

Christmas Turkeys For Widows.

The PRESS is pleased to inform the widowed ladies of Emporium Borough that the same courtesy will be extended to them this year, as has been the custom the past two years. We desire the name of every widow residing in Emporium, giving name and street, at once, so that all may be served alike, rich or poor, with a good turkey in ample time for Christmas.

Leave your names at the PRESS office or mail same to

H. H. MULLIN,
Editor Press.

Rural Free Delivery.

The report of Postmaster General Smith records the rapid growth of the rural free delivery service. The number of routes in operation at the beginning of the last fiscal year was 1,276, while at its close it had increased to 4,301. By the beginning of next month it is expected that the number will reach 6,000, and that on July 1, 1902, there will be no less than 8,600 such routes in operation. The rural population now receiving daily service of the mail is about 4,000,000, and by the first of next July will reach 5,700,000. This will mean that the delivery system will then cover more than one-fourth of the portion of the country eligible for such service, and that the whole of the eligible territory, with a population of about 21,000,000 will be reached by it within four years.

That the extension of the service will be continued rapidly is assured by the results thus far. The establishment of rural delivery has been invariably followed by greatly increased postal receipts, and the National Treasury will be benefited by its extension. Outside of the saving to the government by such establishment the advantage accruing to the people served is material. One of the greatest drawbacks of country life is the lack of speedy communication with the centers of population. The establishment of trolley lines is largely doing away with the difficulty of transportation and the construction of rural telephone lines is helping the rapid communication of intelligence, but neither of these agencies can supply the functions performed by the rural delivery mail service. The latter enables a cheap and rapid transmission of ideas between the residents of the country and their friends and business correspondents in all parts of the Nation. It also brings to the rural dweller the daily papers and the latest literature without unnecessary delay, and its general establishment must have a great effect in improving the rural population in many ways.—Pittsburg Times.

Banjo Recital.

On Saturday evening next Dec. 14th, the citizens of Emporium and vicinity, are to be given an opportunity of hearing the world's greatest Banjo Virtuoso, Mr. Alfred A. Farland, who will appear at the opera house under the direction of Mr. Frank M. Ewing. The theatre should not contain an empty seat for this recital will certainly be the musical event of the season. Mr. Farland has the happy faculty of arranging his programs with a view to pleasing all classes of music lovers. Mr. James D. Hawley of Williamsport, Pa., will also give his impersonations. Mr. Farland goes from Emporium to Boston, Mass., where he plays December 16th.

Rummage Sale.

Plans for the Rummage Sale and Bazaar are maturing nicely and some pleasant surprises await those who visit the opera house Dec. 19th and 20th. The ladies are bringing together a collection of articles that will appeal to the tastes of all and whether you purchase or not you will want to see the beautiful array. Aprons, handkerchiefs, dolls in great variety and wondrous profusion.

Oysters, cakes, ice cream, coffee, etc.

Baptist Church Notes.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Pugsley, morning: "Has the Devil a Mortgage on Us?" Evening Topic: "Short Bed and Narrow Bed-Clothes." Bible school at close of morning worship. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 p. m. Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening 7:30. All welcome.

Emmanuel Church.

Celebrations of the Holy Communion next Sunday, December 15th, at 7:30 a. m.

Remarkable.
Despite the fact that the mercury registered 2° below zero last Friday at five a. m., at midday a lady counted fifteen dandelions in bloom on the terrace above Sixth street.

Religious.
A glorious revival is in progress at Keating Summit under the supervision of the pastor, R. S. Oyler. The meeting has been in progress only two weeks and there have been thirty-four seekers and conversions. A deep religious feeling is pervading the community. Regular preaching services in the M. E. church, Sizerville next Sunday a. m. at 10 o'clock; Sunday school at 11 o'clock; Epworth League at 7 p. m. Everybody invited.

R. S. OYLER, Pastor.

Rogers-Grilley Entertainment Postponed.

The management of the People's Star Course regrets very much the postponement of the Rogers-Grilley Entertainment from last Tuesday evening, 10th, to Saturday evening, Dec. 21st. A freight wreck delayed travel for several hours and compelled them to miss an important train connection, hence their non arrival. They will positively appear Saturday evening, Dec. 21st, and the usual large audience will greet these distinguished artists.

Advice to Huntsmen.

If you are desirous of shooting a fellow huntsman the following recipe will be found effective: Go forth in the crisp November morning determined to let drive at anything that looks as if it might be game. Don't stop to reflect that the patch of moving brown that gleams through the bushes may be a man, and not a deer. Blaze away. If it happens to be a man, you can apologize to his widow.

For the man who wishes to shoot himself accidentally a different course of procedure may be confidently recommended: Lay your gun down in the bottom of a boat, and, reaching over, seize the gun by the end of the barrel and drag it toward you. Ten chances to one the hammer will be caught on one of the seats, will be cocked, and then, when released, will fall upon the plunger, sending the entire charge where it will do the most good. If this does not work successfully after repeated trial, try getting over a loosely made stone wall, always carrying the gun cocked. With ordinary luck you ought to be able to shoot yourself by this means once out of three trials.—New York Tribune.

To Corner the Lumber Market.

Altoona, Dec. 9.—The cornering of the hemlock lumber market of Pennsylvania, is said to be the purpose of a combination, at the head of which is John DuBois, the lumber king of this state. Back of him are the proprietors of the largest tanneries of the state, who are also owners of much of the hemlock. It is said that the object is to force the price of hemlock from \$15 per 1,000 feet to \$20 or higher.

It is claimed that allied with DuBois are F. H. Goodyear & Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., who counted the hemlock in Potter, Lycoming and other northern counties of the state. The deal will cost over \$20,000,000 to consummate.

Representatives of several large firms have been in secret conference here for several days. To successfully accomplish the corner the product of the Pittsburg, Williamsport, South Fork and Northern districts will have to be secured. In Pittsburg are centred 1,200,000,000 feet; in Williamsport, 160,000,000; in South Fork, 65,000,000, and in Vintondale, which is a part of the South Fork field, 20,000,000 feet. This represents a year's output of the districts tributary to these centres. DuBois controls the South Fork, Vintondale and part of the Pittsburg districts. The smaller lumbermen declare the corner will strike a snag in the Wisconsin and Michigan competition if prices are forced to a squeeze height, and that another competitor is North Carolina pine, which could be shipped into Philadelphia in quantities and be sold at figures below hemlock if the latter is put up to the fancy prices proposed for it.

Fracas at Sizerville.

A dispute over a horse trade occurred at Sizerville on Tuesday between Frank Culver and Dr. Melvin Hamilton. It is reported Hamilton struck his antagonist with a shovel and left him unconscious. Dr. Smith reports the injured man "all right." Hamilton got his horse back home and now comes a law suit.

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DEATH'S DOINGS.

HUNT.

MRS. HUNT, mother of Mrs. V. S. Burnell, died last Friday evening at the residence of the latter at this place, in her 67th year. Her remains were taken to N. Y., State for burial on Sunday.

OSBORN.

MELVIN A. OSBORN, infant son of Byron Osborn, telegraph operator at Cameron, died on Sunday from drinking Oil of Wintergreen. The child, aged two years and three months, got hold of a bottle of wintergreen and drank a quantity before its mother could get to the child. Dr. Smith was called at once and endeavored to save the child's life, but without avail. The little one died on Sunday.

Geo. J. LaBar was summoned and prepared the remains for shipment to Mr. Osborn's old home at Churchville, N. Y.

HAYNES.

Last Monday the friends of CALEB N. HAYNES were pained to receive the sad intelligence of his death. He died at the Warren Hospital, Sunday p. m., aged 71 years, ten months and ten days. His family did not know his physical health was more impaired than usual, so were wholly unprepared to receive the telegram announcing his death.

He was one of the pioneer settlers, having come here from Wyoming county about 48 years ago; he settled on the First Fork and soon had built up a fine farm, which is now in the possession of his sons.

The affliction under which he has suffered for years has been a sore trial to his friends and family, who can always remember him for his many deeds of kindness and fidelity while he was clothed in his right mind.

The remains were brought home Tuesday evening, and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Faus, from the family residence Wednesday p. m. Interment was made in Smith cemetery.

BELDIN.

The PRESS, as well as our citizens generally were shocked on Tuesday upon receipt of the sad intelligence that CHARLES W. BELDIN had died that day in Williamsport Hospital, where he had been receiving treatment for several weeks. Although it was known that he was in a precarious condition late reports were hopeful that he might recover from a serious disease of the stomach. He suddenly grew worse on Monday. His malady proved to be cancer of the stomach. The funeral will be held from M. E. church at Sinnamahoning this (Thursday) afternoon at two o'clock, and will be attended very largely by the many admiring friends of the deceased, from all sections of the county.

The deceased moved to this county shortly after his return from the army and has resided continuously at Sinnamahoning, where he was popular and greatly respected by all. He was about 65 years of age.

Mr. Beldin, in addition to being postmaster at the time of his death filled with great credit and honor many responsible positions in Grove township. He also served one term, 1888-'89 and '90, as County Commissioner with fidelity. He was conscientious in the discharge of every duty. The sad news of Mr. Beldin's death was especially painful to the writer hereof. For many years we have been warm loyal friends and the severance of this tie causes us to feel sad as we pen these few lines.

Mr. Beldin leaves a wife and two grown up sons, to whom the PRESS and hundreds of friends extend their heartfelt sympathy.

The funeral this afternoon will be held under the auspices of Driftwood Masonic Lodge, of which the deceased was Past Master; also by Lieut. D. W. Taggart Post, G. A. R.

Farewell, dear friend.

Death of Dr. J. T. Laning.

Word was received here on Monday that Dr. J. T. Laning, formerly a practicing physician in this county died suddenly in New Jersey. For several years after leaving Cameron county he was medical examiner in Pension Department at Washington. Old age, 71, and poor health caused him to resign his position and moved to Hopewell, N. J., where he leaves a wife and several children. Dr. Laning was a gentleman of exceptionally bright intellect, a good speaker and forcible writer. He has many friends in this county, who will be sorry to hear of his death.

Paint Economy.

Putting it on costs twice as much as the paint itself; and Devco lead and zinc lasts twice as long as lead and oil.

BRIEF MENTION.

The great development in newspaper advertising has not been due to the efforts of publishers, but to the competition in business. As the cities have grown the business has multiplied, and the most enterprising merchants have enlarged their share of trade by calling the peoples' attention to their wares. This has forced all merchants who want more than a neighborhood business to advertise. Now the people have the habit of looking to the newspapers for shopping information, and the establishment which is not advertising is not in the race.—Philadelphia Record.

People who are inclined to listen to the voice of the pessimists who indulge in lamentations over "the waning power of Christian," says The Chicago Record-Herald, will do well to look at the figures which measure the marvelous growth of the religious organizations during the past 100 years. It is found that the church membership has grown in this country four times as fast as the population. As our growth in population has no parallel in human history, it will be seen that the advance in organized or institutional Christianity is something amazing. "Over a billion dollars a year for Christianity," is the answer of the church to the skeptic and the pessimist.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold examinations at several places in each state during March and April, to secure young men and women for the government service. 9,889 persons secured positions last year through these examinations. Probably 10,000 appointments will be made this year. All appointments are for life and for most positions only a common education is required. Salaries at appointment vary from \$660 to \$1200 a year with liberal promotions afterward. Politics is not considered. This affords a good opportunity for people between 16 and 45 years of age. Those desiring places of this kind can get full information about them, free, by writing to the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C. and asking for its Civil Service catalogue, number three.

Bear Frightens Young Ladies.

A few days ago several young ladies employed at the shell factory of the Keystone Powder Company experienced a fright while going to their work, early in the morning. When near Shives' farm they discovered a bear near the railroad track, standing upon its hind legs eager for the accustomed embrace. It is not necessary to say the girls hastily retreated—they flew—down the track for town, when they met one of the men, who persuaded them to return with him and point out Mr. Bruin, which they timidly proceeded to do. The bear proved to be a bush, but right here we advise our friends not to mention anything about that bear to the young ladies.

Serious Break-Down at the Furnace.

Last Friday a serious accident occurred to the Furnace machinery. One of the large blowing engine's cross heads broke, bending the connecting rods. It caused great commotion for a time and there was a hasty scattering from the engine room. The damage is quite serious and will require ten days to repair the break. New cross-heads are now being forged at Reading. The Furnace continues in operation, with one large engine, but of course, not to its full capacity.

Opening New Coal Fields.

A firm of Philadelphia coal operators has closed a deal for the purchase of 8,000 acres of coal lands in the Karthaus district. A portion of the land is in Keating township, this county, and the balance of the tract in Karthaus township, Clearfield county. The land included in the deal extends from the Sinnamahoning road, leading to Driftwood, to West Keating, and the whole is underlaid with a four foot vein of the finest coal in the county.

Cochran-Overton.

Invitations have been received by many Emporium friends announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Cochran to Dr. James B. Overton at the residence of Hon. J. W. Cochran, West Ashland, Wis., Thursday, Dec. 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Overton will be at home after Feb. 1st, 1902, at 222 Park street, Jacksonville, Ill.

The great popularity of Miss Cochran in this county, where she resided formerly, assures the contracting parties of the best wishes of our citizens. The PRESS especially extends congratulations in advance.

Decorate your house with two or three of those beautiful palms, at Taggart's.

Miss May Gould's Class Recital.

Miss May Gould's Class gave their seventh recital last Monday evening at her parlors. The following program was rendered:

PROGRAMME.	
Grand March (Triumphale, (two pianos)....	Kube
Belle Husted, Edna Auchu.	
Con Amore, (Melodie).....	Beaumont.
Helen Blumle.	
Waltz.....	Donald Grey.
	Myrtle Gregory.
Tarantella.....	Louis Brandt.
	Harold Seger.
Birthday March.....	Kohler.
	Mildred Green.
Joyous Farmer.....	Schuman.
	Stasia Lawler.
Galop Militaire, (Duet).....	Bohm.
	The Misses Boutain.
Menuetto.....	Waddington.
	Agnes Blumle.
Piano Solo.....	Selectcd.
	Alice Burnell.
(a) Swing Song.....	Loesohorn.
(b) March.....	Enckhausen.
	Kate Metzger.
Coming from School, (March).....	Prose.
	Helen Auchu.
Evening Star, (Reverie).....	Holst.
	Della Bingham.
Home of My Heart.....	Spindler.
	Edna Crulse.
Dorothy.....	Seymour Smith.
	Ethel Day.
(a) Message of the Flower.....	Hackh.
(b) The Skylark.....	Schmoll.
	Nadine Morgan.
Reverie.....	Kennedy.
	Nellie Thomas.
Old Folks at Home.....	Holst.
	Christie McDonald.
Duet, (From Merry Wives of Windsor)....	Nicolai.
	Kato Metzger, Nadine Morgan.
The Butterfly.....	Merkel.
	Alice Montgomery.
Mazurka.....	Wenzel.
	Francis Quinn.
Bonnie Sweet Bessie.....	Ryder.
	Annie Welsh.
Fleecy Cloud.....	Mendelssohn.
	Iva Leet.
The Streamlet.....	Pacher.
	Nellie Lingle.
Piano Solo.....	Selectcd.
	Eva Leet.
Mid-Summer Night's Dream.....	Sydney Smith.
	Edna Auchu.
Menuet.....	Paderewski.
	Belle Husted.

Practical Upholsterer.

George J. LaBar desires to inform the general public that he has in his employ, for a limited time a practical upholsterer and all customers, or others, who may desire work in that line should be prompt with their orders. We are always supplied with choice material for coverings.

GEO. J. LABAR.

Arrested for Arson.

Jane Smith, alias Ella Spencer, of North Creek, was arrested last Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Hemphill, upon warrant sworn out by Judge Warner, for the burning of his barn and contents, several weeks ago. The prisoner was giving a hearing before Esquire Larrabee and committed to jail. From what we can learn the woman repeatedly threatened to burn Mr. Warner's property, having had some trouble.

We Have the Key to Your Safe.

The First National Bank have just received the fourth consignment of these little Home Savings Banks. They carry the key, you have the bank, which is opened twenty-four hours in the day for your savings. Anyone can save in small amounts, while few can save in large sums. You can get the large sums by putting your small savings in these banks.

Only the man who tries new things, adds to the world's wealth and knowledge. Be one among those who try; get a Home Savings Bank.

Found Their Father.

Mrs. H. H. Patterson of Benazette and Mrs. Bert Smith of Driftwood were in town last week in quest of their father, Harry English, whom they had mourned as dead for several years. A few days before their arrival they had received a letter from him stating that he was in Smethport and expressing a great desire to see them. Mr. English, who in his early days was the talk of Warren and McKean counties because of his deeds, both good and bad, has been an inmate of the poor house for several years and there his daughter found him. The meeting with a parent whom they had mourned as dead was affecting in the extreme. Harry English, at one time a man of magnificent physique, is now a bed-ridden invalid and required considerable care and attention, so it is quite probable he will remain in the institution where these attentions are assured him, although it is said that his daughters greatly desired to take him away, but were convinced that his present abode was best during the short period of life that remains to him.—Smethport Miner.

Card of Thanks.

EDITOR PRESS:—Please convey our thanks to those kind neighbors and friends who aided us during our deep affliction. Especially do we desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, and Mr. and Mrs. Norton.

S. B. HOPKINS AND FAMILY.

WEATHER REPORT.

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)

FRIDAY, Fair.

SATURDAY, Fair.

SUNDAY, Fair.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Rocking chairs, all prices and kinds at LaBar's. 35tf

Taggart's stock of China novelties is immense.

Toilet brushes of all kinds at Dodson's Pharmacy.

Rocking chairs! rocking chairs! The finest line you ever saw at LaBar's. 35

Fountain pens, purses, money books at Dodson's Pharmacy.

Comb and Brush sets at Taggart's is way ahead of anything he has ever had.

New stock of Window Shades in all grades and prices at H. S. Lloyd's.

Cigars in small holiday packages at Dodson's Pharmacy.

Subscribe for the PRESS; only \$1.50 a year in advance.

If you want to see a fine lot of rocking chairs, go to LaBar's. 35tf

A full assortment of elegant odors and toilet waters at Dodson's Pharmacy.

Gloss enamel paints and varnish stains to match your wall paper, at H. S. Lloyd's.

Amber, briar, and murchaum pipes, cigar and cigarette holders for holiday presents at Dodson's Pharmacy.

Large stock of Wall Paper at 3c per roll and border at 1 1/2c per yard at H. S. Lloyd's.

Canned Pine Apple in chunks, packed in Singapore, at Balcom & Lloyd's.

A larger line of rocking chairs than you will find in most city stores and cheaper at LaBar's. 35tf

Long-Life Paint.
Zinc doubles the life of white lead, and costs no more. Devco lead and zinc is the toughest paint now known.

We can convince you of a saving on wall paper of from 25 to 50 per cent. Examine our stock and get our prices. H. S. LLOYD.

The Best Paint.
In every respect is white lead and zinc well ground together; it is twice as good as lead alone and costs no more; Devco.

How would you like to make a Christmas present of a fine crayon? W. G. Bair makes them and we suggest you leave your order at once as he gets busier as the Holidays approach.

We buy our wall paper direct from the factory and thereby save the jobber's profit. We give this profit to you when you buy your wall paper of us. H. S. LLOYD.

Don't you remember how sorry you were last Christmas time that you did not examine and get the prices of Taggart's books before buying; don't get caught that way this year.

CHRISTMAS SALE OF MILLINERY.—We are offering our entire stock of trimmed hats at greatly reduced prices, in order to close out this season's styles.

MRS. CAVEY,
MISS GUINN,
Fourth Street, Opposite City Hotel.

As the Holidays are fast approaching and "what to get for Christmas presents" is the present thought I would suggest to the undecided to have your photographs taken. They make fine Christmas tokens. The artists proofs are all the go this season and a dozen will do for twelve presents. There is nothing more acceptable. Call and see them at W. G. Bair's studio, opposite Bank.

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