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The Closing Sessions of the Methodist Conference.

Scraps of the more important business transacted by the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference during the closing days of its sessions in Altoona. The appointments for this district.

Sunday was a perfect day in the mountain city and thousands of people attended the various churches to which the ministers of the Methodist conference had been assigned.

At the Eight Avenue church a great congregation filled the auditorium by 8.30 a. m., and at 9 the platform, galleries, aisles, class rooms, doorways and every other available space were packed with attentive hearers.

The love feast began at 9 in charge of Rev. Dr. D. S. Moore. Scores of persons gave testimony to the saving power of Jesus.

At 10.30 Bishop Cranston announced his text from Job xv, 15—"Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands." He set forth very clearly the developments of God's purpose in man.

At 3.30 one of the most interesting features of an annual conference occurred, the ordination of deacons. The bishop delivered a very practical address to the class, dwelling at length on proper and improper methods of revival work.

Rev. Dr. Wilcox called the names of those who had been advanced to deacons' order and the following presented themselves for ordination: Michael B. Bubb, Harry C. Burkholder, Harry E. Crow, J. Rollin Ebnzer, Steward H. Engler, Henry W. Hartsock, Elmer F. Ilgenfritz, Abner C. Logan, Harry J. Schubart, James E. Skillington, George W. McIlroy and Herbert Hinkle.

The following were ordained elders: J. E. Brennan, Gordon Gray, William E. Kears, Dorothy N. Miller, J. Warren Rose, Walter G. Steel, J. H. Ake and J. E. A. Buck.

On motion of Dr. Evans, the relation of Rev. John Grimes was changed from effective to superannuated. The same change was granted to Rev. F. A. Creeling, Rev. Lathshaw and P. F. Strawinski.

The relation of J. P. Moore and Rev. W. R. Whitney was changed to superannuated.

It was directed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Rev. C. W. Barnley on account of the death of his daughter.

W. H. Decker surrendered his credentials and withdrew from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bishop introduced Dr. Stephen O. Benton, secretary of the missionary society, and successor to Rev. Dr. Baldwin, lately deceased.

Dr. Benton spoke confidently and encouragingly of the future prospects for wider and more successful work in this society. The collections for the past twelve months up to November, 1902, amounted to \$1,249,397, which permitted a large appropriation for work in the field.

I believe, said Dr. Benton, that very soon the annual income to the missionary society will reach the magnificent sum of \$5,000,000.

Dr. Lippincott, superintendent of the Methodist hospital, Philadelphia, who addressed the conference, said many more are treated free than there are those who pay for treatment. This is the great work we are doing.

Rev. Dr. James Morrow, secretary of the Bible society, Philadelphia, was introduced and made a brief address. He was warmly greeted by the conference. In part he said: "We have given \$1,000 to the American Bible society during the past year, \$500 to the Philippines, \$500 to Cuba, \$500 to the work on the Pacific coast. Every third child born in the world is a Chinese, every third marriage is in a Chinese, every third grave dug is for a Chinese. There are in Pennsylvania 1,000,000 persons speaking a foreign language. The Bible society desires by your help to meet this great emergency."

Mr. H. P. McGill, representing the Methodist Insurance society, spoke to the conference about the necessity of keeping church property insured and, of course, advised the use of this Methodist insurance agency, stating in his closing remarks that this society has rolled up a business aggregating \$15,000,000.

The names composing the class for admission into full membership were called and are as follows: M. B. Bubb, H. C. Burkholder, H. E. Crow, J. R. Ebnzer, S. H. Engler, H. W. Hartsock, E. F. Ilgenfritz, A. C. Logan, G. W. McIlroy, H. J. Schubart, H. W. Seifert and J. E. Skillington.

Bishop Cranston addressed the class and said: "This is an important moment, and one requiring the greatest care. Be loyal to your mother church. Do not do as some others have done, betray her. As soon as you discover that you cannot subscribe to our doctrines, then be honest enough to withdraw from your present position."

The bishop said: "Each of you tell these young men how to make a success of the ministry." Secretary Wilcox read the treasurer's report, in which he noted the following interesting facts and figures:

Amount received from all sources: Altoona district, \$1,882; Danville district, \$1,657; Harrisburg district, \$1,752; Juniata district, \$1,015; Williamsport district, \$1,732; New York book concern, \$1,208; Harrisburg book room, \$172.85; Mrs. C. G. Jackson, \$100; total, \$9,577.85.

Large as this sum appears, it is insufficient for the needs of the work, and is \$1,932 below the amount asked for, but is an increase over last year of \$775.33. Of this amount, \$2,945 was paid to superannuated and superannuated ministers of the conference; \$6,605.85 to widows and \$37 for expenses. The amount asked for the coming year is \$10,000. The Preachers' Aid society also paid to the conference stewards' fund \$1,950, which was distributed among cases which appeared to be necessities.

Dr. Swallow addressed the bishop, asking permission to read the report of the Harrisburg book room. This was objected to by Dr. M. K. Foster, on the ground that it would precipitate trouble. But the bishop permitted him to go on with an explanation previous to reading his report. Dr. Swallow explained the relation of the book room to the conference and asked that he might be permitted to read his report. Dr. Foster requested the bishop to rule the report out of order. The bishop said: "I will take the matter under advisement and bring it up later on."

The thirtieth question was taken up. Where shall the next conference be held? Invitations were extended by the church at Lewistown and Fifth Street, Harrisburg.

After discussion the invitation from Fifth Street church, Harrisburg, was accepted.

Rev. John D. Rohrer, Jacob E. A. Bucke, M. H. Gottschal, James M. Brennan and I. L. Snyder were admitted on trial. The following probationers were continued on trial in the studies in the second year: Frank T. Bell, Charles W. Briner, Martin C. Flegal, James Mck. Riley, J. R. Woodcock, Amos W. Bruce, F. Warren Rohrer and E. E. Sponsler.

The report of the committee on church extension was read. Since 1886 there has been collected and disbursed \$7,745,751.24. Last year collections in the church aggregated \$93,263.56, of which \$3,229 was contributed by this conference. The amount asked for this year is \$8,500. If this amount is raised, our needy churches may receive back upon application \$1,350.

The report of Rev. Dr. W. A. Stephens, of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering, shows that since Jan. 1st, 1899, Altoona district has secured in cash subscriptions for the payment of church indebtedness on property, \$54,387; Danville district, \$55,301; Harrisburg, \$65,262; Juniata, \$30,487; Williamsport, \$54,086. The report shows that the aggregate for church debts, designated and undesignated objects, is \$343,989.52.

The report of the conference treasurer shows that the contributions for missions is \$54,717, a gain over last year of \$3,600; church extension, \$3,229; Freedman's Aid, \$3,393; conference claimants, \$3,140; tracts, \$480; Sunday School union, \$527; Bible society, \$505; education, children's fund, \$2,552; public education collection, \$1,504; Woman's Foreign Missionary society, \$4,111; Woman's Home missions, \$4,827; other benevolences, \$1,782; general conference expenses, \$663; episcopal fund, \$2,797; a total of \$89,931.

The statistical secretary made his report, the totals of which show the following figures: Probationers, 5,667; full members, 64,386; infant baptisms, 2,622; adults, 1,498; deaths, 731; number of churches, 921; valuation, \$3,482,000; number of parsonages, 207; valuation, \$511,905; amount paid on building and improving, \$261,075; paid on old indebtedness, \$60,515; present indebtedness, \$236,610; pastoral support, \$199,816; house rent, \$133,444; total support, including salaries and house rent, \$233,100; deficiencies in salary, \$8,000; paid to presiding elders, \$12,850; bishops, \$2,789; conference claimants from collections, \$8,193; from other sources, \$364; total, \$8,557; number of local preachers, 128; number of Sunday schools, 621, officers and teachers, 9,289; scholars of churches, 69,441; expense of Sunday schools, \$28,593; current expense of churches, \$5,000; light, fuel, etc., \$57,745.

THE APPOINTMENTS.

The appointments for the Altoona district are as follows:

J. ELLIS BELL, PRESIDING ELDER. Altoona—J. H. Howell, W. H. Royce, Altoona (supply)—William L. Chilcote (supply). Chestnut Ave.—Joshua K. Lloyd. Eight Ave.—Geo. M. Ketchum. Fairview—Albert V. Brown. Fifth Ave.—Hiltes C. Pardee. First Church—J. H. Howell. Juniata—Elmer E. Hartner. Simpson—Joseph P. Anderson. Walnut Ave.—Harry J. Schubart. Harrisburg—John A. Wood Jr. Harrisburg—Nathan B. Smith. Centre—George M. Shimer (supply). Clearfield—Milton K. Bowen. Clearfield—James Mck. Riley. West Side—Charles A. Blidde. Coalport & Irvona—Charles H. Kears. Curwensville—Benjamin H. Mosser. Duncansville & Epworth—John Hornung. Glen Rock—Robert W. Hartsock. Half Moon—Edwin L. Eslinger. Hastings—Frank W. Leidy. Harrisburg—Alfred S. Bowen. Houtzdale—Joseph K. Kinsey. Howard—George F. Boggs. Kearsburg—John B. Darner (supply). Lumber City—William C. Wallace. Mahaffey—William C. Charlton. Martinsburg & Woodbury—W. E. McKee's Gap—Henry N. Minton. Milesburg & Unionville—Richard H. Wharton. Monticello—Norman H. Smith. Munson—John W. Forrest. New Milport—Edmund White. New Washington—One to be supplied. Osceola Mills—Charles W. Barnitz. Patton—Edwin H. Wirtman. Penn's Valley—George W. McIlroy. Philadelphia—Geo. D. Penepacker. Pleasant Gap—W. E. McKee. Port Matilda—Gordon Gray. Ramey—Andrew P. Wharton. Red Bank Spring—George M. Schenck. Shawville—Abraham L. Frank. Snow Show—Theodore S. Faus. State College—Edgar E. Heckman. Tyone—Columbia Ave.—Isaac Heckman. Wallacetown—Robt. L. Armstrong. Warriors Mark—Ellsworth M. Aller. Woodland & Bradford—Robert W. Runyan. Lewis A. Rudisill, Superintendent of Mountain Lake Park Association, member of Eight Avenue, Altoona, Quarterly Conference.

Samuel Blair, Missionary in Wyoming. Superannuaries—Wilbert W. Cadde, Nathan H. Schenck, Elliot S. Latshaw. Superannuates—George Warren, Geo. B. Ague, David F. Kapp.

Other ministers in whom Centre counties are especially interested are assigned outside this district as follows: Danville—Trinity. Nelson E. C. Cleaver. Shamokin—First Church. D. S. Monroe. Shenandoah—W. F. H. Stevens. Sunbury—Jno. W. R. Rue. Carlisle—Dr. W. P. Shriner. Duncansville—Dr. W. H. Stevens. Harrisburg—Curtin Heights. Fletcher Biddle. Shippensburg—Morris E. Swartz. Bedford—Geo. Leidy. Lewistown—Ezra H. Vocum. Port Royal—D. Y. Brouse. Shippensburg—Brace Hughes. Thompsonstown—G. P. Sarvis. Loyalsock—Jay R. Woodcock. Unionville—Robt. H. Stine. Catawissa—A. L. Miller. Sinnemahoning—G. W. Faus. Williamsport—W. A. Henck.

Wanamaker Sells Magazine.

Corporation of Publishers Buys Rights and Title of Everbody's.

NEW YORK, March 30.—John Wanamaker has sold the rights and title of Everbody's Magazine. The new corporation will be known as the Ridgway & Thayer Company, composed of Erman J. Ridgway, John Adams Thayer and George W. Wilder.

Mr. Ridgway for several years has been connected with Frank A. Munsey. He is at present the Vice President of the Frank A. Munsey Company. Mr. Thayer is a director of the Butterick Publishing Company, publishers of The Delinquent. The other member of the corporation Mr. Wilder, is President of the Butterick Publishing Company.

Thirteenth Child is 'God's Plenty.'

The 13th child of William and Mary Saftred, born a few days ago at Parkersburg, W. Va., was christened 'God's Plenty.' It is said the child in desperation, having exhausted most of the common names of both boys and girls, and that it was the sentiment of the parents that 13 was 'God's plenty.'

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SALT LAKE, Utah, March 30.—Physicians here are at a loss to account for the condition of Miss Bessie Knecht, 22 years old, who for the past twenty-eight days has been asleep. During that time the young woman has not spoken a word nor had, to all appearances, a waking moment.

After the first week of her long slumber at her home she was removed to a hospital, where, despite efforts on the part of the physicians to arouse her, her condition remains unchanged. She lies with closed eyes, breathing naturally. At long intervals she raises her eyelids a little, but never opens them. When tapped on the forehead she is seemingly annoyed, but gives no other evidence of consciousness. She is fed at suitable intervals with liquid food, but in spite of this nourishment she is gradually wasting away.

First Grow Homesteader.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., March 29.—It is announced that Daniel D. Freeman, of Beatrice, Neb., the first homesteader in the United States, under the Grow-hold law, will be the principal guest at the national fête to be given by Pennsylvania in honor of her favorite son, Galusha A. Grow, next May.

Mr. Freeman will send to the committee a full grown tree that was raised on Homestead No. 1 in Gage county, Neb. The event will be made one long to be remembered by the residents of Northern Pennsylvania and Southern New York.

People Urge Diaz to Run Again.

MEXICO CITY, March 29.—Largely attended mass meetings are being held in various States of the Republic to promote the candidacy of President Diaz for re-election. Resolutions have been generally adopted commending his administration and asking him to accept the candidacy again.

Fifteen Hundred Went on Strike.

Nearly 100 Plasterers Went on Strike at Reading for an Increase to 40 Cents an Hour—Plumbers and Tinsmiths Struck at Shamokin.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 1.—Fifteen hundred men and boys went on strike at three collieries owned by individual operators here to-day, because the owners wanted them to work a half hour later than at present and take a half hour more for dinner. At another colliery 300 men struck because the owners would not add another shift to their two shift set of firemen on account of the eight hour day. Few miners are working in this region to-day. The workers are taking a holiday in honor of the findings of the strike commission.

STRIKED FOR BETTER WAGES.

HARRISBURG, April 1.—About 400 union painters hangers, painters and decorators of this city, went out on strike to-day for better wages and shorter hours. The painters ask for an increase per hour which will bring them \$2.50 a day, instead of \$2.25, a nine hour day, one hour less on Saturday and the same wages to all members of the union. The paper hangers, who were paid at the rate of \$2.25 per day for 12 1/2 cents for every piece. They average thirty-five pieces a day.

JOURNEYMEN PLUMBERS STRUCK.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—Nearly 200 journeymen plumbers struck here to-day to enforce their demand of \$3.50 for a day of eight hours for first-class men and \$3 a day for apprentices who have served three years. The strikers are members of union No. 123, United Association of Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters, with 700 men. A general strike has not been ordered, as many of the master plumbers are now paying the demand. Work on a number of large operations is temporarily hampered.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—Numerous strikes, none of which, however, involved a great number of men, were inaugurated in many small towns in the eastern half of Pennsylvania to-day. The principal trades that struck were painters, plumbers, paper hangers, carpenters and bricklayers. Higher wages a shorter work week were the principal demands. In some instances the request of the men was granted.

CARPENTERS STRIKE.

LONG-BEACH, N. Y., April 1.—The long-throated strike of the carpenters for 40 cents an hour, instead of 35 cents, the present rate, began to-day and building operations are tied up throughout the city. Over 800 men are affected and they declare they will have the support of the allied trades.

PLUMBERS AND TINSMITHS STRIKE.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 1.—The local lodges of plumbers and tinsmiths of the International unions went on strike to-day for a 10 per cent. increase and a nine hour work day.

PRINTERS WENT ON STRIKE.

EASTON, Pa., April 1.—The union printers of Easton went on strike this morning for an eight hour day and \$2.50. They have been receiving \$2.43 for nine hours' work.

PLASTERERS STRUCK.

READING, April 1.—Nearly 100 plasterers went on strike to-day for an increase from 30 to 40 cents an hour and an eight hour day.

Governor Pennypacker Fills Two State Offices With Quay Followers.

HARRISBURG, March 30.—Governor Pennypacker sent three nominations to the Senate to-day, two of which, involving the displacement of followers of ex-attorney General Elkin, are peculiarly distasteful to that faction of the Republicans. Dairy and Food Commissioner Jesse K. Cope was succeeded by Dr. B. H. Warren, of Chester county, and State Economic Zoologist Benj. F. MacCartney was removed, and M. A. Surface, of State College, appointed to succeed him.

The third nomination was that of Robt. S. Couklin, of Columbia, to be Deputy Forestry Commissioner, at \$2500 a year, under the bill past last week creating that office. He had been a clerk in the office of the Forestry Commissioner for the past eight years, at \$1800 a year. Some years ago he was Republican county chairman in Lancaster.

The appointment of Dr. Warren, as dairy and food commissioner, is a bitter dose to the Elkinites. He was Economic Zoologist under Governor Hastings until he contracted for a publication of a book under the title of "Diseases and Enemies of Poultry," at a cost of \$56,000, and he was forced to resign. The Legislature passed a bill providing for the publication, but made no appropriation. When the bill came in Hastings refused to approve it, and the courts sustained Warren.

MacCartney, who was dropped as Economic Zoologist, is a son-in-law of ex-Senator Mitchell, of Jefferson, a lieutenant of John P. Elkin.

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Swift, the Packer, Dies, Suddenly.

Beginning Life as a Butcher He Built Up a \$10,000,000 Fortune as One of Chicago's Meat Kings.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Gustavus Franklin Swift, president of the Swift Packing Company, died at his home on Ellis Avenue early to-day, of internal hemorrhages resulting from a surgical operation performed a week ago. Mr. Swift was 62 years old.

He had been suffering for some time with bladder trouble. Gustavus Franklin Swift began life as a butcher in Sandwich, Mass., and died leaving a fortune estimated at from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000. He came to Chicago in 1875, and developed the department of shipping live cattle to Eastern ports. In 1877 he devised plans for the first refrigerating car and dressed meats, instead of live animals, were shipped to Eastern cities. He was the pioneer in this kind of business.

Mr. Swift was not only the oldest packer at the time of his death, but he was the originator of the method that has made many large fortunes. From the small plant started in 1877 has developed a great corporation with branches in St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Omaha, St. Paul and Fort Worth, Texas, and with distributing offices in every important city and town in the United States and with representatives in the leading cities of Europe, Asia and Africa. Its employees number 22,607. Upon its capital stock of \$25,000,000 the sales of 1902 exceeded \$200,000,000.

Girl Who Got \$1,000,000 Christmas Gift Elopes With a Dentist.

A sensation was created in Pittsburgh recently by the announcement of the marriage of Miss Elvora Lockhart to Dr. William S. Flower, both of that city. It was a runaway match, but why they sought this means of becoming man and wife cannot be ascertained. The pair are now in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Flower is the daughter of the second wealthiest man in Pittsburgh, Chas. Lockhart. The extent of his wealth is only exceeded by that of Henry Clay Frick, whose fortune is estimated at \$75,000,000, while that of Mr. Lockhart is estimated at between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

About three years ago Mr. Lockhart created a sensation in financial circles when he gave each of his five children a check for \$1,000,000. They were all at home for a Christmas dinner, and found the checks under their plates at the table.

King Edward to Visit Ireland.

LONDON, March 30.—It is officially announced that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit Ireland in July or August of this year.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Centre county farmers are well along with their spring plowing.

The Howe moving pictures come to Garman's on Tuesday night, April 7th. Remember that they are well worth seeing and will be exhibited here for the benefit of the Logans.

Today the sale of the farm products, stock and utensils on the Isaac Trester farm near Oak Hall will be made. It will be a big sale and the last big one of the season, so if you want bargains in that line you should be there. It will begin at noon.

Joseph L. Runkle, the popular young plumber and steam fitter of this place, was married at noon yesterday to Miss Edith Edna Fink, of Mahaffey. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fink, in that place and was attended by only a few of their most intimate friends. Mrs. Runkle is a very charming girl and has visited her sister, Mrs. N. B. Spangler in this place on several occasions. After their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Runkle will occupy apartments already furnished for them in the exchange.

If the people in Centre county who are so persistent in spreading malicious stories about the Belleville hospital were to make some investigation of that institution before giving credence to everything they hear they would not brand themselves as the mean, contemptible characters they must appear to be to the public. The Belleville hospital is a purely charitable institution. No one derives a cent from it except the nurses employed to care for the patients. Physicians and officers do all their work for nothing, and their gratuitous labors are supplemented by the cash and other contributions made by the interested people of Centre county. Already nearly every quarter has responded to the call for support, but notwithstanding this great, broad effort for the comfort of humanity there are some carping creatures whose natures are so warped with ignorance and spleen that they would destroy what others are trying to build up. There is absolutely no charge made to anyone who is unable to pay. Those who are able are charged regular rates that are known to everybody and private patients, that is, those who are taken to the institution and treated by their own physician are charged regular private room rates. In addition to this, however, they have to settle with their own physician and have no right to add that charge to the hospital cost. For instance, a man is hurt on our streets today and taken directly to the hospital where he is attended by the physician on duty. If he is unable to pay he will be treated for nothing. If he wants to go into a private room he will be charged according to the character of the room, but in all cases will get exactly the same treatment. Now if the man wants to be taken to the hospital and then asks to have a physician other than the one on duty he becomes that physician's private patient and must settle with him, just the same as if he were being treated in his own home. The hospital has nothing to do with the transaction, whatever, and merely makes the regulation charges for the time the man has been a patient there.

PROPHET HICKS SAYS OF APRIL WEATHER.

Change to warmer, falling barometer, south winds, high humidity and rain may be expected about the 1st and 2nd, not ending in eastern sections before the 3rd.

A storm period is central on the 8th, covering the 6th to the 11th. The moon is on the celestial equator on the 9th, and full at an eclipse node on the 11th. The preliminary stages of this period, such as the shifting of the wind currents to easterly and southerly, falling barometer and change to warmer, will all come early in this period, with cloudy, threatening weather. But actual storms will not reach a crisis until about the 9th to the 11th. About these dates there are reasons to apprehend storms of very forcible character. Very low barometric readings, with south winds, humid, muggy atmosphere and high temperature will warn of danger brewing. April thunder storms, about the 9th, 10th and 11th, will easily break into dangerous squalls and tornadoes. Hall storms will also be quite natural at this time. High tidal waves on the Atlantic and gulf coasts on and touching the 11th may be put down as certain. Seismic perturbations will be reported from different parts of the globe on or within twenty-four hours of Saturday the 11th. At the break-up of this period, late snow and sleet are not improbable in northern extremes, and quite cool weather with frosty nights will spread far into the central, if not southern States.

Centering on the 13th and 14th will come reactions from the anti-storm conditions, which followed the previous period. Change to warmer, falling barometer, softer sky and cloud, south winds and April showers will probably result from these reactionary movements.

By the 19th well defined storm areas will be organized in western parts, and as they move eastward, many April thunder showers will visit most States during the 20th and 21st. This part of the month, as a rule, is characterized by "April showers" proper the heavier, more tenacious disturbances of the vernal equinox having ended, and the deeper and wider storms of May having begun. Hence, look for black clouds, sharp thunder showers interspersed with blue sky and bright sunshine, at this regular period. Change to rising barometer, cool, westerly winds and frosty nights to northward, will be the natural order, as disturbances of this period subside to the eastward.

On the 24th and 25th, the temperature will rise to summer warmth, a high degree of humidity will be indicated by the hygrometer, the barometer will fall and April showers will widen into extensive areas of rain and thunder storms. Moon is on the celestial equator on the 24th, two days ahead of new moon, hence the tendency to electrical storms about the 24th—always the case when the moon is on the equator—will not subside, and the low barometer and high temperature will, in all probability, continue up to the 27th, when storm conditions will culminate, and high barometer and change to much cooler will come in from the northwest. Two or three frosts are quite probable at the end of these storms.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, A. G. Arohey, during the past week. J. C. Slaterbach, of Wolfs Store, and Sarah B. Wance, of Aaronsburg. George B. Coder, and Emma E. Munsell, both of Howard. Joseph L. Runkle, of Belleville, and Edith F. Fink, of Mahaffey.

The Belleville Athletic club and Academy basketball teams played the final game of their series at the armory Wednesday evening in the presence of a large and enthusiastic crowd. Each team had previously won a game and excitement ran high throughout the entire game. It resulted in a victory for the Academy boys by the score of 20 to 17.

Oak Hall. Movings are all the go these days. E. K. Smith spent last Friday night in Aaronsburg. John Getz, the tinner of Lemont, called in town Tuesday evening. A. W. Dale transacted business at the county seat Wednesday of this week. Frank Barnhart, of Pittsburg, came home Sunday to attend the funeral of his sister.

A. J. Tate, of Shiloh, spent the last few days in town assisting his son Wesley to move. The dance and oyster supper given at Jacob Klingler's was largely attended last Friday night. The sales in this valley are well attended and stock and farm implements are bringing good prices.

George Stone, of Wilkingsburg, accompanied the remains of his sister-in-law to this place last Monday. D. K. Mothersbaugh departed for Williamsport Thursday morning to resume his work at business college.

Mrs. Wesley Tate and Miss Straub spent Sunday at the home of Bert Hartman on this side of Belleville. Victor Brumgard, the jolly pedagogue of Rock View grammar school, was a caller in town last Friday evening.

H. O. Barr, Ed Williams, Chas. Corl, Henry Homan and E. K. Smith transacted business at A. W. Dale's Tuesday evening. P. W. Ishler and Harry Ishler, two of our enterprising business men, took their departure Tuesday morning for West Virginia where they are interested in lumbering.

The Luthera Sunday school elected the following officers last Sunday for the coming year: Supt. E. K. Smith; Asst. Supt., H. H. Fredericks; Sec'y., D. W. Myers; Asst. Sec'y., H. O. Barr; treasurer, Henry Homan; librarians, Esther Kaup and Cora Homan.

Howard.

Miss Anna Weber visited in Lock Haven on Wednesday. Balsler Weber and Eugene Fletcher returned to college last week.

Mr. Abe Weber returned home from Williamsport on Saturday.

Mrs. James Sechrist, of Lock Haven, visited over Sunday with her daughter Mrs. Geo. Williams.

Miss Edna Reber departed on Tuesday for Williamsport, where she will be employed for the summer.

Mrs. Ruth Malone, of Beech Creek, visited at the home of Mrs. Geo. Thomas here, on Saturday.

Miss Mary Moore, who has been visiting her brother in Philadelphia for the past month, arrived in town on Monday.

Jesse and Cooke Leathers returned home on Friday from Williamsport where they have been attending the Academy. George Coder and Miss Emma Munsel were united in the bonds of holy matrimony on Friday evening at 7 o'clock by J. L. H. Oiler, J. P.

Lemont.

Samuel Zettle lost a valuable horse