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PROGRAM OF THE GRANGE IS SAFE

Master Tabor Tells Members to Forget Government As An Aiding Agency—Within Lies the Source of Our Strength.

There is general recognition of the fact that no other agency has done so much as the Grange to develop a sound, rural public opinion relative to farm problems and, in the light of recent events, the sanity of the Grange program and policies of the years is becoming more and more apparent. The attitude of the Grange on public questions has been pertinently compared with the parable of the man who built his foundations upon a rock, while others were satisfied to erect theirs upon sand. During the recent years of depression and the trying experience of agriculture, it is interesting to note that the Grange has always opposed price-fixing, has consistently objected to any special subsidy or other aid for agriculture, and for three or four years has been insisting upon better marketing methods: all the time declaring that the farmer should solve his own problems with as little governmental assistance or government interference as possible. The Grange attitude is quite in contrast with that of many other opinions and groups, which are proposing all sorts of doubtful panaceas for present-day farm difficulties.

In his recent address to the National Grange, National Master Tabor stated "the sooner we forget the government as an aiding agency, the sooner we cease to look for help from some outside source and to realize that within lies the source of our strength and power—the better it will be, not only for our industries, but for the nation." President Coolidge in a recent letter to the National Grange congratulated it upon its progressive conservatism and record of accomplishments, indicating that the president believed in progress, but in the type of progress that is constructive and permanent.

The Grange believes that governmental price-fixing, government interference or control will be but shifting sand as a foundation for permanent rural prosperity. Sound business methods, farmer-owned cooperatives and development of farmer-controlled agencies or boards—all with the cooperation and assistance of the departments of commerce and agriculture—are about as far as it is safe to go. The Grange recognizes the disadvantages under which agriculture labors; it also recognizes the legislative advantages that have been accorded to other groups in the past. The Grange policy is not to seek special privilege for the farmer, but to destroy special privilege wherever found and in a truly American way to build "from the grass roots up" a more prosperous agriculture.

L. L. Smith Writes from Florida.

Hialeah, Florida, Feb. 5, 1926.

Dear Editor:

We arrived in Hialeah, Florida, the land of sunshine and wonderful climate, on January 31st. We have had a few warm rains, mostly at night, light thunder showers, seemed like our June weather.

We are well. Mrs. Smith is certainly enjoying the South. We are sitting outside the house on the porch writing letters. Children are playing around the house in summer attire; no shoes or hats.

We are about forty miles from the extreme southern part of Florida.

We received the Centre Reporter this evening. It being very welcome; could hardly wait to see what was going at home. I notice that Boyd Jordan had written a very nice letter concerning Florida. The only thing I can add is that if he has not yet been to Miami he should come to see real climate, where you don't need to own an overcoat.

As to business, I see no change; property is selling at the same pace it did a year ago. It seems the climate is the center of attraction.

Will close, with regards to all.

L. L. SMITH.

Bankers to Meet.

The one hundred and sixteen banks in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre and Clearfield counties are expected to have representatives at the thirty-first annual meeting of Group Six Pennsylvania Bankers Association at Penn-Alto hotel, Altoona, on Friday (Lincoln's birthday). All the banks in the counties named are members. The chief speakers will be E. S. Bayard, of Pittsburgh, editor of the National Stockman and Farmer, and Alvin M. Whitney, Harrisburg, Deputy Secretary of Banking.

The People's National bank in State College increased its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$120,000. The 500 shares were sold to 107 in Virginia's.

NATIONAL POST ROAD SYSTEM THROUGH CENTRE COUNTY

At Least One of the Routes Named Would Pass Through Centre—Probably Over Bald Eagle Valley Road.

The three billion dollar national post roads program provided for in a bill introduced in Washington by Representative William P. Holaday, of Illinois, a Republican member of the house committee on roads, will bring one of the routes through Centre county. The route in the bill is known as No. 41, and starts at Montpelier, Vermont, and terminates at Charleston, W. Va. The first town of importance in the State through which the line passes is Williamsport. Between Williamsport and Altoona it would likely strike Lock Haven and then by way of Bald Eagle Valley to Milesburg, over the new concrete road to Tyrone, to Altoona, to Pittsburgh, and Wheeling, West Virginia.

The author of the bill, who was for fourteen years a member of the legislature of his state and who claims to have drafted some of the legislation which gave Illinois its hard road system, declares that the linking of the state capitals and the principal cities of the country in a national system will "promote transportation, increase freight facilities and reduce freight rates on farm products, and thus help to solve the farm problem."

Representative Holaday represents the district which sent "Uncle Joe" Cannon to the house for over thirty years.

"The bill authorizes issuance and sale of three billion dollars worth of United States bonds," Representative Holaday said in a statement accompanying the introduction of the measure, "and the use of the proceeds for the construction of a nation-wide system of durable hard-surfaced post roads with a mileage of approximately 53,000 miles."

"These post roads are to range in width from eighteen to forty feet for at least twenty miles out from any city of over 200,000 population and the system will afford direct communication between the national capital, the various state capitals and all the principal cities of the United States."

"Belt roads around large cities may be constructed to divert through traffic from the congested areas."

"The secretary of agriculture, secretary of war, postmaster general and the secretary of commerce will be empowered to prescribe plans and specifications for the construction of the roads. The actual construction of the roads would be under the direction of the secretary of agriculture."

"A tax of not less than ten dollars per year on motor vehicles operated for hire and a tax of not less than three dollars per year on all other motor vehicles operated over the post road system, together with a tax of not less than one-half of one per cent. per gallon on all gas or other fuel used by the motor vehicles would be levied and the proceeds from such taxes would be used in the payment of interest and principal of the bonds."

Representative Holaday said the states would be reimbursed under his bill wherever roads already constructed by the states should be taken over under the national system.

The bill prescribes about fifty specified routes for the national system, the following together with No. 41 described above, being included for Pennsylvania:

Route No. 4—Barnegat City, N. J., to Westport, Cal., via Philadelphia, Lancaster, Pa., Columbus, O., Indianapolis, Ind., Springfield, Ill., St. Joseph, Mo., Denver, Colo., Summit, Nev., and Dos Rios, Calif.

Route No. 31—New York city to Columbus, via Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

Route No. 38—Annapolis, Md., to Scranton, Pa., through Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre.

Route No. 39—Providence, R. I., to Dover, Del., and thence to the shore of Chesapeake Bay, passing through Hartford, Conn., Scranton and Philadelphia and Dover.

A San Francisco physician declares that stomach troubles are the result of bad temper. So, instead of holding your stomach when it aches, control your temper.

Exceptions have been taken to the proposed changes of places and times for holding Federal Court sessions by Judge Johnson. The next radical change is that of substituting Lewisburg for Sunbury as one of the four—Scranton, Harrisburg, Williamsport, Sunbury—places for holding court. Senator Pepper is backing the new Federal Judge in both the changes of time and place and has introduced a bill in the senate to make the change permanent.

GRADE PUPILS GIVE PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT

Crowded Hall Shows Appreciation of Efforts of Town's Boys and Girls in Rendition of Several Playlets, Etc.—Receipts, \$80.00.

Pupils of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades of the Centre Hall public schools had their inning Friday evening. Heretofore it had been their lot to simply be onlookers while High school students performed before a pleased audience. Friday evening the grades came into their own, and for children ranging in age from 9 to 13 years, put on a class of entertainment which would have done credit to those more advanced in school work.

The Grange hall, where the performance was given, was packed to the doors and the S. R. O. sign was in evidence long before the rise of the curtain. On a small admission charge, the hall netted about \$80.00. The scholars put on the entertainment to raise funds to pay in part for a piano recently installed in the school.

The entertainment opened with a two-act playlet, "The Tenderfoot," by grammar grade pupils. This was strictly a Boy Scout play, and the wooded scene, with the presence of pine, spruce and rhododendron, sent forth the odor of the pines. The "tenderfoot" was Alfred Grove, who kept the audience in a state of constant uproar. "Jim Fresh" (Vernon Godshall) was antagonistic to the scouts, and at a later period donned skirts and appeared in camp as "Dorothy Dimple." With a fickleness characteristic of her sex, she passed up one lover for another, each time to the chagrin of the predecessor. "She" admired the manly vigor and courage of each in turn, but at the crucial moment, when a bear appeared in the offing, all took to their heels, leaving the maiden to face danger alone, which she did "manfully." Lifting her disguise, the boys were nonplused at their being duped by one who had at all times been a thorn in their side.

"The Japanese Parasol Drill" was beautifully executed by eleven girls of the 5th and 6th grades. True to title, it was a drill in which Japanese parasols were used in pleasing formations.

"Closing Day at Beaverville School" was a one-act playlet by the younger boys and girls, of the 5th and 6th grades. It was a scream. Thelma Brungart, bespectacled and dressed as a staid old teacher in yester days must have looked, took her part with a naturalness that was refreshing. Her flock gave various recitations in rehearsal for the entertainment which was to come on the morrow, the closing day of school. Each of the score of youngsters had a part, and every part gave the audience something out of which to get a hearty laugh.

"The Bashful Lovers" was a pantomime. Of course, there was no speaking, but "actions speak louder than words," it is said. So in this case, the love match was ideal.

"The Patriotic Peanut Stand," in two acts, brought the entertainment to a close. Fifteen boys and girls made a grand success of it. "The Young Citizen's Club," an asset to the town, is in a quandary to raise funds for a needed town improvement, when "Yankee Doodle Jones" (William Weaver) hits upon an idea which brings his chest forward as he lifts his voice in self praise. Selling peanuts and lemonade during the visit of the "world's greatest circus" to town is to bring the desired revenue. A stand is constructed and the circus food and drink is dispensed to a hungry and thirsty crowd. The typical circus crowd was reflected in several well-selected characters. "Deacon Podge" (George Ritter), averse to worldly pleasures, could not suppress the lure of the circus, and was there with bells on.

Mary Helber, Maude Reese, Helen Odenkirk, and Isabelle Bradford sang pleasingly between acts.

In all, it was only an entertainment by school children, yet a degree of satisfaction was registered that many a holder of a \$4.00 seat at a comedy drama never experienced.

Teachers Robert Neff of the 7th and 8th grades, and Thos. L. Moore, of the 5th and 6th grades, deserve much credit for the part they performed. While not conspicuous to the audience, it nevertheless was an important part, entailing much work and perseverance.

The Centre County Farm Home.

In Centre county 547, or 25 per cent, of the farm homes have running water; 211 or 10 per cent, have bath rooms; and 168 or 8 per cent, have heating systems.

The Hosterman-Stover company, of Millheim, had men in Centre Hall on Monday repairing furnaces. The firm carries a varied line and is extending its trade territory considerably.

DEATHS

ROYER.—Benjamin Wendall Royer died at his home in Madisonburg early Tuesday morning from an affection of the heart. He was aged 82 years, 1 month and 19 days. Interment will be made this (Thursday) afternoon at Rebersburg; services by Rev. W. A. McClellan. A wife and several children survive the deceased.

CONFER.—Franklin Howard Confer died near Colyer Tuesday evening of last week at the age of 63 years. Interment was made at Tusseyville on Saturday. Rev. D. R. Keener officiating. Mr. Confer was bereft of his wife through death only a few weeks previous. There were no children.

STRUBLE.—Neuralgia of the heart caused the death of Mrs. Struble, wife of Merchant A. C. Struble, at her State College home on Sunday evening. She was aged about sixty-three years. Besides the husband one son and two daughters survive.

BROWN.—Samuel Brown, a former resident of Milroy, died at the Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Virginia. The body was forwarded to Milroy for burial beside the wife of the Civil War veteran. Clarence Johnson, of Lewistown, is a grandson of the deceased.

WINKLEBLECH.—William Henry Winkleblech, a former resident of Rebersburg, died at his home, at Newberry, after a week's illness of pneumonia. The deceased, who was a carpenter by trade and who was 72 years of age, is survived by his wife, whose maiden name was Miller, and a native of Brush Valley, and four sons.

Funeral services were held at the home, from where the funeral party started for Rebersburg, but upon reaching Lamar they could get no further and were obliged to return.

SMITH.—Mrs. David Malinda Smith, one of Penna Valley's oldest residents, died at her home after an illness of sixteen months of paralysis. She was aged 79 years, 11 months and 18 days. Her maiden name was Malinda Garver. She is survived by three sons and one daughter: L. P. Smith, forest ranger of the Paddy Mountain section; A. D. Smith, E. W. Smith and Mrs. A. C. Shesley, all of Spring Mills, and vicinity. Three brothers and one sister also survive: John and Newton Garver, of Centre Hall; O. P. Garver, of Grant City, Mo., and Mrs. Frank Boop, of Millmont. Interment took place in the Heckman cemetery, near Penn Hall.

P. R. R. Places Large Order.

Orders for 100 locomotive tenders, each with a water capacity of 13,000 gallons, have just been placed with the Baldwin Locomotive Works by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The new tenders will be used with heavy freight locomotives to reduce, through their enlarged capacity, the number of stops for water to a minimum.

Deliveries have commenced on orders placed last summer with a number of car building companies for 357 all-steel passenger equipment cars. These include 105 coaches, 15 combination passenger and baggage cars, 15 combination passenger, baggage and mail cars, and 222 baggage-express cars. All the new cars are of the standard 70-foot length except the baggage-express cars, which are 60 feet long.

Ten new all-steel dining cars are also under construction at the Company's Altoona Works, in addition to eight all-steel multiple unit electric cars for suburban service.

EVERYBODY! EVERYBODY! GOES! GOES! GOES!

Enuf Sed—Altoona Booster Stores' Dollar Day Next Wednesday.

Have you a dollar? Bring it with you—Next Wednesday, when you come to Altoona.

If you have two or more dollars, bring both, because if you have been to Altoona on other Booster Dollar Days you know that Uncle Sam's "case notes" buy all you can carry away.

Shoes—hats—furniture—dresses—everything and anything you want for One Dollar.

Community Rest Rooms in the Reformed Church at 15th Street and 12th Avenue furnishes comfort when you are tired—and there is no charge.

Keep your dollars until next Wednesday and bring them with you.

BUT BE SURE TO BUY IN THE BOOSTER STORES.

NEXT WEDNESDAY—FEB. 17.

O. A. B. C. TO HOLD CONVENTION IN ALTOONA

State-Wide Gathering Booked for Washington's Birthday—Opportunity to Hear Speakers of National Reputation.

All details and arrangements for the State-wide gathering of Organized Adult Bible Classes in Altoona First Methodist Episcopal Church, on Washington's birthday, have been completed. O. F. Smith, superintendent of Organized Adult Bible Classes of Centre county, is making a strong effort to have the county well represented, believing that the strong program at this annual convention will do much in furthering the work of the Bible classes.

Last year's program at the Harrisburg convention, civic righteousness and law enforcement were featured, but this year the theme of the convention is entirely upon the service the adult Bible class can render in helping the church, and it is hoped that many of our pastors will be in attendance.

Among the speakers will be Bishop W. F. McDowell, L. L. D., of Washington, D. C.; Rev. John W. Elliott, D. D., director of Adult Work of the Baptist Church of Philadelphia; Rev. Chas. B. Urmay, D. D., of Belleville; James Mace, Director of Religious Work of the Pittsburgh Y. M. C. A.; Rev. E. E. Barnhart, Adult Division Supt. of the Ohio State Association; George W. Penniman, General Secretary of Allegheny county Sabbath School Association, and others.

We Beat S. D. for Snow.

Mrs. John Evans, in writing the Reporter from White, South Dakota, under date of February 2nd, says among other things: "We scan the Reporter pages with interest. Note you have had more snow than we have had in South Dakota."

Kitty's Cue Not Taken.

Fire that, fortunately, was discovered in time to prevent much damage, broke out in the Nathaniel Boob home Sunday evening. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boob smelled smoke during the evening, but could not locate its source. Some time after retiring, Mr. Boob got up and found the fire in the wall of the kitchen. It had burned up a cat bed behind the stove, through the wainscot in the wall and through the floor at two places. The blaze was quickly extinguished. Mr. Boob is at a loss to know how or where the fire originated. A peculiar incident is that the cat had followed Mr. and Mrs. Boob to their bedroom and came to them twice while they were preparing for bed, something it had never done before.

Care and Feed Means Sheep Profits.

Leading shepherds of Centre county consider the next two or three months the most important of a profit or loss on their flocks. If we have neglected to give our ewes a little grain during the early part of the winter now is a good time to begin. A mixture of oats, corn and bran will turn the trick.

The extra care and feed will give a two-fold source of income in the future. The result is a heavier and better grown fleece, as well as more and better lambs. Many flock owners complain in the spring about their ewes refusing to own their lambs. Often this is due to lack of milk on the part of the ewe. Prepare to separate the ewe and lambs from the rest of the flock until the lambs get a running start in life. Turn the ewe over before she lambs and trim the wool away from the udder so that the lamb has a chance to get at his meals. Remember that every lamb saved this spring means \$8 to \$10 next fall. How can we afford to lose through carelessness?

The Public Schools.

During the 1923-1924 school year the sum expended for public schools was as follows:

Operating expenses, \$109,796,870.00.

New buildings and reducing debt, \$56,828,307.00.

Per capita cost (total population in State), \$18.12.

This is a large sum, but when compared with the money spent for other things of much less usefulness, this sum drops to almost an insignificant point. Here are a few items, the cost of which are fairly correctly estimated:

Tobacco \$211,000,000

Candy 100,000,000

Soft drinks 35,000,000

Confections 35,000,000

Gasoline 100,000,000

For every child enrolled in the State there is spent each year, \$23.05. Not all the children of school age attend the public schools, so that the cost per child in average daily attendance is \$112.00.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Centre county received from the State the sum of \$34,596.25, as its share of the school fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Frank, of Millheim, are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a baby daughter.

Rev. M. A. Keefer, pastor of the Reformed church at Millheim, is now serving a pastorate at Alexandria, Huntingdon county.

Miss Leona Shalters, of Welkert, was visiting Kathryn and Ollie Gleixner, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gleixner, in Centre Hall, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher, on Tuesday, went to Sunbury where they will spend a month or more with their son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. E. Roy Corman.

The borough of Edgeworth, Allegheny county, has for its manager a former Potter township youth in the person of Harry F. Burkholder, brother of Morris A. Burkholder, of near town.

A tract of timberland comprised of about thirty acres was purchased by Joseph Kelly & Sons, lumbermen, from William F. Pettehoff, east of Centre Hall. The Kellys are now cutting on the Dr. Lieb farm, adjoining that of the Pettehoff farm.

Some one about the Coburn grain and creamery plant, at Coburn, knows how to feed hogs. Here is the proof: A litter of ten pigs, born last June, were fattened and sold last week in January. The weight was 226 pounds, and the price 13 cents per pound.

C. D. Casebeer bought the Katz property, on High street, Bellefonte. The consideration was \$14,500. Mr. Casebeer has decided to make an apartment on the second floor for his personal use, but has made no arrangements as to the disposal of the first floor.

Forrest Wingart, assistant foreman of the P. R. R. truckmen here, is on a trip to the Pittsburgh region, his mission not having been made clear to his companion workmen. He jokingly said he was taking "mother" with him, but someone tells us that "mother" is younger than he.

Falling while dragging a log with a team of horses resulted in the breaking of both bones in the left leg of Luther P. Bower, of Penn township. The fracture was midway between the knee and ankle. Mr. Bower was assisted to his home by others who happened to be in the woods. Dr. G. S. Frank reduced the fracture.

The Garbrick brothers have been operating their motor sleigh repeatedly this winter with entire satisfaction. Trips to Centre Hall from their farm home several miles distant over difficult roads are made with comparative ease. The motor and propeller are in the rear, giving the operator more ease in turning the front "bob" with steering device.

Four buck deer were shipped to Phillipsburg last week and liberated in the game refuge near that place. The bucks were sent to that region by the State game commission for breeding purposes. They are about two years old, large and supposed to be hardy, and were shipped from the Chambersburg deer preserve. The deer in the Phillipsburg region, sportsmen declare are becoming stunted. A dozen more bucks are to be shipped there to overcome this claimed condition.

Vinton McClellan, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McClellan, of Centre Hall, had a narrow escape from what might have been a serious accident, one evening last week while coasting on the main street of town. The lad was taking a "belly bumper" down the hill toward the Grange hall, when Edgar Sommers, of Pleasant Gap driving an auto, came out of the alley at Grange hall. Coming upon the lad so suddenly, there was little time for decision, and the boy and his sled took the "tunnel" for the full length of the car, entering in front and emerging from the rear with only a scratch on the forehead to tell of the experience.

Making salesmen of children is a practice that should not be countenanced. Many of the articles sold by them are neither of value or use, and the firms that get the benefit give the children no adequate return. Children get a wrong impression, in many instances, both from the customers who buy and those who refuse. This is not intended to apply to the sale of entertainment tickets where the children themselves produce, but in a general way. As a rule the commodity turned over to children to vend could not be sold by an experienced salesman; it requires the appeal of a child to make a sale. And that irresistible appeal in youth should not be so expected.