

With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.
Service Sunday 10:45 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 94 E. High street.

Owing to the presence of the Rev. F. W. Bible at the Presbyterian church last Sunday night Dr. Hawes postponed his sermon on the "Advent." He will preach it Sunday morning, and in the evening will deliver the last in the series. Subjects for December 22nd, are in the morning, "The Birth as Heaven Purposed," and in the evening "A Song in the Air, a Star in the Sky." The public is cordially invited to this church.

Christmas festival services will be held in St. John's Reformed church on Christmas day at 6:45 a. m. and 7 p. m. The early morning service will be a sunrise service of praise. At 7 p. m. the Sunday school will render "The Angelic Chorus."

SPRING MILLS.

The venerable Mrs. Lucinda Runkle has been quite ill for several days.

J. B. Armstrong, of Hagerstown, made a business trip here on Wednesday last.

Wm. Houtz and wife, of Lemont, were here last week visiting relatives and friends, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Brian.

Our community was again shocked last week by the very sudden death of Mrs. M. C. Stover, wife of the proprietor of the Spring Mills hotel. Shortly after supper on Thursday evening last she received a paralytic stroke. Medical aid was immediately summoned but of no avail and an hour after midnight she died.

All our stores are now dressed in their usual holiday apparel, and the counters loaded with confections, toys and Christmas goods in a wonderful profusion. The decorations in some of the stores are quite artistic, notably the postoffice, which presents a very handsome appearance. Our genial postmaster knows exactly how to make his merchandise department alluring and attractive, for the huge heaps of high grade candies on the counters are certainly very inviting.

Mrs. Isabella Barre, a well known and highly esteemed old lady, widow of the late David Barre, died at Centre Hall on Friday last. Mrs. Barre left here only a few weeks ago to make her future home with her daughter, Mrs. Koons, having reluctantly given up her home here, where she had lived for so many years, and was finally persuaded to sell it, and its loss weighed heavily on her mind, and no doubt hastened her death. Interment was made in the Spring Mills cemetery on Monday last.

LEMONT.

Charles Zeigler is able to be out again.

The Bell telephone company is busy stringing wires between this place and State College.

Linn S. Bottorf is reported much better this week.

Mrs. Jacob Shuey and Thomas Heckman, of Centre Furnace, are on the sick list, and Miss Forest Evey had the great misfortune to run a nail in his foot, which housed him up for a few days.

Miss Isadora Williams and George Fike were quietly married at the home of the bride, last Wednesday.

Miss Myra Allen, one of College township's teachers, has been on the sick list, and Miss Carrie Rishel is taking her place.

Toys.

.....THE..... INDEX Bellefonte, Pa.

Our stock is always full enough to accommodate the late Shopper. In fact, THE INDEX is an all-year

Gift Store

Our line embraces the best that can be provided in

- Books,
- Calendars,
- Bibles,
- Christmas Cards,
- Booklets,
- Leather Goods,
- Fancy Goods,
- Toilet Articles,
- Travelers Sets,
- Desk Conveniences,
- Art Statuary,
- Vases,
- Writing Sets in Brass,
- Christmas Boxes,
- Fountain Pens,
- Fine Box Papers,
- Pictures,
- Novelties,
- and

TOYS

at prices that are within the reach of all.

If hesitating about that Gift, look in

THE INDEX

57-47-44.

"Princeway," a track horse well known in Bellefonte, has been sold by John B. Riddle, of Hollidaysburg, to John Leonard, of Williamsburg.

New Advertisements.

PIGS FOR SALE.—Twelve fine-bred pigs, three and four months old, and all of them in excellent condition are offered for sale by Miss THIRRELL MEEK, near Grays church, on Buffalo Run. 57-45-11.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Priscilla B. Koons deceased, late of State College borough, having been granted to the undersigned, he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

DR. JOHN L. ROBINSON, Administrator.
W. HARRISON WALKER, 1188 Woodlawn St., Scranton, Pa. 57-48-64. Attorney.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of John A. Hoy deceased, late of Patton township, having been granted to the undersigned, he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

Miss SALLIE HOY, Administratrix.
W. HARRISON WALKER, 57-49-64. Attorneys, Wadell, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—In the estate of Anna Patton Burkett, late of Halfmoon township, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above named estate, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated for settlement without delay.

J. MILO CAMPBELL, Executor.
FORTNEY & FORTNEY, Attorneys, 57-49-64. Penna Furnace, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of James C. Gilliland deceased, late of College township, having been granted to the undersigned, he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make early payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

Mrs. NANNIE M. GILLILAND, Executrix.
W. HARRISON WALKER, Oak Hall 57-49-64. Attorney.

NOTICE TO SATISFY MORTGAGE

In Re-petition for satisfaction of Mortgage, dated April 1st, 1893, recorded in Centre County, in Mortgage Book "E," page 603, given by John B. Mitchell, Mortgagor, to James H. Linn and John M. McCoy, Mortgagees.

To James H. Linn and John M. McCoy, Mortgagees, mentioned in the above stated mortgage, and to any and all other holders thereof. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, under the Acts of Assembly governing such cases, to show cause why you should not satisfy a certain mortgage, dated April 1st, 1893, recorded in Centre County in Mortgage Book "E," page 603, given by John B. Mitchell to James H. Linn and John M. McCoy upon a tract of land situated in Ferguson township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, containing 176 acres and 20 perches, and to appear at Bellefonte, Pa., on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1913, to answer the petition of John L. Holmes and Irving L. Foster, and to show cause why said mortgage should not be satisfied or record.

ARTHUR B. LEE, Sheriff.
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New Advertisements.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Henry M. Krebs, late of Ferguson township, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

WILLIAM F. ROSS, Administrator.
57-38-64 Pleasant Gap, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Mrs. Mahalia E. Ross, deceased, late of Spring township, having been granted to the undersigned, he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

A. G. ARCHIE, N. T. KREBS, W. A. SAUCERMAN, Administrators.
GETTIG, BOWER & ZEBBY, Attorneys, 5-48-64.

NOTICE TO SATISFY MORTGAGE

In Re-petition for satisfaction of Mortgage, dated March 31st, 1898, recorded in Centre County, in Mortgage Book "P," page 387, given by William P. Dale, Mortgagor, to John B. Mitchell, in Mortgage.

To John B. Mitchell, John Maitland, Caleb Wheeler, Daniel Houser and Dr. E. W. Hale, Mortgagees, mentioned in the above stated mortgage, and to any and all other holders thereof. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, under the Acts of Assembly governing such cases, to show cause why you should not satisfy a certain mortgage, dated March 31st, 1898, recorded in Centre County in Mortgage Book "P," page 387, given by William P. Dale to John B. Mitchell, portions thereof assigned by John B. Mitchell to Caleb Wheeler, Daniel Houser and Dr. E. W. Hale upon a tract of land situated in Ferguson township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, containing 178 acres and 20 perches, and to appear at Bellefonte, Pa., on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1913, to answer the petition of John L. Holmes and Irving L. Foster, and to show cause why said mortgage should not be satisfied or record.

ARTHUR B. LEE, Sheriff.
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Oysters.

...YOUR...
Christmas Dinner
Will not be nearly as good without
Fresh Shell Oysters or Fresh Fish

as with them and these can be had at any time simply by phoning to the undersigned. They are received every day fresh and will be delivered in the shell, opened and on the half shell, or by the quart, as desired, and at any hour wanted.

This is the Oyster Depot of the town.

WM. H. WALKER,
Next door to Adam's Express Office, 57-49-21. Commercial Phone.

Jewelry.

My Mother's Ring,

worn as thin as tissue, but still MOTHER'S RING. What tender memories it brings and what joy to think that I gave this, MY MOTHER'S RING. The best was none too good and memories cling, cling to MY MOTHER'S RING.

The sentiment attached to a gift is

A Life-long Remembrance

if the gift itself is of life-long wear. What more appropriate gift than a fine piece of Jewelry or Silverware

We have a fine assortment of both.

We solicit correspondence, mail and phone orders. Selection packages sent upon request. We will gladly reserve any article you may wish, until Christmas day.

F. P. BLAIR & SON,

Jewelers and Opticians,
Brockhoff Block. 57-47-44. Bellefonte, Pa.

The Centre County Banking Company.

Strength and Conservatism

are the banking qualities demanded by careful depositors. With forty years of banking experience we invite you to become a depositor, assuring you of every courtesy and attention.

We pay 3 per cent interest on savings and cheerfully give you any information at our command concerning investments you may desire to make.

The Centre County Banking Co.

Bellefonte, Pa. 56-6

The Star of Bethlehem

THE story of the star of Bethlehem has ever been a favorite one with painters and poets and has been a subject of serious study by theologians and scientists. Many astronomers have asserted that the heavenly visitant was a comet and have even sought to identify it with some of the comets now known. Churchmen, on the other hand, have combated these attempts to ascribe a natural cause to the phenomenon and have contended that the gospel text shows the star to have been sent by a miracle to guide the wise men to the Christ Child. One of the favorite theo-

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Nineteen hundred years have passed, and the Child has become the leader of the nations. Only three important countries are now outside of Christian rule. Of these Turkey is being dismembered, Japan is seriously considering the inclusion of a large part of Christianity in her state religion, and China has gone through a revolution many of the leaders of which were Christian converts and which resulted in establishing a republic after the model of our own.

Not only is the whole earth being brought under Christian dominion, but the Christian nations themselves are finding new depths of meaning in the Master's utterances, and new cuts are springing into life to carry into effect some of his neglected teachings. Never in history has there been found a word so vital that important new movements for humanity were found-

The Madonna

By WALTON WILLIAMS
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WITH the painters of the middle ages the Madonna was the most popular subject.

This was especially true of that supremely great school that flourished during the Italian renaissance period in earlier Christian art the Virgin did not so largely figure. It was only with the council of Ephesus and its glorification of Mary as the "mother of God" and the development of the doctrine of the immaculate conception—not only as to the birth of Jesus, but as to that of Mary herself—that the ascendancy of the Virgin both in the church and in church art was established.

It was not till the wonderful renaissance era in Italy, the golden age of art, however, that the Madonna became the favorite theme of painters. The vogue started with Fra Angelico, Fra Bartolommeo and others of the first painters of the era and reached its height under Raphael. The three great figures of the renaissance period in art were Raphael himself, Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci. Angelo painted a few Madonnas, some of them unfinished, but they do not rank with most of his work. Da Vinci has one or two Madonnas that are up to his other great paintings. But it was Raphael of angelic face and character; Raphael, the prince of painters of all ages, whose Madonnas, both in number and quality, outrank those of any other painter, ancient or modern.

Raphael's "Sistine Madonna" is not only his own masterpiece, but by universal consent ranks as the greatest painting in the world. Only less famous than this is his "Madonna of the Chair," while his "La Jardiniere," "Madonna of the Finger" and many more are celebrated.

Raphael Sanzio or Santi was born in 1483 and died of a fever at Rome when thirty-seven. He was the son of a painter and studied at one time under Perugino. His first work to become famous was "The Coronation of the Virgin," which appeared in 1503. "The Marriage of the Virgin" was painted the next year, shortly after which Raphael went to live in Florence, where most of his Madonnas were finished. His fame had now become so great that he was called to Rome to decorate the Vatican. It was not till toward the end of his life that Raphael developed his own style and did his greatest work, the "Sistine Madonna" being his last great painting. He was also an architect and was appointed the chief architect of St. Peter's in Rome.

Another Madonna, a reproduction of which is here shown, is a detail of the painting by Hans Holbein the younger, known as the "Madonna of the Meyer Family." It represents the Virgin and the child Jesus being worshipped by Burgomaster Meyer, his two wives (one deceased) and some of his children. Just why Burgomaster Meyer, his two wives and children should be immortalized in this holy company is not apparent. The burgomaster paid for the picture. Members of the family are omitted in the reproduction.

There were two Hans Holbeins, father and son, both painters. The younger was practically a contemporary of Raphael, being born in Bavaria in 1497. One of his best known portraits is that of Erasmus. Several of his religious pictures are also celebrated.

The painting of the "Madonna and Child" by C. von Bodenhausen, here shown, is more modern.



ries in the early days of the church was that a luminous angel shining like a star led the magi on their way. Another explanation was that the Holy Ghost took the form of a star, as he afterward did that of a dove at the time of the baptism of Jesus by John.

The beautiful tale of the star of Bethlehem is contained in the second chapter of Matthew:

"Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in Judaea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

"Saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

Herod is troubled on hearing this and calls in his chief priests and scribes to learn where Christ should be born. They told him in Bethlehem. The account goes on:

"Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

"And he sent them into Bethlehem and said, Go and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found him bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

"When they had heard the king they departed, and, lo, the star which they had seen in the east went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was.

"When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

They did not return to Herod, however, being warned in a dream.

Another story of the Nativity that has made an equal appeal to artists is that of the shepherds. This occurs in the second chapter of Luke:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

ed on it so long after its first pronunciation.

Now for the first time in history is there a real and tangible hope that universal peace may come thus fulfilling the angelic prophecy made to the shepherds.

Still the star shines across the ages, and still is heard the heavenly voice of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

MADONNA OF THE MEYER FAMILY.

