

STATE GRANGE RETAINS DEWEY AS ITS LEADER

Re-Elects Master of State Body Against Opposition from His Own County.—Calls for Wise Spending.

Philip H. Dewey, of Tioga county, was re-elected master of the State Grange at the annual session held in Lancaster, and John H. Light, of Lebanon, was named secretary. Dewey was opposed by E. B. Dorsett, also of Tioga county, and Rev. Walter D. Gladwin, Bradford county, and W. P. Caldwell, Allegheny county, opposed Light.

Other officers elected included: Overseer, J. A. Boak, Lawrence county; steward, J. B. W. Stuffs, Somerset; assistant steward, H. B. Phillips, Clarion; chaplain, Charles I. Steffy, Venango; treasurer, Frank P. Whitts, Delaware; gate-keeper, Maurice A. Spleen, Elk; Ceres, Mrs. Elda T. Caldwell, Allegheny; Flora, Mrs. Charles E. Rankin, Chester; Pomona, Mrs. George S. Gault, Crawford; lady assistant steward, Miss Jennie Cole, Northampton; member executive committee, A. H. Fullerton, Lawrence; member finance committee, W. S. Ross, Lackawanna; director Keystone Grange Exchange, Clayton Smith, Bedford.

Increased appropriation for roads and schools and removal of the present exemption of manufacturing corporations from taxation were included in the recommendations of the legislative committee. The committee also opposed the proposed bond issue for soldiers' bonus, highways, State buildings and the memorial bridge at Harrisburg. Reforestation and enlarged facilities at State College were advocated.

"We emphatically serve notice that the rural districts of Pennsylvania will not sit idly by and permit excessive expenditures to be made for non-essentials, while decreased appropriations are made for such essentials as roads and schools," the report warned.

"American agriculture should be placed on a level with other American industries," the report went on. In this connection it is urged that benefits for agriculture as well as for industry, and strong farmer co-operative associations not under Federal control. It occurred in the National Grange's recent action favoring the leasing of Muscle Shoals, opposed any change in the Federal farm loan system and favored appropriation by the Federal Government to aid in eradication of insect pests.

Any referendum on the prohibition issue was opposed. In line with the suggestion made by Master Dewey in his annual address at the opening of the convention on Tuesday, Under the caption of State affairs, the report urged "the removal of the present exemption of manufacturing corporations from taxation" and it demanded that the assessment and collections of taxes on rural property be left, as now, to local officials, locally elected. It also opposed any change in the present direct primary system and favored a State fair project.

The State Grange went on record as opposing any change in the existing Sunday observance laws in Pennsylvania, unanimously adopting a resolution to that effect presented by the committee on Sabbath observance.

NOVEMBER REPORT OF COW TESTING ASSOCIATION

The Ten Highest Producing Cows in Centre County in Butterfat, As Reported by Harold Brungart.

Following is the November report of the Centre County Cow Testing Association, as compiled by Harold Brungart, of Smulton:

Herds tested: 23; cows in milk, 233; cows dry, 47; number cows sold profitable, 2; unprofitable, 2; number of cows producing over 40 lbs. fat, 34; over 50 lbs. fat, 17; number cows producing over 1,000 lbs. milk, 30; over 1,200 lbs. milk, 20.

The ten highest producing cows in butterfat for the month:

A. C. Hartly and Bro., Bellefonte—			
Reg. Holstein	1941	3.1	60.1
M. T. Zubler, Spring Mills—			
Reg. Holstein	1322	4.0	53.3
Ward Krape, Bellefonte—			
Pure Holstein	1365	2.9	53.2
A. C. Hartly and Bro., Bellefonte—			
Reg. Holstein	1456	3.6	52.4
J. Victor Brungart, Smulton—			
Pure Jersey	1053	4.8	50.5
Boone Bros., Bellefonte—			
Grade Holstein	1680	3.0	50.4
*Edwin Way, Port Matilda—			
Reg. Holstein	1227	4.1	50.3
Ward Krape, Bellefonte—			
Pure Holstein	1419	3.5	49.6
Peters Bros., Port Matilda—			
Grade Holstein	1206	4.1	49.4
J. Victor Brungart, Smulton—			
Pure Jersey	897	5.5	49.3

*Milking three times daily.

An Unusual Gift.

The Susquehanna Silk Mills at Milton presented the school board of that city the building on Hepburn street for school purposes. The building is estimated to be worth \$70,000.

This unprecedented action, coming from a large industry with a number of plants in other places, shows an unusual interest in public education and what it stands for. The plant might have been sold and the money used for purposes other than equipping boys and girls for citizenship, but evidently the Susquehanna Silk Mills has put a high valuation on young people.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION.

Brief Message from Local Methodist Pastor for "Shut-Ins," Infirm and Aged.

It was not vain curiosity that led the shepherds to Bethlehem to see "this thing which had come to pass." The angel of the Lord appeared to them and said: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." This they considered an "order" to repair thither and report the fact. They would have set off immediately, but suddenly there appeared a multitude of heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will to men."

We do not wonder that they stopped to listen. But as soon as the angels had departed the shepherds determined to go.

If we follow them in spirit we can see that the divine veracity had been strikingly displayed and proven. This was the fulfillment of the chiefest and earliest promise made to man. For centuries the assurance of the promise of the coming One hung in suspense. The world waited, wondered! Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Four thousand weary years rolled on and then "the seed of the woman" appeared to bruise the serpent's head.

God is a God of faithfulness and truth! Even the minutest details of prophecy were fulfilled that He should descend from a particular people—the Jews; a particular tribe—Judah; a particular family—that of David; a particular mother—a virgin; even the place of His birth—Bethlehem.

All these events seemed casual and loosely connected, but they were verity forming a great chain. The verity of God was the pivot upon which all turned, the center in which all united, the end to which all referred.

God is not weakening! His purpose is secretly yet surely moving on, and the most unlikely instruments are contributing to its execution.

Here we see a wonderful combination of nature, the human and the divine. We admit the humanity of Christ, why should we question His divinity? "God was manifest in flesh," what a combination of grandeur and abasement! Whose birth could have been more degrading? There was no welcome awaiting Him, no preparation for His coming. The world was made by Him and the world knew Him not. A stable was His birth chamber, a manger His cradle, and yet whose birth was ever so glorious as His? Though rich, He became poor. He was not forced to enter such a lowly state, but He freely gave His life as a ransom for us. Not our desert, but His mercy moved Him to do it.

But great as this thing is which has come to pass, there are many who refuse to take a step to see it. Even at the very festival which commemorates it they will be found anywhere rather than kneeling, reverently, at Bethlehem's manger. They will be attracted to everything rather than to that sight, which the shepherds left their flocks and hastened to see. That sight which drew all heaven down to earth.

The supreme emotion of the Christmas time should be, not mirth, but HOLY JOY, which leads to reverent worship.—C. E. HAZEN.

No Paper Next Week.

Next week being Christmas week no paper will be issued from this office, which is in accord with a custom of long standing. The office will be open, however, to receive orders for printing and money on subscription.

The Reporter wishes its many readers and friends a very merry Christmas, and a bright, happy and prosperous New Year.

Salary of Air Mail Pilot.

The lure of flying holds its monetary reward, at least for the air mail pilot.

The aviator postman receives an annual salary of between \$4,000 and \$9,000. The high pay, plus the desire for the excitement of flying, recently caused two field superintendents of the service to desert ground jobs and return to piloting. Both now fly regular mail routes.

The mail pilot receives a base pay of between \$2,000 and \$3,500, depending on length of service and is paid in addition by the mile for flying service. For daylight flying he receives a five cent rate between Cleveland and Cheyenne, six cents between Cheyenne and Reno, and seven cents between New York and Cleveland, and between Reno and San Francisco. For night flying the mileage scale is doubled.

The hazards of mail piloting are held by postal officials to justify the pay.

Wage Increase for 731 State Employees

Approval by Governor Pinchot of salary increases for 731 State employees was announced a few days ago. The increases are effective as of December 1, were granted for meritorious service and affect 398 men and 333 women, the executive board said.

The increases are in line with a system of promotion inaugurated at the time positions were classified and standardized and largely affect lower salaried employees. Sixty per cent of the 731 persons increased were receiving less than \$1,500 annually; 227 were receiving less than \$3,000 annually and the remainder were receiving between \$3,000 and \$5,000 annually.

The increases total \$72,480 a year and represent 1.1 per cent of the total payroll.

BIG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Cantata This (Thursday) Evening in Lutheran Church Under Direction of Mrs. Krader.—Christmas Tree Services Friday Evening at 7:30.—Cornet Solos, Duets, Carol Singing, Band Music, and Distribution of Gifts.

Centre Hall and community round about will enjoy a Christmas festival of song, worship and entertainment, in which the true community spirit promises to prevail. The committee on arrangements has practically completed all details to a successful carrying out of the program.

The festival begins this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Lutheran church with a cantata entitled, "King of Kings and Lord of All." Mrs. Alberta Krader, of Bellefonte, has had under her charge for the past two weeks a group of some fifty voices, representing the united choirs of the town. The cantata is a beautiful composition, and a number of solo parts are outstanding features. Mrs. Krader has worked wonders with an entire group, save one or two individuals of untrained singers, and too much credit cannot be accorded her.

Following is the cantata program: The rendition of which will consume probably an hour and a half of time, and will be in two parts—

PART I—"The Promise." Prelude. Behold, a King Shall Reign. Tenor Voices

- Mrs. S. F. Greenhoe
- Mrs. Frank M. Fisher
- Mrs. Harry W. Potter
- Mrs. J. F. Wetzel
- Mrs. C. H. Homan
- Mrs. J. F. McClellan
- Mrs. J. H. Puff
- Mrs. Paul Fetterolf
- Miss Vianna Zettle
- Mrs. Charles S. Smith
- Miss Elizabeth Gross
- Mrs. J. Wm. Bradford
- Miss Verna Rowe
- Mrs. A. W. Alexander
- Miss Agnes Geary

Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk
Mrs. George O. Booner
Mrs. William Fiedler
Mrs. Alma Rickert

- William C. Booser
- Edward E. Bailey
- William W. Kerlin
- Floyd E. Snyder
- H. Leish Elbright
- E. W. Crawford
- George Luse
- Elwood Smith
- Willbur McClellan
- Samuel Gross
- W. F. Floray

Community Christmas Tree Service.

The second community Christmas tree service will be held around the tree located on the diamond, on Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The tree will be decorated and lighted to give it a real Christmas cheer, and to aid in extending the Christmas spirit to the several hundred children and so many more grown-ups expected to be nearby as the program is being executed. There will be carol singing, cornet solos, duets, quartettes, and band music, and then the distribution of a Christmas package to every child under twelve years of age that personally calls on the official Santa Claus, who will not be difficult to find or heard.

History tells us that the first Christmas tree was a living fir tree, standing straight and green, with its top branches pointing toward the stars—introduced into Germany 700 years after the birth of Christ by Win-

In His Day, Judah Shall Be Saved. . . . Mrs. H. W. Potter and Chorus

Behold, the Angel of the Lord. . . . F. E. Snyder and Male Chorus

Come, O Come, Emmanuel. . . . Ensemble

Address. . . . Rev. S. F. Greenhoe

Silver offering.

Solo—Wonderful Baby Jesus. . . . Alberta M. Krader

PART II—"The Fulfillment." Mary Brought Forth Her First Born Son. . . . Women's Chorus

In a Manger Laid So Lowly. Ensemble

Cantique de Noel. . . . Mrs. H. W. Potter and Chorus

There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Men's and Mixed Chorus.

Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings. . . . Mrs. F. W. Goodhart, Mrs. G. O. Booner, Mrs. S. F. Greenhoe, and Chorus

"Silent Night," with obligato. . . . Mrs. Krader and Chorus

Joy to the World. . . . Ensemble

Glory to God in the Highest. . . . Mrs. J. F. Wetzel and Chorus

Crown Him Lord of All. . . . Mrs. Wetzel, Mrs. Potter and Chorus

The following are taking part in the rendition of the cantata:

SOPRANO

- Miss Katherine Martz
- Miss Esther Martz
- Miss Lenora Poust
- Miss Alma Lutz
- Miss Katherine Goodhart
- Miss Gertha Sharer
- Mrs. Ernest Homan
- Miss Sara Smith
- Miss Martha Boal
- Miss Louise Smith
- Mrs. Maggie Godehall
- Mrs. Chester A. Spyrker
- Mrs. John M. Coldron
- Mrs. Thomas L. Moore
- Miss Algie Emery

ALTO

- Mrs. F. V. Goodhart
- Mrs. J. S. Booser
- Mrs. W. W. Kerlin
- Miss Laura Runkle

TENOR

- J. M. Kirkpatrick
- Frank M. Fisher
- Charles S. Smith
- F. P. Geary
- Harold Dyest
- Kryder F. Frank
- Bruce Knarr
- Robert P. Campbell

Accompanist—Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick.

DEATHS

NOLL.—Ralph W. Noll died at his home in Pleasant Gap, on Sunday morning after a brief illness from what is commonly known as enlargement of the heart. He had been superintendent of the Rockview penitentiary farms and had a general oversight of all the outside work at the institution. Although not feeling well for some time, he fulfilled his duties up to Wednesday evening prior to his death. Before engaging with the State institution, Mr. Noll was manager of the White Rock Stone quarries for a number of years.

Mr. Noll was married to Miss Edna Keller, daughter of E. K. Keller, of Pleasant Gap, who survives him. The couple were childless. He was the oldest son of William H. Noll, merchant and former county commissioner, who with Ray Noll, a full brother, survive him, as do also these half-sisters: Mrs. Madeline Keller, Philadelphia; Helen, June, Ethel and Beatrice Noll, the latter a student in a Philadelphia hospital-nursing school. His age was 39 years, 2 months and 13 days.

Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. W. Wagner, and later at the Lutheran church. Interment in the Union cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

SCHOFFELD.—Bellefonte on Tuesday morning lost one of its most prominent citizens and business men in the death of Hon. James A. Schoffeld. He had been a resident of the county seat since the latter sixties and in business for himself since 1871, at which time he purchased a harness-making establishment. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, March 20, 1848, and at the age of eighteen decided to make the States his permanent home, and not long after coming to our shores located in Bellefonte, having learned the trade of harness making in his home country.

Politically Mr. Schoffeld was a Democrat, and was honored by his party by being elected to the lower house of the State legislature two terms—in 1892 and 1896. In 1894 he was also a candidate, but was defeated. His last election was by a margin of 105 at an election that gave McKinley 500 majority.

His wife, who survives him, before marriage was Miss Ellen Fleck a resident of Philadelphia. The children are Edward, in Philadelphia; Mrs. Geo. Barker, of New Brunswick, N. J.; Mrs. Nan McGinness, Scranton; Mrs. Lizzie Lutz, Bellefonte.

Mr. Schoffeld was aged 78 years, 9 months and 26 days.

MEEK.—After eight weeks illness, following a serious operation, Dr. Elsie Meek, of Bellefonte, died at the Clearfield hospital on Monday. She was apparently recovering when she suffered a relapse on Sunday night. She was a daughter of the late P. Gray Meek, for many years one of the Democratic leaders in Pennsylvania politics and for more than half a century editor of the Democratic and Watchman, of Bellefonte. She was a graduate of State College and the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia. She practiced in Johnstown several years, then spent two years in India as a medical missionary. She later spent two years in Alaska in government work and did settlement work in New York City. She was unmarried but is survived by one brother and three sisters.

BROWN.—Samuel S. Brown died at Milroy on Sunday morning. He is well known throughout Central Pennsylvania, having for many years been landlord at the Milroy hotel, where he as a landlord and his hotel gained a wide reputation. He is survived by a second wife and three children: Mrs. Bixler, Forey Brown and Jefferson Brown.

BOWER.—Viola, wife of Luther P. Bower, died in the Centre County hospital on Sunday from cancer, and was taken to her home on the Dr. Musser farm, west of Millheim, from where interment was made. She was the daughter of John Bubb and was reared in Potter township. Her age was about 50 years. Her parents are both dead, but her husband and several children, and two sisters, Mrs. Harry Letzell, of Millheim, and Mrs. Harry Bible, of Altoona, survive her.

GAMBLE.—George M. Gamble, aged about 60 years, former operator of the Gamble flouring mill, died in Bellefonte, Tuesday morning. He is survived by a wife and several children. He suffered a paralytic stroke during last July, from the effects of which he never recovered.

CARNER.—Miss Naomi Carner, daughter of Paul Carner, of Hublersburg, died in a Philadelphia hospital where she was a nurse in training. Burial was made in Bellefonte on Wednesday.

Other deaths on last page.

The Total of Bucks Killed.

The portion of the Seven Mountains over which Ranger W. F. McKinley has control proved a prolific field for hunters during the season open for killing buck deer. A total of 233 legal bucks were killed in this small area. Fifteen illegal deer were killed, and fines collected on six. Five foxes were also captured. There were no accidents.

From Little Sugar Valley to the end of Nittany Mountain, at Lemont, thirty bucks and one bear were reported killed.

C. F. KALP, Treasurer.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

No paper next week. It was 8 degrees below zero early Saturday morning.

Wednesday night, December 23rd—"What Happened to Santa," in Grange Arcadia, by the school children.

Current rumor had it that the Bartholomew building had been sold. The report is entirely without foundation, Mr. Bartholomew says.

The children of the Lutheran Sunday school will render a Christmas program on Sunday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

The borough schools close on Friday for a week's vacation over the Yuletide season. Classes will be resumed Monday morning, January 3rd.

Beginning the first of the new year, Federal Court Judge Albert W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, will receive a yearly salary of \$10,000 instead of \$7,500 as heretofore.

Frank Holmes, of State College, while hunting deer in the Barrens above State College, in the closing days of the season, came upon a big bear, which he shot.

Demer S. Ishler secured a large number of Christmas trees from a small tract of timber land he purchased recently. The trees were taken to Tyrone and Altoona and there sold at a good profit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Moore motored to Sunbury, on Saturday, where they met their son, Rev. Frederic Moore, and their daughter, Miss Miriam Moore, who accompanied them home for the Christmas season.

Sunday evening after Christmas, at 8:30 o'clock, the annual community Christmas celebration will be held on the diamond, Bellefonte. A feature of the program will be a chorus of 600 school children, trained by Mrs. Alberta Krader.

Postmaster General New issued orders to postmasters, carriers and clerks to work until 12:00 noon on Christmas day and then hang up. This means there will be no rural delivery on Christmas day, and that the post office will be closed for all classes of business after the noon hour.

A car load of certified Michigan seed potatoes were purchased by the Union County Potato Growers Association, at \$2.50 per bushel, and when the tubers arrived at their destination they were found to be infested with the Colorado potato beetle. The ventilators on the car were said to have been improperly handled.

A Star coupe was sold by the Fetterolf agency to Merrill Bressler, at Spring Mills. The Bressler family is partial to the Durant product as well as favoring the Fetterolf agency, for this is the third car sold to members of the family: William Bressler purchased a Durant; Miles, a son, a Star touring, and now a junior secured a Star coupe.

The Scott Club will not be complete if it does not have marchers in line from Centre Hall. He will be called on from here to head all political clubs and to join the marching element would be but a slight form of recognition, and from now on every one aspiring to get his name on the State pay roll will need that familiar "H. B. S." o. k.

Rev. E. E. Gilbert, pastor of the Christ Lutheran church at McClure, for the past five years, has resigned his pastorate there to accept a call from the Buffalo charge in Union county. Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert will reside in West Milton. Rev. Gilbert has a record of thirty-seven years in ministerial work. His new charge is one of the largest and most prosperous country parishes in the Susquehanna Synod.

The Lewisburg Journal states that J. Fred Kurtz has been housed up with a severe cold for the past ten days which threatened to develop into pneumonia. The same paper makes this reference to another former citizen well known hereabouts: J. W. Nease, of R. D. 3, was in town on business Thursday, stopping at this office for a pleasant call. Mr. Nease was one of those who lost employment through the failure of the Milton Mfg. Co.

John Goheen has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Goodhart, in Centre Hall. He will soon become a student in Mercersburg College. He is but fifteen years of age with all the appearances in size and form of a mature man. He was born in the States but lived nearly all of his life in India, where his father, John Goheen, is head of the industrial and agricultural school connected with a Presbyterian Mission field.

The Millifung Telegraph makes this reference to a hostess well known to Reporter readers: Mrs. John O. Delb delightfully entertained a few of her friends at a twelve o'clock dinner at her home on West Walnut street on Monday afternoon. The lunch was spent in playing "500." Those present were: Mrs. Thomas Stover, Mrs. Ada Eberhart, Mrs. Emma Ruly, Mrs. G. L. Reish, Mrs. Scott Walter, Mrs. Edwin Delb, Mrs. W. O. Huntingdon, and Mrs. A. Rothermel.

The new concrete road over Seven Mountains is now open to use of pleasure cars and trucks of not over one ton capacity. After Christmas the road will be open to all traffic. When opened the concrete was pretty well covered with ice and snow, but could be traveled with reasonable safety. A stretch of a bit less than one-half mile represents the portion of the four and one-half miles not completed. This section is not so smooth at present, but as time goes on will be improved.