his former home.

Under a recent act of the legislature the state highway department at the discretion of the district engineer can with the permission of the borough authorities, improve the roads of borough that connect state highways. Under this law it might be possible to have the state improve the portion of Pennsylvania avenue from the improved portion of that road to where it meets the highway over Nitany mountain. The effort should be made at once.