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## THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

(From Our Sanilysin Correspondent.)

The Farmers Institute, of this Valley, was held in the M. E. Church at Layton on the 27th ult. The morning session opened at 10:30 by prayer by the Rev. Mr. London.

Sec'y Dye occupied the platform and said that these Institutes started 28 years ago and had been held annually in the various counties with the exception of Hudson and Bergen. The State appropriation for the holding of Institutes was 8,000 dollars, an amount entirely too small, and he hoped our Legislature would increase that sum. Brain and muscle must work together to bring success on the farm, and as the Western lands are losing their fertility, would urge to benefit of the lands in the East. He said there was money in the farm for such as use brain and muscle and follow the improved methods. At the close of Sec'y Dye's remarks, H. E. Cook, of New York, addressed the Institute on his subject, "Educating the Dairy Cow."

He began by saying that he had never seen fancy butter, cheese or milk go begging for a market. Fancy products, no matter where made, bring the fancy price. The first requisite is to get good cows, and if you get them breed them yourself, and after that feed and care will do the rest. The usual method is to winter feed, but to quit on pasture. The laxity of new pasture is in a manner harmful. When the pasture goes dry, then feed oats and peas sowing them together and feed green. Corn should not be fed too green, and sweet corn not at all, and of the different kinds he found the eight rowed yellow the best. The silo must come. Beets will do, but the corn silo is much the best. When feeding succulent foods take care to keep the cow warm and comfortable, as the cow will suffer from the cold. If you cannot house her, dry her up and let her rustle for herself. Uniformity and regularity are two important things in securing good results, and should be strictly adhered to, and with these remarks the morning session closed.

The afternoon session opened at 2 p. m. with D. A. Dillistin, of Branchville, on the floor on his subject, "Working for an Institute." Mr. Dillistin made some very good points and was liberally applauded.

Mr. Alva Agre, of Ohio, now took up his subject, "Soil, Moisture and Fertility." He said it was impossible for soil to rest, while vegetation was taking 10 elements from it, and that there was no such thing as worn out land. Cropping simply took away some of the elements but restore them, and your land will again bring good results. Humus is a sure indication of fertility and it must be in the soil, or poor and unprofitable crops will result. Deep plowing promotes moisture, and more of it the better, but do not let your ground lie bare, but have some crop to cover the ground. At the close of Mr. Agre's remarks, Sec'y Dye made a short address. After which the Institute was favored with music and singing by the choir. H. E. Cook again took the floor upon the topic "Butter-making in the Old Way, versus, the Co-operative and Creamery Method."

He said the 6 winter months could be made as profitable as the 6 summer months and told how it could be done. He urged the Grange among farmers and explained how it is a good thing. They are very successful in the Eastern and Western states and should be here. In speaking of creameries, he said ours cost much, and recommended the use of the De Laval separator as being the best. He gave many good points as to how to run a creamery, and this was the point many wished to hear discussed. All pull together and success is sure. Sec'y Dye here made a few remarks on the creamery, covering any point omitted by the previous speaker. At his close the choir rendered a selection and then Sec'y Dye spoke on "Ideals in Farm Life." He said make ideal high and then strain every nerve to attain it. Many farmers jog along in the rut of their fathers, without any ideal at all, following the same old methods, and then claim that farming does not pay. Keep your meadows free from weeds, for a perfect sod is necessary for a good crop. (I don't think many of our farmers are near that mark, here.) The farmer should look closely after the manure made on the farm, for one great loss of the farmer is in not properly caring for it, and spreading it where it will do most good. With these remarks the afternoon session came to a close. The evening session

had a full house and, I might say that nine tenths of those present were farmers, and many of them were attended with their wives.

The exercises began with prayer by the Rev. E. H. Post. Mr. James E. Rice, of New York, took up his subject, "Poultry for Profit." He is a fluent talker, never at a loss for words, and held the closest attention of all present.

He said begin right where you are and as you proceed exercise great caution, for there is danger of failure unless due caution is observed. Work for egg production, for where chicks are raised only for market, the price may be cut down by keepers of cold storage houses, for they can keep them for a long time, but this they cannot do with eggs, for the public will have fresh eggs, and they bring good prices. For layers have your chicks hatched as early as you can, and when the cockerels weigh 2 pounds, sell them without delay, then go through your flock, and all that do not come up to your ideas of what a layer should be, get rid of, for they will only prove dead heads in the line of profit. Call out all late moulted hens, for they will fail to make good layers during the winter months when eggs are bringing a good price. He advised the use of incubators and the eggs should be examined at the end of a week and all non-fertile eggs be removed and mixed with the food of the chicks. Purity of breed was very essential, else the eggs would vary in color, thickness of shell, etc., and would not do us well in the incubator in hatching. He would use cement for a floor, that being free from moisture and was also durable. Have plenty of windows for light, and line your buildings with straw for a non-conductor of cold. I cannot relate all the good points made by the speaker. He told just what feeds he would use from hatching up, and that I have forgotten. At the close of his remarks the choir gave a very fine selection, and calls being made for Mr. Agre he gave us one of the finest short talks the audience had heard and kept all laughing by his pointed and witty remarks the Institute came to a close. A vote of thanks was given the speakers, and also to the choir for their fine music and singing.

Mr. Dye asked the pleasure of the audience if they wished an Institute another year and the vote was unanimous in favor of having one. To see the appreciation of these Institutes I note that Thomas Roe, a prominent young farmer, of Frankford, brought over a load of his neighbor farmers to this meeting and attended every session.

Now that the farmers know what the Farmers' Institute is like they will be more largely attended, and the good resulting from these meetings will be apparent as the years roll by.

**A New Departure.**  
By a new process just discovered it has been possible to make an exact copy of Astee's famous painting "A Paradian Beauty." You couldn't buy the original copy for \$1000, but the copies are so perfect that if they were placed alongside of the original it would be impossible to tell them apart. This wonderful picture will be given free to every reader of the great "Philadelphia Sunday Press" next Sunday, December 9. See the sample which has been sent to your newsdealer, and you will be certain to want one of the pictures. The only way to get it will be with next Sunday's "Press," and as the supply will be limited it will be well to order your copy in advance.

**Opening Night.**  
The Republican Club will entertain guests next Tuesday evening, December 11th, at its rooms in the Wells building on Harbor street. Refreshments will be provided and a cordial invitation is extended to men to visit the rooms on this, the opening night, and partake of its hospitality.

**Annual Election.**  
The annual election for managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull in the Borough of Milford on Monday Jan. 7th, 1901, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.

**William Mitchell, Sec'y**  
Charles Hazen, of Blooming Grove, was arrested this week for killing a deer on lands of the Blooming Grove Park Ass'n, taken before a Justice, fined \$50 and costs and in default of payment was brought to Milford Thursday and lodged in jail.

## PERSONALS.

Charles Schmitt spent Sunday in Stroudsburg.

John Fuller is employed in the mill manufactory.

John Voght, of Scholohola, was in town Monday.

Dr. H. B. Reed spent a few days in the city this week.

Danham Gregory, wife and son, Lewis, visited Shohola last week.

Miss Emma Kipp, of Wilsonville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Gumbel.

A. Q. Wallace has gone to New York to purchase a stock of holiday goods.

C. P. Mott, after a visit with relatives in West Virginia has returned home.

Harvey Kyte is reported to have gone to Newark to seek employment.

Frank Crissman, of the Latourette House, Bergen Point, was in town this week.

A. D. Brown attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia this week.

Alfred Marvin, Esq., of Matamoras, transacted business at the county seat Monday.

Mrs. Frank Hallett, and little daughter, will leave town tomorrow to join her husband in Cuba.

Andrew Yetter, of Blairstown, well known in this section, was at Milford the first part of the week.

Wm. H. Armstrong and wife went to New York this week where they will remain for some time and will be guests at the Lorenz.

The close season began under both the special and general law Dec 1st. It is assumed therefore that the gentle ministrations of the hounds will no longer be heard, though, of course, they never ran after deer.

**Unclaimed Letters**  
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for week ending Dec. 8, 1900:

Ladies—Mrs. Wm. Peiper, Mrs. Celia Vincent, Miss Minnie Walton.

Gentlemen—Rev. J. A. Enright, Telford Lewis, I. S. Twilt, Chas. Zeigler.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

**CHARLES LATIMORE, P. M.**

**A New Store.**

John Wolf has opened a new shoe store in the Wells building on Harbor street. He has received and will keep in stock a good line of mens, womens and childrens shoes, rubbers and foot wear generally. His goods are all new, of the latest styles, and he means the prices shall compare with the quality. He also does repairing and solicits a share of the public patronage.

**A Race Track Here.**

Several Milford gentlemen are interested in building a speedway for horses near or in the Borough. If properly managed a track would probably be a benefit to the town especially to the boarding houses. It might induce city gentlemen to bring their trotters and pacers here for training and so build up an industry of profit.

**KIMBLES.**

J. S. Chidister, of Glen Eyre, was a caller in town Monday.

Wm. Chamberlain, wife and two children, of Rowlands, are spending two weeks here with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Cortright.

Mrs. John Bushwaller and son, of Honesdale, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams.

Our drought was broken last week with quite a little rain which helped our springs greatly and made quite a raise in the river. E. Malone ran his rafts from Lackawaxon to Milford.

Mrs. Harriet Atkinson, of Hawley spent last week here with her brother, Geo. Kimble and family.

Mrs. Miles Rowland spent several days last week at Scranton.

Carrie Miller, of Blooming Grove, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Goodman.

J. L. Pierson is visiting friends in N. J. near Branchville.

J. Kirby and wife have returned from a two weeks stay at Hoadleys caring for his father, Richard Kirby through his sickness and death.

Miles Rowland had a thanksgiving party it was represented from Rowlands, Baeba, Hawley, Dunmore all report a good time.

## THE MYSTERY OF HAIL.

Hail is a mystery. Nobody knows how it is formed, though there are several theories. A hailstone is made like an onion, of a series of concentric coats. These coats of ice are apparently put on in succession by repeated freezings, but in what manner is unknown.

One notion suggested is that the frozen raindrop, which is the nucleus is alternately attracted and repelled between opposing storm clouds of positive and negative electrification respectively, and that it gradually increases in size as it is carried to and fro, and continually takes on freezing coats of moisture.

Another theory is that the particles of hail are carried in a sort of giant whirl, first aloft and then downward, so portions of cumulus clouds are sometimes seen to move and that they gather successive coats of moisture at the lower levels and convert them into ice in the frigid strata of the higher atmosphere.

Extraordinary conditions must be required to account for the formation of the huge hailstones which sometimes fall, occasional specimens actually reaching the size of hens' eggs. A number of years ago a storm of this kind destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of glass in the city of Philadelphia, and many persons were severely hurt by the larger stones—veritable projectiles of ice—which dropped from the skies.

Sometimes hailstones assume strange and irregular forms, which is perhaps due to the joining of two or more of them in the air. An odd phenomenon is observed in the blizzards of the Western plains—the true blizzards, which are totally unlike the blizzards, so-called, in the East. The air is filled, not with snowflakes, but with actual needles of ice, which sting painfully wherever they strike the snow.

A snowstorm in a room actually occurred at a court ball room in St. Petersburg. The temperature indoors had gone up to some 90 degrees and, several ladies having fainted, a rush was made to open the windows. There was no storm outside, but as soon as the windows were thrown open snow began to fall inside the ball-room, the moisture in the air having been suddenly condensed by the extreme cold without.

It is believed by some that the cirrus clouds, popularly known as "mares' tails," which usually float at an elevation of about seven miles, are composed, not of particles of water in suspension, but of needles of ice, the temperature of the air at that height being much below freezing.—"Saturday Evening Post."

**Buddhism Defined.**

Prof. Maxwell Sommerville, who has spent many years in studying the Buddhist creeds, and who is a distinguished scholar and archaeologist, recently returned from Europe where he visited those lands and secured a Buddhist Temple, which has been set up in a room in the University of Pennsylvania. He lectured a few days ago to a large audience in Widener Hall, giving an account of the Temple, the deities, which he has collected, and a description of the various objects connected therewith. In regard to the idolators he said: "I cannot say to-day that they that make the idols are entirely like unto them, for my experience by dwelling with them is, that the men who make and rever these images are good men and citizens, honest, amiable, considerate of their neighbors, and even kind to strangers. What do we expect of religion as regards its effects on man in this world? If we regard the benefit of religion then indeed these Buddhists are better for their faith." The lecture evidenced the close observation, profound research, ripe scholarship and wide information which Prof. Sommerville has gleaned by a life of travel and study in foreign lands.

**A Woman's Awful Peril.**

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50c. Guaranteed. For sale by all druggists.

Dress making in all branches. Will go to the house or do the work at home. Address MARY LEWIS, opposite Sawkill Mill, Milford, Pa.

## BRIEF MENTION.

Miss Cornelia has on sale a new and select assortment of articles suitable for Christmas gifts, China fancy articles, silver, picture frames, etc.

John Kelly's fine horse Harry was fondered last week.

Port Jervis is officially announced to have a population of 9,385.

Philip Decker proprietor of the Sparrowbush Hotel died Dec. 2 aged 85 years.

The Germans have snubbed Oom Paul Krueger and he will not visit that empire.

Chief Burgess Wolf moved his saw mill last Monday to Donaldsons place in Delaware.

Wm. McCown was so afflicted with rheumatism recently as to confine him to the house for several days.

Service may be expected at the Sawkill school house, Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2.30 p. m., the weather permitting.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon will give free public reading in Boston this week from his new book on the servant girl question.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation held Tuesday evening, J. C. Wallace and Tobias Nelson were elected trustees for two years.

At the Orphan's Court held last Saturday of the real estate of the late D. D. Newman, in Dingman township, the property was struck off for E. Vandermark for \$1,105.

The will of D. D. Rosencrans, late of Delaware township, probated this week devises all his estate, real and personal, to his wife and appoints her sole executrix.

There will be a social to-night at George Peroz, in Schoepee, for the benefit of a fund for a school organ. Miss Flora Rochette is very energetically aiding the project.

Mrs. Mary Ann Milligan, colored, died at her home in Middletown, N. Y., Nov. 30, of apoplexy. Her exact age was not known but it is assumed she was about 102 years old.

Oscar Wilde, former "oposte of estheticism" and a writer of some note, died Nov. 30th in an obscure house in Paris, where he had for sometime been living under assumed name.

The D. L. & W. R. R. is about to shorten its line by building an air line from Waterloo to the Delaware Water Gap. This will necessitate building a tunnel two miles long, and will shorten the time from Buffalo to New York about fifty minutes.

The Boys Guild held a reception Monday night and those over 12 debated the question of Navigation vs. Railroads. The younger ones had essays on how to improve the town and little Govie Emerson carried off the prize.

Two Mormon elders who were attempting to preach polygamy in Hungary were badly beaten, ejected from the hall and one was dunked in a horse pond. The government has prohibited further attempts to proselyte.

The railroads are still fighting the proposed new coal road from Scranton to Tidewater and they will appeal from an order affirming the decision of the railroad commissioners granting the application of the D. V. & K. R. W. to build along the old canal.

Ex Judge Albert Hoffman, of Hoboken, a regular summer visitor at Villa Ina for several years, and an intimate friend of Charles Mayne, died last Saturday. Agreeably to his will his remains were cremated and the ashes scattered to the winds.

At the annual election of the Milford Lodge No. 344 F. and A. M. held Dec. 5, G. A. Swopeniser was elected W. M., W. B. Kenworthy S. W., P. M. Nills, J. W. R. D. Sayre Treas. N. Emery Jr. Secretary, J. H. Van Eiten Rep. to G. L. A. Riviere and C. W. Bull Trustees.

Prothonotary J. C. Westbrock Jr. has installed a new type writer in his office with which to copy deeds and mortgages. This is a great advance over the old method of copying, and will facilitate making searches and render it much easier to do work in the office. A great need is that new indices should be prepared to deeds and mortgages according to some approved plan which would obviate the necessity when making a search of looking over all the names in the letter searched against.

## THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondence.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3, 1900.

It was an extraordinary event for Congress to adjourn immediately after assembling on the first day of the session, but the cause was also extraordinary. In the death within a few months of Senator Davis, of Minn., and Senator Grear, of Iowa, Congress and the country met with an extraordinary loss, and it was fitting that Congress, representing the country, should take advantage of the first opportunity to publicly honor their memory. Time is precious at this session of Congress, which has so much important work that it ought to and that it hopes to do, but time can never be too precious for some of it is to be used in honoring the memory of patriotic statesmen. This action on the part of Congress was in accord with the wishes of President McKinley.

Naturally there are differences of opinion among Republican leaders as to the legislative programme of the session, but they are mostly minor differences and all agree that it must be a session of hard work and the conferences now going on will result in an agreement upon a programme and in united effort to carry it out with no unnecessary delay.

Senator Platt, of New York, said of the probable legislation of the session: "I think the ship subsidy bill, the army reorganization bill, the war revenue reduction measure, and the Isthmian Canal Bill will all pass. Personally I favor the Nicaragua Canal Bill. I consider the Nicaragua route the only practical one, and I believe it will be adopted." One of the obstacles in the way of Nicaragua Canal legislation, was removed when Secretary Hay and the Nicaragua Minister signed a treaty for their respective governments, which concedes the U. S. all necessary rights and privileges for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, and negotiations for a similar treaty with Costa Rica are now under way. The Nicaragua treaty will at once be sent to the Senate for ratification, as will the Costa Rica treaty as soon as it is signed. An effort will also be made to get immediate action on the treaty with England, popularly known as the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty which deals with the same subject.

Senator Elkins thus briefed his ideas of what he hoped Congress would do: "The first bill I want to see passed is the Isthmian Canal bill I want to see the Canal built by American capital and controlled by the U. S. I am not in favor of any treaty that will obstruct its passage. The Canal is necessary for our protection. Congress, I believe, will pass the ship subsidy bill. The country needs more ships and I understand that it has been impossible for American shippers to secure vessels to carry abroad goods actually engaged to fill orders."

Representative Hick, of Ohio, who during his short career in Congress, has made a reputation for excellent political judgement, said of the future of the Republican party: "The Republican party has but to follow a conservative, steady, business-like course, and it will remain in power for years. What the people want I believe, is to see the material welfare of the country advanced on safe lines, and I think the policy of the Republican party will keep that in view. I do not think mere partisan politics will enter into the policy, but that the efforts of the party will be directed toward the material improvement of the country in a way to benefit the whole people, and that we shall have support, not alone from Republicans, but from Democrats. I have noticed since the election, that the campaign has left little bitterness. General good feeling seems to prevail to a degree unusual after a vigorously conducted campaign. The Republicans have only to go ahead earnestly about their own business with an eye to the interests of the whole people, and their future, I believe is assured."

Hon. Joseph H. Manley, of Maine, has been tendered the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, left vacant by the death, last week, of Commissioner Wilson.

See the new flower pots and jardiniere at W. & G. Mitchell.

## THE RAMBLERS PICKINGS.

The lovely weather is still with us.

Nathan Emery has made some needed improvements on our streets.

R. D. Sayre who has charge of the Delaware bridge got tired of toll jumpers. A well known Jerseyman tried to save eight cents. So to try the principle Randle got out a summons which is returnable before Squire Fuller at Hainesville on Dec. 12.

Did you notice how clean the crosswalk between Kytes and Mitencils store is kept?

Some nice night the night prowler will get something he isn't looking for.

"Nate" Fuller and his gun started out the other day, but the game is still in the woods.

John Pierson, of Kimbles, was a guest of Randle Sayre last week.

Wm. McCown has about recovered from his recent illness.

Life Quirk is enlarging his residence near Dingmans. Frank and Rusing DeWitt are doing the work.

Have you noticed the difference in the condition of the Port Jervis road. The Westfall township end seems to be considerably the best kept up.

Extra meetings are in progress in the M. E. church here and in the Reformed church over in Montague.

Mrs. Gottrified Wieland, Sr., and daughter, Friedericka will spend the winter at Arlington, N. J.

W. C. Knapp, of Hawley, was a caller in town last week in the interest of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company whose main office is located in Milwaukee, Wis.

**PAUPAC.**

The many friends of Mrs. B. F. Killam will be pleased to hear of her return from the sanitarium greatly benefited. She with the family contemplate returning to their Scranton home for the winter the beginning of the week.

Mark Edgar and Miss Ada Bone spent Thanksgiving with relatives and friends in this place and returned to their homes on Saturday accompanied by Miss Yolande Killam.

Miss Barbara Zimmerman left on Wednesday for Paterson, N. J., at which place she expects to spend the winter.

Mrs. Henry Gumble and Miss Eliza Smith are absent on a two weeks visit with the former's relatives at Hills Grove, Penn.

Our new branch post office at Gumbles has been in operation during the past two weeks. This proves to be of great benefit to the inhabitants of Gumbleville, although it is not as convenient for them to obtain their mail as it was before the route was changed. The mail is carried from our Paupac office in "yo olden way," i. e. on horseback.

John Zimmerman took advantage of the excursion and spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Paterson.

Joe Bloem, of Scranton is spending a few days with A. J. Kimble and family.

Leland, the youngest child of Conrad Gumble, Jr., has been under the care of Dr. Plum, of Hawley and at last reports was well on the road to recovery.

We expect soon to have telephone communication with the rest of the world. We see that poles are being placed along our main road and it looks as if it would soon be an established fact. When we wake up and find the trolley cars running past our doors, we will consider the annexation of the town of Hawley for we believe in expansion, you know.

Erasmus and his opponents, and critics have been having a bad attack of poetry, or rather an attack of bad poetry. The rhyme may pass—but the rhyme—Oh my. Our local philosopher says—It's fun to live and hear and see it all.

**DEFACTO.**

**Notice!**

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MILFORD  
Milford, Pa., Dec. 6, 1900.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking room on Tuesday January 8th, 1901, from 3 p. m. to 4 p. m.

ROBERT W. REID, Cashier.  
DeWitt's little early risers are dainty little pills, but they never fail to cleanse the liver, remove obstructions and invigorate the system.