

FARMERS' COUNCIL

Important Discussion Of Railroad Discrimination.

THE ADDRESS OF SENATOR J. W. LEE.

Little Billy Brosius ready Wound Up—Reports on the Condition of the Wheat Unfavorable for a Good Yield—Some Fields Plowed Over—Discussing Tree-Planting.

A stated meeting of the Lancaster county Agricultural and Horticultural society was held in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. Monday afternoon.

John H. Landis, president, Millersville; Calvin Cooper, secretary pro tem; Joseph F. Witmer, Paradise; John L. Little, Britton; James Wood, Willow; Henry M. Engle, Marietta; Dr. J. P. Wickersham, city; S. P. Ely, city; J. H. Mather, city; Capt. W. B. Bricker, Dantz; Wm. H. Brosius, Drummer; H. S. Hoover, Manheim; Peter S. Reist, Little; M. D. Kemble, Crosswell; D. E. Mayer, Manheim; R. M. Starnes, Manheim; C. Kaufman, Columbia; Levi K. Brown, Fullon; W. V. Gries, city; F. R. Diefenberger, city; C. K. Andrews, Providence; J. Hoffman, city; C. L. Hunsicker, Manheim township; Wm. T. Clark, Drummer; Jacob H. Landis, Manheim; J. H. Mather, Manheim; A. Adam Herr, East Lampeter; Martin Kendig, Conestoga; Frank Landis, East Lampeter; Thos. B. Holahan, city; Henry Herr, Manheim; J. H. Mather, Manheim; J. H. Strassburg, Manheim; John W. Eshelman, Paradise.

H. M. Engle reported that from the present appearance of the wheat fields the hopes that were cherished at the time that they might have an average crop will not be realized. There is not one wheat field in twenty that has not bare spots, and many fields are almost worthless. On the whole there is much hope that the crop will average a third of an average. The grass and fruit crops promise well. The season has been very backward, but oats and potatoes have been planted and farmers are anxious to plant corn. The rainfall for March was one inch and nine-sixteenths; for April it was one inch and five-sixteenths; for May a very light fall for this season of the year.

Johnson Miller, of Warwick, estimated that the wheat crop in that section of the county would average 15 bushels per acre. Average crop; some of the grass fields, too, have been frozen out and will be plowed under for corn. Farmers have mended their oats and timothy but no corn has been planted. Peach and pear trees are in bloom and promise a good crop.

Joseph F. Witmer, of Paradise, said the wheat crop in his neighborhood was not as promising as it was a month ago; some fields were so bad that they have been plowed under for corn. Potatoes are being sown and some fields are being planted. Peach and pear trees are in bloom and promise a good crop.

President Landis introduced Hon. J. W. Lee, state senator from Yamango, who read the following paper:

Although he has brought up upon a farm, I am not qualified to speak to an audience composed of farmers of the richest agricultural county in the world upon the subject of the proper succession of crops to render your lands most highly remunerative, and at the same time to be unimpaired at the end of a series of years. For want of knowledge I am not able to speak of the relative merits of different fertilizers, and I am not qualified to find more profitable ultimately to have raised tobacco or wheat. In short, I am not prepared to say whether it is more profitable in the mere pursuit of the cultivation of your farms, you may become richer, or render your broad acres more productive. The condition of your farms is a matter of perfect to which you have carried farming, prove that in these subjects, important, indeed, you have given much attention. They relate to your prosperity, your health, and you need no other incentive to study them. May it not be possible that to the study of these subjects, you have given more attention than you have given to the study of them. May it not be possible that to the study of these subjects, you have given more attention than you have given to the study of them.

A state has been described as a collective body composed of a multitude of individual, united for their safety and convenience, and intending to act together as one man. This is the ideal of a state, and it is only by the power of the whole body acting as if under the guidance of a single will to secure the safety and convenience of all. Of the state you are by reason of your residence members, and by reason of members you actually constitute the majority. It is therefore in your keeping. If the actual condition of the state is such that it is not governed for the benefit of the whole, but for the benefit of a few, it is your duty to see that it is so governed. If the actual condition of the state is such that it is not governed for the benefit of the whole, but for the benefit of a few, it is your duty to see that it is so governed.

Those who would secure advantages through unequal laws, who fear the honest judgment of the people, who are content upon other influences, to control the representatives of the people, in enacting laws, that the potential influence of a really enlighten and uncorrupted public opinion, would invest questions of legislation with a profound and uncorruptable mystery, to persuade the people they are too deep to be fathomed, and this protect the representatives from the coercive power of public opinion. The good and bad legislator are alike subject to the power of public opinion. With the care that may be exercised in the selection and election of representatives, there is no safety in the absence of a commission consisting of the members of the legislature, who should bear the share of the tax in establishing and maintaining the expenditure of the public opinion. The sovereign will which it expresses should be the resultant of all individual wills. If this is not so, or if the individual judgments are influenced by any less than the good of the whole, the laws must, of necessity, be pernicious for the good have absolute authority, and the laws must be governed with interested motives take their places.

QUESTIONS ALL CAN UNDERSTAND. The man who undertakes the consideration of any question with the idea that it is beyond his mental grasp will find himself to grapple with it. These questions of government of legislation are almost wholly within your reach. This is a wise government; intended to be such. There may be questions of law relating to legal remedies or constitutional questions which must be left to the lawyers. On these questions you may safely trust them.

A GOOD WORD FOR LAWYERS. May I say a word in passing in behalf of the profession to which I belong. I know in the minds of some there is a prejudice against sending lawyers to legislative assemblies. Many hold the opinion of the teacher who went into a room with a pupil and said, "I am a lawyer, and the law says that here is a lawyer and an honest man."

The boy inquired the meaning. After looking at him for some time, he replied: "This is very simple. The cutting down of orchards to gather the fruit. This reckless destruction of the forests threatens the agricultural interests of the state. Forest fires alone destroy annually by the loss of millions of dollars of lumber, and other property in Pennsylvania, and \$25,000,000 in the United States. Forests cover the upper watershed of the Susquehanna in the Columbia, the Plateau and the Rio Grande, and preserve the California valley from burial from the debris of the Sierra. Such forests also cover the upper slopes of the Allegheny mountains and diminish the damage of floods in the valleys of the Susquehanna and the Ohio. The destruction of the forests by fire, and the construction lessens the rain fall. It produces great floods at certain seasons, and an alarming scarcity of water in the springs and streams in other portions of the state. The flow of water in the rivers of the commonwealth has decreased at least one-half in the last fifty years. With the cutting down of the population of cities and the constantly decreasing flow of water in the streams upon which they depend for both the water supply and drainage, the construction of water works, especially their wanton and unnecessary destruction, calls for legislative intervention. Parks owned and controlled by the state, as water sheds, as suggested as a partial remedy.

AMENDMENT OF FENCE LAWS. Closely connected with this subject of forests is one which involves the amendment or repeal of the law relating to fences in the commonwealth. It is hardly possible to consider one without also considering the other. The law relating to fences is one of the most important subjects which will engross the attention of the legislature for years to come. How can we have a system of perfect and secured? By commissions? I have known very little good to result from an investigation of a subject by a commission. The law relating to fences is one of the most important subjects which will engross the attention of the legislature for years to come. How can we have a system of perfect and secured? By commissions? I have known very little good to result from an investigation of a subject by a commission.

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POPULAR SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION. The legislature should invite and receive the criticism of the people. Nothing is more calculated to breed corruption and to bring the legislature into disrepute than the part of legislators, that their constituents either do not understand or are indifferent to the laws, which they are placing upon the statute book. Every citizen should be made to feel that he is a member of the legislature, and that he should be held to a strict accountability for the votes they cast. But criticism is not enough. The people should realize that he is a citizen of a splendid commonwealth, and that he should exercise the greatest care in the selection of his representatives.

PLAIN PRINCIPLES OF LEGISLATION. The principles which lie at the root of legislation are few and simple. The primary one is that of equality and justice. The laws should operate upon all alike. Those who are guilty of a crime should be punished as the guilty, and those who are innocent should be treated as such. No one should be persuaded that the application of these principles will affect harmfully the interests of any individual or class. It is impossible. Of the question of right or wrong which will be involved in the proposed laws, the legislator should be a professional man or the graduate of a college. He must be intelligent and patriotic; not a man who is guided by any selfish, personal or even sectional interest. He should look upon the state as a whole, upon every citizen, no matter how humble, as a member of the state, and upon every portion of the state as entitled to mark its products in the most convenient and profitable manner.

THE SUBJECT OF TREE-PLANTING. Other questions of vital importance to the farmers of the commonwealth must be subjects of legislation in the near future. Relating to some of these subjects, bills have been introduced, and are pending. Upon others resolutions have been offered looking to legislation. Only last week a resolution was introduced in the Senate, providing for the appointment of a commission consisting of six persons to investigate as to the best means to be adopted for the preservation of the forests and the establishment of parks in the eastern, central and western parts of the state. The fact of the wanton destruction of the forests was asserted as the reason for the creation of such a commission. Indeed, this must be apparent to any one who travels through the state. In many of the counties the trunks of half-grown, thrifty trees, which the axe has been ruthlessly laid simply for the sake of the bark, written the hill-side. No use whatever is made of the wood. This is very simple. The cutting down of orchards to gather the fruit. This reckless destruction of the forests threatens the agricultural interests of the state. Forest fires alone destroy annually by the loss of millions of dollars of lumber, and other property in Pennsylvania, and \$25,000,000 in the United States.

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Mr. Brosius, referring to a remark by Mr. Brosius, that the anti-discrimination law was unconstitutional, and that the supreme court of the United States had decided that discrimination was unconstitutional, and that the court probably knew something about the matter.

Mr. Brosius tried to explain that the transportation of wheat in Pennsylvania was a matter of public interest, and that the law relating to fences is one of the most important subjects which will engross the attention of the legislature for years to come.

A WHOLESALF THIEF

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES. The Condition of the Barometer and Thermometer and Indications for the Morning. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—For the Middle Atlantic states, partly cloudy weather and local rains, southerly winds, slight rise in temperature. For the Upper Mississippi and Missouri Valleys, the Lake region, and in New England, cloudy weather now prevails in the Lake region. In the districts on the Atlantic coast the weather is fair. The temperature has risen in all districts east of the Mississippi river. On the Atlantic and East Gulf coasts and in the Lower Lake region, the winds are generally from the south; in all other districts they are variable.

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At the Station House. The mayor disposed of four drunks and three lodgers this morning. The drunks were townsmen and were discharged on the payment of costs. The lodgers, who were ordered to leave town were discharged. Only one gas light was reported as not burning last night.

THE IRONSIDES MATCHES

On Monday afternoon the Lancaster county played their second game since the season's start. Their opponents were the Lancaster club of Philadelphia. The game was a severe lesson, and one which they have never forgotten to remember. The visitors were a fine looking team and included Miller, who played on the Ironsides year before last. The home club showed up well all around, but the pitching of the former was so effective that the boys from Lancaster were able to score but two hits. Miller played a fine game in good style. The home team played a fine game in the field, and the errors that they had were almost excusable. The pitcher of the visitors was a big, stout, left-handed fellow, who only became more so as his delivery and pitching him terribly. The ball was knocked in all parts of the field and several times against the fence at the longest place. Collins secured two doubles. The Mantus played a good game in the field until the hard hitting began when they became more so. The Ironsides had no one on the ground to keep the score in full. As much as could be obtained is given below:

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THE LANCASTERS WINS AT TRENTON. Yesterday the Lancaster played their second game at Trenton and succeeded in winning. The home team was out of the bat, but they lost the game by frightful errors. "Big Sliet" himself having no less than three errors on third. Warner, the second baseman, was injured in the seventh inning, and it is feared that he will not be able to play any more this season. The score is as follows:

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THE QUESTION OF LARCENY AND VERACITY THAT A small war has been raging for five months in Elizabethtown about a watch and a watch case. On December 3 Anna Goss offered at Edw. Coble's store to trade off a watch case which she said she had won at a Highgate fair, and which she was disgusted with. The watch case was a fine one, and she was subsequently arrested and returned to court, on complaint of E. F. Hahn, who was at Coble's during the deceiver, for larceny of this watch case. The watch case was a fine one, and she was subsequently arrested and returned to court, on complaint of E. F. Hahn, who was at Coble's during the deceiver, for larceny of this watch case.

Look Out for Thieves. Following in the wake of every circus there is a gang of sharpers and thieves, who take advantage of the large crowd to operate. It is the custom of these men to do a great deal of such work as entering houses while the street patrol is being made. Housekeepers should see that their houses are securely locked, and that they are not absent for any length of time. The police would do well to look out for the light-fingered gentry who are undoubtedly to be seen.

NO CLERK FOR THE TREASURER. The Court thinks John M. Greider Can Run His Office Without Help. The court at noon today disapproved the action of the salary board in providing a clerk for the county treasurer, at a salary of \$600 per year.

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