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For the first time this winter the river is frozen over from shore to shore.

Glanders prevails to an alarming extent among the horses in Lehigh county.

Bloomsburg Souvenir Books, 48 half tone pictures, 25 cents, at the COLUMBIAN office. tf.

Jonathan Loreman, a prominent resident of Franklin township was in town a few days ago on business.

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William H. Sowden of Allentown, who has visited this section several times during political campaigns, is seriously ill at his home.

A public spirited citizen of Danville proposes to present that place with a hospital to cost \$12,000. His identity has not been disclosed.

John Heimiller has had his pension increased from \$12 to \$20 a month. He is 78 years old, and comes under the new regulation.

Swarthmore defeated Normal at basket ball last Saturday evening by a score of 16-10. The visitors are credited with some rough play.

G. H. Welliver & Bro. will have an auction sale of 30 horses at their sales stable, back of Hedden's meat market, on March 4th at one o'clock.

The legislature has been in session eight weeks. Up to this week but one bill was passed. Perhaps the fewer they pass the better it will be for the people. It does not seem to be the intention of the majority to pass any of their promised reform measures if they can help it.

Stories by Normal Students.

**A PROMISE.**

BY EDITH A. HULL.

Away out in the state of Washington lived Robert Brown and Marion Chase, who with their parents were the only white settlers for a circuit of about five miles.

Bob, as he was called for short, and Marion, or Macy, as he called her, were fast friends, and as neither had any brothers or sisters of their own, were almost constantly together.

One day, as they were as usual playing in a barn not far from either house, they began to talk of their future. Macy said "I am going to be a queen like mamma read me about and make everyone do as I want them to." "No, you won't either," he quickly said, "You're going to marry me and I'm going to be a big preacher like Mr. Myers." "I shan't marry you, Bob Brown, so there," she said. "You will, I'll make you." Whereupon he thrust her into an empty meal bin, closed the lid, and deliberately sat upon it, saying, "Now, Macy Chase you've got to promise you'll marry me before I'll let you out." Her tears were of no avail until in humility she promised and he, very forgiving now, lead her to the house saying, "Now don't you forget!" Before she could answer they heard a rush of horse's feet and a big Indian swooped down from his saddle, grabbed Bob, and galloped away before Marion could get her breath. Bob's mother, hearing the horse, rushed out followed by Mrs. Chase; both women were alone with no horses and before they could notify their nearest neighbors, the Indians had had a good start. And altho a very extended search was made, nothing was ever heard from him and deep sorrow reigned uppermost in the loving hearts he had left behind for many years.

Marion, altho but four years old at the time had had this scene so impressed upon her mind that she never forgot her friend Bob nor her promise, and used to tell her mother that she would never forget it or break it.

Years passed—Marion was now a young lady, and her parents sent her east to a fashionable school in Boston. Here she met Victor Bently, a young Western fellow of wealth and influence who on the eve of her graduation told her the old, old story of love. And she must have forgotten her promise to Bob for she said, "Yes."

After commencement, she in company with Victor Bently started for her home. On the way he related to her something of his life. How he had been found when about nine or ten years old in New Mexico by Uncle Ben Bently, as he learned to call him, Uncle Ben had cared for him until his death when he had left a vast fortune to him. He had then come East to complete his education. "And did you never find a clue as to whom your parents were?" she asked. "No, but Uncle Ben advertised as best he could and he said the only thing I seemed to remember of my former home besides the Indians was the one word Macy which—" "Bob! you are Bob! I know it, she cried, "because that is what you used to call me. Don't you remember how you shut me up in a meal bin?" "Yes, I remember that, but I thought 'twas only a dream." More explanations followed.

When they reached her home the happiness of all these reunited people was indescribable and a great thanksgiving arose from the lips of these parents who had waited and mourned so long for their son.

**COST OF TRIALS.**

Few people who read the newspaper reports of the great court trials, such as the Thaw case, have any idea of the great cost of such a trial. It is stated on good authority that the Thaw trial will cost the city of New York \$250,000, while the defense is spending a million dollars. Each lawyer on the side of the defense is the very best to be had. From the publicity that will be gained, these lawyers are liable to suffer in their professional reputations if they do not succeed in freeing their client, and they demand immense fees before they will associate themselves with that side. It is rumored that Delphin Michael Delmas, the great California lawyer who has been imported to take charge of the case, is to get \$250,000 for his services, and if he succeeds in getting Thaw free his fee will be just twice that. On the side of the state eminent special counsel has been secured for the District Attorney, and costly expert testimony introduced by the defense will have to be met with costly expert testimony in rebuttal.

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FEBRUARY.

Thirty days hath September, April, June and November; And every other thirty-one, Excepting February alone, Which has but twenty-eight in store, Till leap year gives it one day more!

Notwithstanding that February is the shortest month in the year, it has more important and illustrious days to its credit, than any other.

2ND.

CANDLEMAS—A popular name for the Feast of the Purification, observed on February 2nd, from the custom of lighting up churches with tapers and lamps in remembrance of our Lord having been declared on this day by Simeon to be "A light to lighten the Gentiles." St. Luke 2:25-32.

3RD.

SEXAGESIMA—The second Sunday before Lent is so called, because it is about sixty days before Easter; the word Sexagesima meaning Sixtieth.

10TH.

QUINQUAGESIMA—The name given to the Sunday next before Lent, because it is the Fiftieth day before Easter: the word quinquagesima meaning fiftieth.

12TH.

SHEROVE TUESDAY—The old name given to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, because on that day every one was accustomed to go to the Priest before beginning the observance of Lent, to be shrived, shriven, shrove, i. e. to confess and be absolved. Certain social customs have been popularly connected with this day, making it a day of merriment and sports, and dining on pan cakes or fritters. The practice of eating pancakes on this day still survives in many places, and hence it is also called Pancake Tuesday or Pancake Day.

13TH.

ASH WEDNESDAY—The first day of Lent; one of the two absolute Fast Days of the Church, the other being Good Friday. In ancient times the first day of Lent was called *Caput Jejunii*, i. e. "Head of the Fast," because Lent began on that day. It was also called *Dies Cinerum*, i. e. "Day of Ashes," from the custom of placing ashes on the head of penitents who presented themselves before the Bishop on this day. Ash Wednesday is a day of deep devotion, of prayer, fasting, self-examination and confession of sin. The public services are most solemn; the Proper Lessons, and Proper Psalms, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, together with the Penitential office to be especially used on this day, all mark it as a day of "weeping, fasting and praying." The Psalms appointed are the Seven Penitential Psalms, viz., the 6th, 32nd and 38th used in Morning Prayer; the 51st used in the Penitential office, and 102nd, 130th, and 143rd read at Evening Prayer. The church color for Ash Wednesday is purple or violet.

17TH.

QUADRAGESIMA—Meaning fortieth; a name to be found in the Prayer Book for the First Sunday in Lent, because it occurs about forty days before Easter.

20TH.

EMBER DAYS—The 20th, 22nd and 23rd days of February: They are the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after the first Sunday in Lent: the first of the Fasts of the four Seasons. The Ember Days are appointed to be observed at the four seasons set, because the Sundays following are the set times for ordination to the sacred ministry.

12TH AND 22ND.

It is also rendered illustrious in Civil history as being the birth of Abraham Lincoln on the 12th; and of George Washington on the 22nd. Of them no extended notice needs to be written.

14TH.

ST. VALENTINE—According to the legend, St. Valentine was beheaded on February 14th at Rome, under Claudius. Although not a Saint of the Church, he is a very popular saint of the young people, who, believing in the old notion that birds began to couple on that day, have kept up the custom of sending love missives, or satirical verses or ornamented cards sometimes to the amusement and sometimes to the disgust of the receiver.

SENEX.

**FOUND DEAD.**

Last Thursday morning when Bon Hagenbuch entered the house of Milton Heberly in Pine Alley to deliver mail he found Miss Ella Deibert, the housekeeper, lying dead on the floor. She was afflicted with dropsy, and had fallen from the chair in which she had been for several weeks unable to lie down. The body was yet warm. She was born near Danville, and was 45 years of age. The funeral was held on Saturday.

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