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THE PATRONS EXHIBITION

In Progress at Grange Park This Week

PROGRAMME OF THE WEEK

It is the Twenty-Third Annual Grange Gathering--List of Tent Holders and Some of the Exhibits on the Ground--Interesting Discussions.

This is Granger Picnic week and almost everybody in Centre, and many from adjoining counties, will be in attendance. Grange Park at Centre Hall is the centre of attraction and interest. Hundreds of tents are set and the white canvass extends over a large area. The various buildings and sheds are occupied with merchants, implement dealers, fakers and all kinds of vendors. The auditorium has been greatly improved by a fine line of scenery consisting of drop curtains, side wings, borders, etc., and the stage is equipped for entertainments. The ground is laid out as on former occasions. The tents are mostly to the West. The Midway Plaisance with its peanut stands, side shows, and catch penny devices is at the same old place.

THE OPENING.

On Saturday a large number of people from all sections came flocking to the ground. Most of them were tenters anxious to get everything arranged for Sunday. There was a lively bustle and the chairman Hon. Leonard Rhone, assisted by his committee, were kept more than busy assigning all to their quarters.

HICK'RY FARM.

On Saturday evening an excellent entertainment was given by the young people of Centre Hall, entitled "Hick'ry Farm." It was a comedy-drama, of New England life. It was so well rendered that a request was generally made for its reproduction on Monday evening, and another large audience was in attendance.

The following is the cast of characters: Ezekiel Fortune, a New England farmer, E. J. Wolf; Uriah Skinner, a miser, W. C. Booser; Gilbert Darkwood, handsome and unscrupulous, W. G. Mingle; Jack Nelson, Ed. Kerlin; Lawrence McKeegan, an alderman from the city, C. F. Deininger; Detective Rankin, W. D. Shoop; two constables, C. H. Meyer, L. L. Smith; Jessie Fortune, pretty and unsophisticated, Grace Alexander; Mrs. Priscilla Dodge, a susceptible widow, Emily Alexander.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The attendance at the services on Sunday was large. All day people came from every section. In the morning Rev. Faus, of the Methodist church, preached an interesting sermon. Sunday evening the Christian Endeavor held a special service after which Rev. Gooding delivered a sermon. On Monday a disagreeable rain set in and nothing of any importance transpired, except the arrival of more tenters, and exhibitors and general improvement of their quarters.

The Farmers band, of Rote, Clinton county, is furnishing good music during the entire week.

TUESDAY'S EXERCISES.

The heavy rain on Tuesday morning made things very disagreeable. The exercises of the week were formally opened by an able address by Hon. Leonard Rhone, master of the State Grange, which was responded to by George Dale in a creditable manner. J. C. Weaver, lecturer of the County Grange, and I. S. Frain, also spoke in the interest of the organization during the forenoon. In the afternoon Dr. Leonard Pearson spoke on diseases and care of live stock. It was an able talk and interested a large audience. Rev. J. Zeigler, chairman of the prohibition county committee, also made an address. Dr. H. T. Rothrock gave an interesting talk in the evening on forestry.

EXERCISES WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was an ideal picnic day. The sky cleared up early and a cool breeze soon dried up the ground and made everything cheery and fine. From all sections people came by rail and conveyance, and a very large attendance was the result.

The following is the programme issued for Wednesday:

9.30 A. M.--Hon. Mr. Harrison, Road Engineer of U. S. Dept., of Agriculture, discussed the road question; followed by Hon. John A. Hamilton, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, and Director of Institutes.

2.00 P. M.--Hon. C. Stuart Patterson, president of the Sound Money League, spoke on the Gold Standard as it affects the farmer; followed by Mr. Carthy, of New York.

7.30 P. M.--Addresses by Mrs. Helen Johnson, Ceres of Penna. State Grange, and Hon. W. F. Hill Lecturer of State Grange.

THE EXHIBITS.

The display of farm implements, vehicles, improved wire fence, churns,

live stock, merchandise is quite large and at the time of making the list all were not on the ground, Wednesday noon. In a tour over the ground the following were noticed:

W. O. Rearick, of the Centre Hall foundry and machine works, had a very large line of farm implements, chop mills which were in operation.

W. L. Goodhart Co., Millheim, was arranging his display of farm implements.

Booser Bros., of Centre Hall, have several fine buggies and carriages, also a large assortment of harness and supplies.

J. F. Miffin, Bloomsburg--hame fastener.

P. P. Mast, Philadelphia--farm implements.

Hanover Machine Co., Hanover Pa--farm implements, water wheel, ranges, R. D. Foreman, Centre Hall--Champion binder.

S. A. Allen & Co., Philadelphia--gardens and field implements.

E. S. Sheffer, Williamsport--large display of bicycles.

McCalmont & Co., of Bellefonte, as is their custom, are on hand with the largest and complete line of farm implements of every description. Their display is in charge of Mr. Underwood.

W. A. Huber, Mechanicsburg--bicycles and notions.

J. and G. W. Stover, Mill Hall--improved wire fence.

John Bitner, Centre Hall--improved wire fence.

W. F. Thompson, State College--cream separator.

J. R. Keller, Bellefonte--Texas air churn.

Demorest Manfg. Co., Williamsport--bicycles and sewing machines.

The following mercantile houses are represented with displays:

Harper & Kremer, Centre Hall--general merchandise.

Thornton Barnes, Philadelphia--groceries.

Wanamaker & Brown, Philadelphia--clothing.

W. B. Krape, Spring Mills--jewelry.

Garittee & Son, Philadelphia--clothing.

C. P. Long, Spring Mills--general merchandise.

Wolf & Crawford, Centre Hall--general merchandise.

M. Young, Jamestown, N. Y.--wire wove jewelry.

HORSES, CATTLE AND HOGS.

This department is under the direction of Geo. W. Gingerich, and is well represented this year. The following are on exhibition: Shook Bros., of Wood-lawn farm, near Spring Mills, have a large and fine display of well bred stock and poultry that attracts attention. They have Jersey and Guernsey cattle, Berkshire and Chester White hogs and choice poultry.

Pa. State College experiment station has another large display of registered stock.

Jas. A. Keller, Centre Hall--Poland China hogs.

G. W. Gingerich, Centre Hall--English Berkshire hogs.

Geo. L. Lee, Madisonburg--O. I. C. hogs.

G. L. Goodhart, Centre Hill--Berkshire and Poland China, Berkshire and O. I. C., Chesterwhite and Poland China hogs. Three exhibits.

S. W. Smith, Edgewood farm, Centre Hall, has some of the finest stock on the ground--eight head of Jersey heifers.

Walter W. Griffin, Montandon--registered Berkshire hogs.

Isaac Frain, Abdera--thorough-bred horses--"Royal," Percheon stallion; "Bison," French coach stallion; "Beecher," Sy-old coach stallion; "Retta," Percheon mare.

Geo. Dale, Lemont--several thorough-bred colts.

D. J. Meyer, Centre Hall--Jersey cattle.

The following are also represented: "Farmer's Friend," Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Grange Fire Insurance company, of Centre county.

"The Centre Democrat," Bellefonte.

"Keystone Gazette," Bellefonte.

Democratic and Republican headquarters.

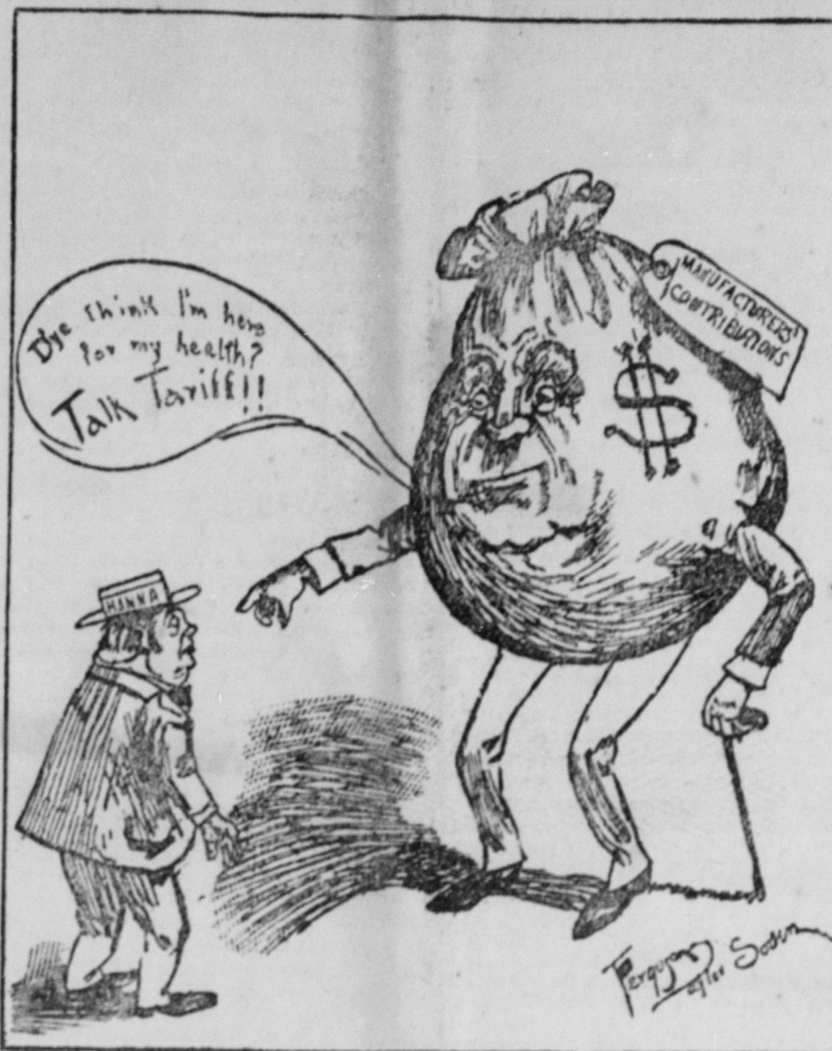
Pa. State College experiment station has a large display of tropical plants, bulbs, seeds, grains, fruit, etc., and is one of the interesting features on the ground.

The usual number of side shows, shooting galleries, merry-go-rounds, candy factories, photo galleries, museums, and such like tend to attract and amuse the crowd as usual.

Thursday-to-day will be the most important day of the week. The discussion of the silver question will attract many. Among the speakers are C. DeWitt, of Towanda, Pa. It is probable that Senator Steward, the famous free silver champion, will be on hand also, Gen. Warner, of Ohio.

Mr. George Dale, of Lemont, has charge of implement display.

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MONEY TALKS!

--New York News.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR.

Frank W. Hess, a Popular Young Man of Phillipsburg.

To the public, the position of county auditor is one of the greatest importance, yet it frequently is given little consideration when tickets are named. All the expenditures of the various officials are carefully examined by these men and in them lies the responsibility of cutting out all unjust bills and excessive



fees, and in that way keep down the taxpayer's burdens.

The above is a portrait of one of our nominees for this position--Mr. Frank W. Hess, of Phillipsburg, who is admirably qualified for the place. Frank W. Hess, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hess, and was born at Unionville, August 30, 1870. In 1873 they moved to Phillipsburg, where they engaged in the mercantile business and have resided there ever since. Frank W. is associated with his father in this enterprise, which has enjoyed a liberal patronage. From this mercantile experience and clerical training he is a practical business man, accustomed to business forms. In addition, he possesses a liberal education received in the public school of Phillipsburg. He is active, bright and thoroughly competent. In addition he is practical, of good judgment and the highest integrity.

In 1893 Mr. Hess was appointed Mercantile Appraiser of this county and performed the work in a very acceptable manner. Mr. Hess has always taken an active part in politics in that community and frequently was selected as delegate to different county conventions. He has the confidence and respect of his own community--the highest endorsement to be desired.

TRAVELING people claim that they hear more agitation in Bellefonte on the money question than any where else in the state. Bellefonte was always known as a big free town. We intend to hustle up a hustling silver majority in November.

GROVER CLEVELAND and Secretary Carlisle have joined the Democratic gold party and will support Palmer. That is no surprise. Grover was always a gold bug, and for that reason he can't ride on our band wagon this year. Good by, Grover; good by.

The railroads are carrying thousands of people to canton, Ohio, to see McKinley. They do it for almost nothing--mere song. All the large corporations, the wealthy classes, bloated bond holders and that like have a common interest in McKinley. The farmers and laboring-men are not in that crowd.

B. F. KISTER.

Of Millheim, Nominee for County Auditor, on the Democratic Ticket.

The subject of this sketch was born in Loganton, Clinton county, in 1855, and was a son of Jeremiah Kister, who was a veteran of the late war. He enlisted in 1861 and in 1864 his life blood was sacrificed for the cause of his country. The family soon afterwards moved to Aaronsburg, this county. At about the age of 10 years Mr. Kister found it necessary to begin life's struggle and be self supporting. He became an apprentice in the "Centre Berichter" under Fred Kurtz, Sr., under whom he served several years and became an expert printer. Later that paper was removed to Millheim and Mr. Kister made that his permanent residence, with the exception of a brief stay in Milton in 1883, when he started a newspaper. He returned to Millheim, and engaged in the shoe business and has successfully followed that calling ever since.

In 1889 Mr. Kister was elected chief Burgess, of Millheim by an almost unanimous vote and at the time of the memor-

able flood, he rendered great service by organizing relief committees, and distributing food funds, etc., to the homeless and destitute families in that community. All this work was under his direct supervision as chairman. We simply mention this fact to show that the highest confidence is reposed in his integrity and executive ability. That is exactly the kind of a man the people need for county auditor. In politics Mr. Kister has always been of the Jeffersonian faith and always active in its behalf.



Stover--Stover.

One Tuesday evening, at 6 o'clock, the merry wedding bells rang out their sweet music, when Mr. Harry E. Stover, of Hagerstown, M. D., and Miss Viletta Erecht Stover were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stover, on Allegheny street, Bellefonte. A large number of guests and relatives thronged the home on this festive occasion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ed. E. Hoshour, of the Lutheran church, the ring ceremony being used. After this an elaborate feast was served. The bride and groom departed on the 7:30 p. m. train for their wedding tour, after which they will be at home at Hagerstown, Md., where Mr. Stover is engaged in the mercantile business.

This week 819 votes were cast in the Centre Democrat scholarship contest. It is no small job to count and return the same. Our return judges Messrs Gettig and Carman find their work growing larger each week.

THE SCHENCK FAMILY REUNION

One Hundredth Anniversary of Their Advent Into Bald Eagle.

BIG ARMY OF DESCENDANTS

Upwards of Two Thousand Persons Assembled at the Old Homestead, Near Howard--Speech Making, Feasting Musical and Literary Exercises.

One hundred years ago Rev. Michael Schenck left Lancaster county and journeyed to the then wilds of Central Pennsylvania. The trip was made by wagon over the Juniata to Lewistown, and from there across the mountains to Bellefonte. From the latter place he journeyed through the undeveloped country of the Bald Eagle valley and located near where the borough of Howard now stands. From Milesburg to the place he had selected as a homestead the way had to be cut through the virgin forest and dense underbrush that grew along the Bald Eagle creek.

With him was his wife and his sons, Frederick, Rudolph, Michael, Daniel and John, and his daughters, Anna, Barbara and Magdalena.

Rev. Michael Schenck had secured by purchase about 600 acres of land and on this a spot was cleared and a cabin erected in which he and his family lived until a larger and more pretentious dwelling could be erected. They were in the midst of a dense wilderness.

In those primitive times only the bare necessities of life could be obtained and these only by a canoe journey down Bald Eagle creek to Dunnstown where William Dunn had laid out a town and where a store was opened.

The pioneer menonite minister Schenck and his family labored diligently until they had the land cleared of the timber and brought into cultivation. The sons and daughters grew to be men and women, married and raised families of their own and their children in time branched out for themselves, until now when one hundred years have passed since Rev. Michael Schenck made his advent into Bald Eagle Valley, his descendants number over fifteen hundred people. They are scattered through four states of the union, by far the largest number of them being residents of the Keystone state.

To appropriately observe the event and to do honor to the memory of their honored ancestor a centennial celebration was held Thursday 17th in a grove near the spot where the Rev. Michael Schenck reared his cabin in 1796.

At an early hour in the day those who participated in the celebration began to arrive on the grounds, and by noon it was estimated that there were fully a thousand of the Schenck family and connections in the grove with enough visitors to swell the number present to upwards of two thousand.

The Howard Cornet band, the most of the members of which are in the Schenck family connection, was present all day and furnished excellent music. At the noon hour dinner was served.

At 2 o'clock all who were on the grounds assembled in the centre of the grove where a speakers' stand had been erected, and seats of the camp meeting style provided for all. Rev. N. H. Schenck presided and the exercises were opened by singing "Blest be the tie that binds," which was followed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Forrest, of Howard.

Col. W. F. Reeder, of Bellefonte, the law partner of Gov. Hastings, was then introduced. In a brief address he referred to the reasons for the meeting, and gave an abstract of the history of the family of who he said were noted for their hospitality, generosity, integrity and honorable dealing with men. They are people, he said whose ambition is to do right and help others.

The family as a whole are composed of men and women of intelligence who have made their influence felt for the good of mankind, and who have made whatever section of the country they have settled in, better for their having been in it.

Col. Reeder was followed by Rev. N. H. Schenck, of Howard. He briefly related the story of Rev. Michael Schenck's advent into the Bald Eagle valley and told of his trials and difficulties that had been overcome from the time the first settlement was made in 1796 near the spot where the family were celebrating the centennial. In brief he spoke of the ancestors of the family having figured in national and religious history in Holland as early as the seventeenth century, one of them at that time having been a leading minister of the Lutheran church. He showed by undisputed records that different members of the family had come to this country from Holland in 1637 and at intervals up to 1670.

The family are not only noted for hospitality, generosity and integrity but also for patriotism and had furnished a

large number of soldiers in the late war.

There are a number of ministers in the family and many of both the men and women have been and are now school teachers and educators.

Of the large number of descendants of Rev. Michael Schenck fully a thousand, were present to join in the celebration, among them being four generations. On the speakers' stand were a group of aged men and women of the third generation. They were Jonathan Schenck aged 76 years, Michael Schenck 74, Michael Pletcher 80, Mrs. Sarah Hall 75, Mrs. Anna Webber 70, Mrs. Leah Speaker 78, and Mrs. Esther McLean 84.

The Schenck family as a rule are long lived people, Frederick Schenck, the oldest son of the pioneer ancestor, died a few years ago at the old homestead, aged over 83 years. Michael Schenck, another son of the pioneer, was married in 1799 and his descendants to-day number 423. The old homestead is now owned by Jonathan Schenck, father of Rev. N. H. Schenck, of Howard. Near it the cemetery in which reposes the dust of most of those who have passed away.

In the evening there was a reunion of the younger generations, with musical and literary exercises, which closed the centennial celebration of the Schenck family. The day was delightfully pleasant, and one of great enjoyment for all present.

GOT LOST.

On Saturday evening a political meeting was appointed for Walker's school-house, in Boggs township. A carriage containing four speakers left here early in the evening for that point. When within about two miles of their destination, they came to a point where two roads caused some uncertainty as to their course. Lawyer Samuel Gettig insisted they were going all right, Lawyer Wetzel, who by the way is an expert surveyor and claims to be acquainted with all the nooks and corners of that country, filed an objection and Mr. Gettig was overruled. The team was backed about and they followed Mr. Wetzel's course. They drove and drove. The further they went the more uncertain they became and finally none of them knew where they were at. They finally got their bearing when they came down Holts Hollow and saw Mr. Geo. Noll's house, only a short distance from Milesburg. It was then near 9 o'clock, and about six miles from their destination. What could the poor boys do but come home. The consequence was that a large gathering at Walker's school house waited and waited in vain.

To the best of our knowledge and believe these gentlemen were all sober, but some imagine a great deal.

A USELESS TRIP.

We see it stated in the Daily News, of Monday, that the republicans are trying to get up an excursion, from this place to Canton, to see the only Wm. McKinley.

If McKinley must be seen and must make speeches, why does he not do like Wm. J. Bryan, the people's candidate. Go to the people.

It may be none of our business, as it is not our funeral, but it is not out of place to suggest that the money used in a wild goose chase to Canton, can be better used at home.

Let McKinley come to the people, if he dare. Or if our republican friends are not afraid, let him meet Wm. Bryan in joint debate, before the people, and see how soon he will be chewed up and spit out.

How silly to go to Canton, why dont the side show in Canton, come to see us.

CAN SPARE MAINE.

Maine has been heard from. It sent us a republican victory on Monday. We have nothing to expect from that state. It was never carried by any democratic presidential candidate. Further, we don't need it. There will be enough votes south of the Ohio and west of the Mississippi to elect a free silver candidate, while for the sake of a handsome majority we may scoop Ohio and are sure of Illinois. Yes, we can spare Maine and her fifty thousand gold majority.

DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS.

The following meetings have been appointed by Chairman N. B. Spangler, which will be addressed by several prominent speakers:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.
Pleasant Hill school house, Patton twp.

Knox's school house, in Benner twp.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26.
Brumgarts school house, in Miles twp.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28.
Fairview school house, in Boggs twp.

The Champion Hunters.

John and Charley Morgan, of East Logan street, returned home on Wednesday evening, after hunting squirrels in the Seven mountains for two days. They killed twenty-nine squirrels. They report squirrels very plenty in that section.