

Camp-Meeting Notice.

The Free Methodists of Bradford District, Oil City Conference, will hold their annual Camp-Meeting in Wiley's Grove, Emporium, Pa., June 18th to 25th, 1902.

F. W. McCLELLAND.

Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., Feb. 15th to 17th. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed. If you have weak eyes or headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he makes a speciality of correcting all such cases. Lenses ground to fit all kinds of peculiar vision. 49-3t.

Sudden Death.

Mrs. Harry Hemphill, was called to Clearfield last week, to the bedside of her brother, Edward M. Birchfield, who has been sick for several months with consumption. Returning to Emporium she was shocked to receive a telegram on Tuesday, conveying the sad intelligence that her brother had died at 7:30 that morning. Mr. Birchfield was 54 years of age. Deputy Sheriff Hemphill and wife accompanied by their son Bing, left yesterday, to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Byron W. King.

The Reading given by Mrs. Byron W. King at the Court House, last Monday night, for the benefit of the High School library, was an artistic success. For nearly two hours she held the delighted attention of her auditors and so varied her program as to please the most diversified tastes. She possesses histrionic talent of a high order and by study and practice has attained a degree of dramatic excellence that fits her to fill the most difficult roles, essayed by entertainers of her class. Mrs. King suffers nothing by comparison with her distinguished husband. Her appearance here again would receive a warm welcome.

FLORIDA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The second Jacksonville tour of the season via the Pennsylvania Railroad, allowing two weeks in Florida, leaves New York, Philadelphia, and Washington by special train February 18. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Buffalo, \$54.25; Rochester, \$54.00; Elmira, \$51.45; Erie, \$54.85; Williamsport, \$50.00; Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; and at proportionate rates from other points.

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Heaven Enough for Him.

An exchange relates a story of a broken down editor who had starved to death and was being taken to heaven by his guardian angel. On his way he asked permission to see the other place before the gates of heaven closed behind him. Arriving at hades and rambling around among the furnaces, he got lost from his guide. He finally stopped before a furnace labeled "Delinquent Subscribers," and in there he saw a number of men dancing around on the hot coals in great agony, who had taken his paper for years and when pressed to settle refused to take the paper from the office, causing the postmaster to mail one of those familiar blue cards: "Reason: Refused. Don't want it any longer." The sight fascinated him and he continued to gaze on their sufferings, oblivious to all else around. Finally the angel found him and reminded him that it was time to go on. "Well, you go on," replied the fascinated editor. "I'm going to stay right here. This is heaven enough for me."

VERY LOW RATES TO THE NORTHWEST

March 1 to April 30, 1902, the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will sell tickets to Montana, Idaho and North Pacific coast points at the following greatly reduced rates: From Chicago to Butte, Helena and Anaconda, \$30.00; Spokane, \$30.50; Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, \$33.00. Choice of routes via Omaha or St. Paul.

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We make this statement because it sometimes happens that a communication appears in a newspaper under an assumed signature which excites comment and various parties try to find out who is the author. Let all be saved the trouble of questioning the employees of the printing office. They are know-nothings on such points.

On such matters they have eyes and ears, but no mouth, and if they fail to observe this rule let them be put down as dishonorable members of the craft. It is the same in job printing. If anything is to be printed and kept secret, let proper notice be given of the desire for secrecy, and you might as well question a sphinx as one of the printers, so that even the secret books of lodges are printed without fear.—Press and Printer.

The Noah H. Parker Estate.

The estate of Col. Noah H. Parker is again to figure in the Orphan's Court at the March term. The party having charge of Polly Parker, the only child, is asking of the estate three dollars per week since the father died in 1897. Already much of the estate has been spent in litigation and after the expenses of the present suit have been paid it is doubtful if there will be enough left to pay this party the three dollars a week even should the court so direct. This estate once held the mortgage on the Presbyterian church this city, but when that was paid two years ago, the money was placed in the bank and we understand remains there. Chas. C. Ward of this city is one of the executors of this estate and will have to answer with the rest.—Port Allegany Reporter.

Local Institute at Sterling Run.

All persons interested in education are cordially invited to attend the Local Institute which will be held at Sterling Run, Pa., February 15th, 1902.

PROGRAM. 10:15 a. m. Music. Institute. Primary Reading. Miss Blanche Ludlum. Intermediate Reading. Miss Mame Cleary. Advanced Reading. Miss Ximena Brooks. General Discussion. Literature in Primary Grades. Miss Emma Marsh. Literature in Advanced Grades. Mr. J. Ira Smith. 1:30 p. m. Music. Institute. A Plea for Thoroughness. Mr. B. G. Woodward. Importance of Teaching Physiology. Mr. Leavitt. Teaching Penmanship. Miss Mary Robinson-Song. By the School Girls' Little Things. Miss Mattie Collins. How to Teach Patriotism. Mr. C. P. Bastian. MR. JOHN SCHWAB, Chairman. MISS MABEL M. WYLLIE, Sec'y.

Slightly Better.

The many friends of Mr. Thos. H. Norris, who is seriously ill with fever, at the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. C. C. Fay, at this place, will be pleased to learn that he is somewhat improved at this writing. He is a very sick man. A professional nurse, from Williamsport Hospital, is in constant attendance. We hope to have the pleasure of stating in our next issue that this good friend is entirely out of danger.

LATER.—At the hour of going to press, this morning, we regret to learn Mr. Norris is not so well.—both Drs. Smith and Bardwell being in consultation.

Chas. Seger Reappointed.

Postmaster Charles Seger, has been notified by Congressman Sibley that he has nominated him for postmaster at Emporium, for a term of four years. Emporium has never had a more popular, obliging and efficient postmaster than Mr. Seger has proven himself to be. The great increase in the office work, in addition to new regulations, makes the position a very arduous one to fill—not an hour being allowed for pleasure. Mr. Seger's many friends will be glad to congratulate him.

Stricken With Paralysis.

John Chapman, of Sterling Run, was stricken with paralysis last Friday and at this writing is in a very precarious condition.

Married at Driftwood.

Robt. D. Sheldon, of Renovo, and Miss Carrie Chestnut, for some time clerk in Driftwood postoffice, were married at Driftwood on Tuesday. They will locate at Renovo.

Joseph Candor, aged 68 years, died suddenly at Lock Haven, last week, Tuesday.

Flames Cost Paterson, N. J. \$100,000.

Fire Began at Midnight and was not Checked Until Sunday Afternoon—City Hall, Five Churches, Six Banks, 25 Commercial Houses and 600 Dwellings Swept by the Flames—A Thousand Families are Homeless, but no Great Distress.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 10.—1:15 a. m.—The wind died out during the night and the danger of a fresh outbreak of fire from flying sparks was for the time greatly lessened. It sprang up again at midnight, and an hour later was blowing quite hard. The firemen remained on guard at every point of danger, and streams were kept playing into a number of buildings. At midnight the military guards were relieved by fresh men, who will remain on watch through the rest of the night. The sentries blocked every avenue leading into the two burned districts and preserved perfect order. Dozens of the shells of buildings that still stand are dangerous in that a strong wind would topple them over, and steps will be taken early this morning to have them torn down.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 9.—A great fire swept through Paterson today, and in its desolate wake are the embers and ashes of property valued in preliminary estimates at \$10,000,000. It burned its way through the business section of the city and claimed a majority of the finer structures devoted to commercial, civic, educational and religious use, as well as scores of houses. There was but small tribute of life and injury of persons to the conflagration, but hundreds were left homeless and thousands without employment. A relief movement for the care of those unsheltered and unprovided for has been organized and Mayor John Hinchecliffe said to-night that Paterson would be able to care for her own without appealing to the charity of other communities. The great manufacturing plants are safe, and the community, temporarily dazed by the calamity, has commenced the work of reorganization and restoration.

The fire came at last midnight and was only checked after a desperate fight that lasted until late this afternoon. Every city and town within reach of Paterson sent firemen and apparatus to the relief of the threatened city and it took the united efforts of them all to win the battle. A northeast gale gave the conflagration its impetus and carried its burning brands to kindle the blaze afresh at other points. The firemen made stand after stand before the wall of fire, but were repeatedly driven back, and when victory finally came to them they were grimed and exhausted.

An estimate made from a general inspection of the smoldering ruins placed the number of dwellings and apartment houses destroyed at 500, and the number of families left without shelter at 1,000.

Hungarian Court Orchestra.

The Hungarian court orchestra achieved success at the Y. M. C. A. hall last night before an excellent house. There are nine of the instrumentalists, with the addition of a batone singer of talent. The numbers rendered were distinguished by novelty in addition to merit. The mannerism and attitudes of the soloists were just enough unlike those of the average orchestra to add charms to their performance, and their performance was further marked by a lightness of touch that marked it as something new in the way of orchestral selections. Of instruments there were four violins, two cellos, a flageolet, a piccolo and a cymbalom—an instrument fashioned somewhat like a grand piano, the performer operating it by direct contact with the strings. The mistress of the latter instrument was a Hungarian miss in a costume of national colors; a green skirt, a white waist and a crimson bodice. She manipulated her difficult instrument with ease and accuracy, rendering music of a soft and delightful character. Softness was, in fact, the distinguishing quality of all the numbers. In addition to Miss Fannie Amsterdam's cymbalom solo, the most popular numbers were a violin solo, "Zigeuner-Weisen," by the director, Max Amsterdam, to which he added, as an encore, the intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana; a cello solo by Mr. R. Sansone, which was a classical selection, followed by "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and the vocal selections of Mr. H. Burgess Jones.—St. Louis Globe, Nov. 12th, 1901. At the court house, Emporium, Tuesday evening, Feb. 25th, 1902. Secure your seats early.

Renovo has contracted for arc lights on their streets, agreeing to pay \$78 per light.

Financial Success.

The Hamilton Hose Company's Fair and Ball closed last Thursday evening, being a great financial success. The Company cleared over \$400.

Prof. Bastian at St. Marys.

Prof. C. P. Bastian visited St. Marys last Saturday and took part the exercises of Teachers Institute and Educational Rally, delivering a helpful address on "Promptness and Regularity in School Work." The subject was ably handled no doubt.

Snakes in February.

County Commissioner A. W. Mason while in town on Tuesday informed his friends that his teamsters had killed two monster rattlesnakes, lying in the middle of the road, near Sterling tannery. Respectfully referred to Pap Blodgett for investigation.

Baptist Church Notes.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. Morning subject "Going to the Multitude." Evening topic, "Does God Lie?" Baptism at close of sermon. Bible School at close of morning worship. C. E. Crandell, Supt. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 p. m. Bertram Olmsted, president. Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. All welcome. The Sunday evening service is increasing in numbers and interest. Average attendance for January 101. Don't miss next Sunday evening service and get a "Bible Bulletin" from the ushers at the door. They are original; they hit hard hearts. Come and get one, read it, and pass it on.

A Decided Success.

The entertainment given at opera house last Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, by the State College Thespians was a great success, both financially and otherwise. Every seat was sold, in the reserved section, long before the doors were opened. The play, "A Russian Honeymoon," was admirably presented and delighted the audience. The college songs were well received. The ladies are to be congratulated upon the great success that attended this entertainment. Too much praise cannot be given Mrs. E. C. Davison, to whom, in a very great measure, devolved the management from the commencement to finish and by constant hard work made the Thespian occasion one of pleasure to our people, profit to the church and formed many pleasant acquaintances with our mountain city folk.

New Electric Light Song.

To the Editor of the Independent, Connetquot from the East Ward.

MY DEAR FRIEND:—Rudyard Kipling, at my suggestion, is writing a song to be entitled, "Catlin, the Burgess and the Electric Light." This will be set to music, will be dedicated to your honored self, and will be presented to you, together with a monster petition, requesting you to sing it at least once a week for the coming year. It has been suggested that the air should be something on the order of that adapted to "Old Grimes is Dead," but if you have any choice we will try to have the matter satisfactorily arranged.

Yours truly,
THE BURGESS.

Editor Meek Not Guilty.

Clearfield, Pa., Feb. 8.—"Not guilty, but pay the costs" is the finding of the jury in the libel case brought by Frank G. Harris, State Treasurer-elect, against P. Gray Meek, editor of the Bellefonte Democratic Watchman.

The charge made by Mr. Harris against Mr. Meek was criminal libel. The suit was based on a publication in Mr. Meek's paper reflecting on Mr. Harris, during the recent State campaign. The costs amounted to about \$1,000. The case attracted widespread interest in political circles throughout the State and almost every prominent politician and officeholder in the State was subpoenaed as witnesses.

"Love, honor and obey," said the parson.
"Love, honor and 'bey!" said the bride.

"Obey," said the parson.
"Bey," said the maid.
"O-bey," repeated the parson.
"Bey," repeated the maid.

"Say," expostulated the parson to the bridegroom, "if this lady does not say 'obey I will not proceed with the ceremony."
"Oh!" replied the man; let it go at 'bey.' I'll make her say 'oh' directly I get her home!"

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BRIEF MENTION.

The P. & E. R. R. men will receive their first month's increase pay next Friday.

January was the banner month at Pennsylvania shops at Altoona. The employes received \$630,000 in wages.

The largest congregation in years assembled at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening. The State College quartette and orchestra assisted in the services.

Elis Hartz, the venerable "goosebone prophet," of Reading, declares that February will be a record breaker for severe weather of all kinds, and he warns the people to be prepared.

Mr. F. H. Goodyear's private car Sinnemahoning has been overhauled at the Galleton shops in preparation for a Southern trip, on which its owner intends to start in a few days, accompanied by a party of friends.

It is the duty of every tax payer to go to the polls next Tuesday and exercise their constitutional right. Elect only good men and vote for those you know by their acts have the best interests of all at heart.

After praying for forty years for a baby, a New Jersey couple placed a small want ad in a newspaper and that same night a bouncing boy was left on their door step. Prayer is all right if you are not in a hurry, but for quick results use printers' ink.—Ex.

Attorney General Elkin has confirmed the opinion of Secretary of the Commonwealth Griest to the effect that the ballots shall not be numbered hereafter. He holds that the constitutional amendment adopted last November does away with this feature of the ballot.

C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C., will send free a Booklet containing abstracts of decisions in leading patent cases, and other information of interest to Inventors, Patentees and Manufacturers. They will also send a Booklet on Trade-Marks to any one who may desire to have a Trade-mark registered.

Senator Quay has a fine habit of keeping his word. He promised the citizens of New Castle during a speech in the campaign of 1900 that he would secure the passage of a bill in Congress for a new public building for that town and he has kept his word. Before he started for Florida the Senate by unanimous consent allowed Senator Quay to call up the bill out of order and it was passed.

For many centuries the Cowanesque river has flowed into the Tioga but the latest flood and ice jam in the two rivers has changed it all and now the Tioga is a tributary of the Cowanesque. An ice jam formed in the Tioga river not far from its junction with the Cowanesque and this obstruction has caused a change. The Tioga plowed through the sand flats for sixty feet and left an island of several hundred acres of land.

A colored pastor was expounding gospel to his little flock, and after vividly describing the place of the damned, concluded his services with the following: "Bredren, I has been asked how hot is hell and would say dat if you took all de wood in York state and all de coal in Pennsylvania and piled 'em all in a heap, and poured on dat heap all de oil in de world, and set all dat on fire, an' den took a man out ob hell and put him into that burnin' mass he would freeze to death. Dat's how hot it is."—Ex.

Speaking of things that go to make a good town an exchange says: "A newspaper whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men has more influence in attracting attention to building up a town than any other agency that can be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor go where there is an enterprising community. No power on earth is so strong to build up a town so well as a paper well patronized. The man who overlooks his town paper injures himself by injuring his town and townsmen."

The Rutland correspondent to the Mansfield Advertiser, says: "The day of miracles has not wholly passed." A lady visiting friends in Perrytown recently was taken sick and confined to her bed for several days. While unable to get up, she requested that a messenger be sent to a gentleman living near Painter Run, to come and pray for her. The man came through snow drifts, and finally reaching the place began to pray for the sick one. Before he had finished the lady rose from her bed, dressed and since that time has been in her usual health. Faith accomplished wonders in this case.

WEATHER REPORT.

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Fair.
SATURDAY, Snow.
SUNDAY, Fair.

Mrs. Geo. Gross Dead.

The many friends of Mrs. Geo. Gross, of Portland Mills, will be pained to learn that excellent young lady, (who has been very ill for several weeks but thought to be improving) is again in a very serious condition. Her parents, who reside in Emporium (Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery) were called to her bedside last Thursday. Her condition at this writing does not improve and we regret to learn that little hope is given for her recovery.

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. GROSS.

LATER—A telegram received this (Thursday) morning conveyed the sad intelligence that Mrs. Geo. Gross died last evening. Chas. W. Rishell, funeral director LaBar's assistant, left on Erie mail this morning to take charge of the remains. We have no particulars but suppose interment will be at this place.

Gone to Her Reward.

Mrs. Dexter, one of the best known and most highly respected ladies of this county, died Friday night at 10:30 o'clock after an illness of about four days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Watson L. Barclay, at Wyside, in the 73d year of her age. She had been quite well until the first of the week when she was taken with the grippe, followed by a stroke of paralysis which caused her death.

Mrs. Dexter was a member of the Baptist church, and an estimable Christian woman.

A large company of friends were present at the funeral services, which were conducted from the home on Sunday at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. G. W. Faus, of the M. E. church, who took his text, by request, from the 14th chapter of St. John's gospel, this being one of her favorite portions of Scripture.

Her remains were taken to Owego, N. Y., her former home, for burial.—Driftwood Gazette.

The New Library.

The new location of the Emmanuel Library, a few doors west of gas office, is an admirable one and when the many improvements are completed as contemplated by Mr. Josiah Howard, to whom the public are indebted for this generosity, it will be an institution far in advance of that enjoyed by any town outside of the large cities. The reading room proper has been handsomely furnished. The entire building, purchased and remodeled for the purpose, in addition to the library, will be fitted with agynum and a smoking room. It is certainly a grand work and is highly appreciated by our people.

Emmanuel Church.

Early celebration of the Holy Communion next Sunday at 7:30 a. m., and every Sunday in Lent (except the first Sunday in March.)

A class for the study of English Church History will meet in the church at 5 p. m. each Sunday in Lent. It will be in charge of Mr. Charles T. Logan. The young men of the parish are especially invited to attend this class.

The Rector is expecting to exchange with the Rev. J. H. McCandless, of St. Luke's church, Smethport, Sunday, Feb. 23d.

Fire Came While They Slept.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—Ten men and one woman were killed by a fire which started at 3:30 o'clock this morning in the Empire hotel, a three-story lodging house at 2700 and 2702 Olive street. Eight persons were dangerously injured, and a dozen were severely frost-bitten. There were between 35 and 40 persons in the building and it is believed all are accounted for.

CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-one Days' Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-conducted Tour to California will leave on February 25. Passengers will be transported to El Paso, Texas, in special Pullman cars. At the latter point they will be transferred to the "Mexico and California Special," composed exclusively of Pullman parlor smoking, dining-room, drawing-room sleeping, compartment, and observation cars, which will be used over the entire trip back to New York. While the best hotels will be used where extended stops are made, the train will be at the constant command of the party. Round-trip tickets, covering all necessary expenses, \$375 from all points on Pennsylvania Railroad except Pittsburgh, from which point the rate will be \$370.

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