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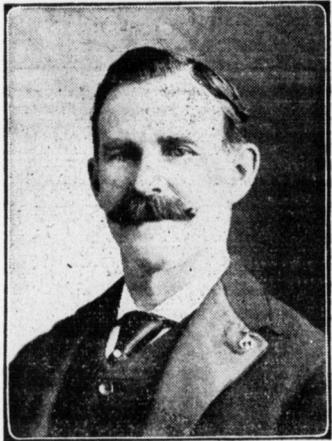
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IMPORTANT PURCHASE.



W. D. Johnson Secures Timber for Fifteen Years.

Cameron county's prominent lumberman, W. D. Johnson, has closed the contract with the Pennsylvania Joint Land and Lumber Company for timber on a large tract of land, estimated at seventy-five thousand acres, sufficient to keep his mills active for fifteen years to come. It is Mr. Johnson's intention to erect a large mill at Sterling Run and Cameron. This purchase means much to Cameron county in the future.

J. L. Wheeler Burned Out.

J. L. Wheeler's store and stock at Rural Valley, Pa., was destroyed by fire last week, Monday night. His loss is \$2,800; insurance \$2,100.

Burglary.

Will Lyon's residence was entered by burglars last Saturday night stealing \$25.00 cash and Mrs. Lyon's gold watch. The same chap attempted to enter Rev. O. S. Metzler's residence.

BRIEF MENTION.

Trout April 15th. Arrest all violators of the law.

Mrs. A. C. Blum visited her sister at Portland Mills over Sunday.

Miss Dora Sizer, of Sizerville, has the thanks of ye editor for a cake of delicious home-made maple sugar.

It is reported that Hall & Kaul have purchased the DuBois & Van Tassel lands located in Cameron and Elk counties.

Albert T. Patrick, tried for the murder of the aged millionaire, W. M. Rice, was yesterday evening declared guilty of murder.

The Pennsylvania R. R. Company are doing considerable surveying in this section at present, especially on Buffalo division.

Hemlock lumber is said to have advanced one dollar per one-thousand feet during the past few days, on account of the loss to the mill men by the recent floods.

Master Howard Bigeman is the happiest lad in Emporium, having received from his uncle Adam Bigeman, of Treverton, Pa., a real live goat. His goatship being well trained Warner Judd will have to put his steppier in training if he wants to retain his record.

LOCAL NOTICES.

FOR SALE on easy terms, a dwelling house on east Sixth street. Apply to W. J. Hughes.

In most cases, pay me the same price for border that you did last year and I will throw the paper in. L. Taggart.

Zinc and Grinding Make Devoe Lead and Zinc Paint wear twice as long as lead and oil mixed by hand.

Never has there been such a variety of paints, oils, varnishes, enamels and varnish stains brought to town as you will find at Taggart's.

EASTER OPENING—An exhibit of pattern hats and novelties—mourning goods a specialty—March 25 and 26. B. E. AND E. L. LUDLAM.

The man who speaks his mind to your face is the man to trust. Buy your wall paper at Taggart's, who sells you border for about the same price as the paper.

Tapestry curtains and lace curtains. A fine new line just received. Can't be beat for quality and prices. Call and have a look. GEO. J. LABAR.

Miss Shaw, of Cleveland, an experienced trimmer, has arrived and is now in the employ of B. E. & E. L. Ludlam. Miss Shaw comes highly recommended.

PASTURE—I have good pasture on Big Run for about 100 head of cattle. Apply to Mrs. AMANDA R. NYHART, Beechwood, Pa. 4-4t.

SHAW'S PURE MALT—Its value in sickness has been tried and proved. In the home it is not safe to be without. Absolutely pure. Sold by F. X. BLUMLE, 36-47-Jy.

Carpets! Carpets! Carpets! A finer line of carpet than ever, now on tap at LaBar's. Will meet all competition and go one better. Costs you nothing to call and see them. Come one come all. GEO. J. LABAR.

Order at Once.
All persons wishing ice cream, ices or fancy baking for Easter should leave their orders early at City Baker Mr. Schmidt will see that you are suited, promptly.

The Easter Ball.
Don't fail to attend the Easter Ball by Citizens Hose Company, Tuesday evening, April 1st. The boys are busy preparing for the event and a good time is assured.

Seriously Ill.
Michael Murphy, proprietor of Commercial Hotel, has been very seriously ill for several days, suffering with erysipelas in the face. At the time of going to press he is some better, under Dr. Smith's treatment.

Returns from Hospital.
Chas. E. Colson returned last Friday from University Hospital where he underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor from the right side of his face. The operation was successful.

Better Than Ever.
Miss H. L. Raymond's display of good at her remarkable variety store is especially attractive at this time. While her stock always consists of the beautiful and useful her large line of goods just displayed excels all her former efforts. You will save money by first calling on Miss Raymond.

First in the Field.
S. R. Dresser, of Bradford, candidate for Republican nomination for Congress, visited Emporium yesterday and met many of our Republicans. Mr. Dresser, who is an oil producer and manufacturer, made a very favorable impression here. All counties now have a candidate, except Centre and Cameron.

Two Fire Alarms.
Emporium is surely becoming metropolitan. Yesterday about noon two fire alarms were given at one being on the roof of James Creaton's billiard and ten pin alley, the other being Wm. Robinson's residence, near the junction. A few pails of water soon extinguished the flames. It is reported that three other small fires were started the same day—A.F. Andrews' barn, R. J. Lloyd's hotel and Ed. Blinzer's barn.

Dime Social.
The Presbyterian Sunday-school will hold a dime social at the home of Charles Felt, Friday evening, the 28th. The following young ladies will favor us with some piano selections: The Misses Taggart, Verona Herzig, Delia Husted, Edna Cruise and Nadine Morgan. The male quartette will also entertain us with some of their best pieces. During the evening there will be a flower contest. Come and try for the bouquet.

Will be Returned.
Rev. O. S. Metzler, who is attending Conference at Bellefonte, will undoubtedly be returned to Emporium station for another year. Rev. Metzler, who is greatly respected by all classes, has succeeded in building up a large and influential congregation, is public spirited, charitable to a fault and popular with all our people. His return to Emporium will please our people, regardless of creed.

Upholstering and Recovering.
Couches, lounges, chairs, baby carriages, etc. Mattresses remade, chairs and furniture of all kinds repaired and refinished, sewing machines cleaned, repaired and parts furnished. Cane, reed and veneered seating, reed and rattan repairing. Please call early and see our large line of samples, as we are here for a short time only. All furniture called for and delivered. N. Y. UPHOLSTERING CO., East Emporium.

The Star Course.
The Copley Square Trio Concert Company of Boston, at the Court House Thursday evening April 3, will close the present series of popular entertainments. Advice from those who have heard this attraction justify the prediction, that it will not be the least enjoyable of the splendid treats afforded the patrons of the Star Course the past winter. The following are among numerous recent testimonials.

Gentlemen's night at the Woman's Club of Ipswich on January 1, 1901, was one of the smartest functions in the club's history. Two hundred guests were present. The enjoyable entertainment which followed the reception was furnished by the Copley Square Trio of Boston. Although the Trio appeared in Ipswich for the first time, they won the hearts of the audience at once by the charm of their modest manner and the unexceptional excellence of their music.—Gazette, Salem, Mass.

Miss Blanch Sears made a decided hit with her violin solos, being obliged to respond to several prolonged encores. Seldom do we have the pleasure of listening to so through an artist, her playing being about the best ever heard in this city.—Daily News, Bangor.

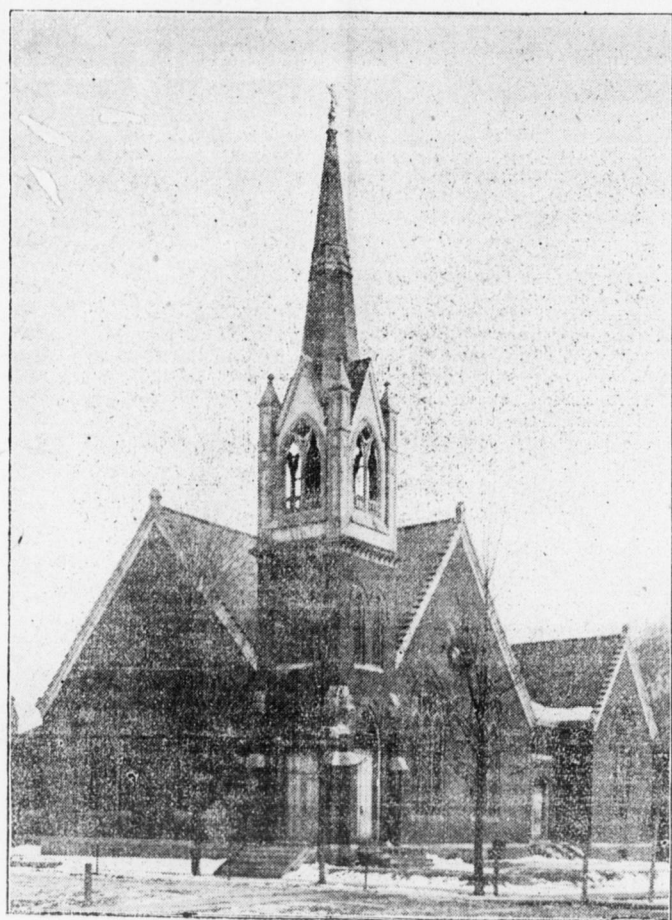
The Copley Square Trio delighted a large audience in the Yarmouth Institute Course last evening, each number being encored.—Judge F. C. Swift, President of Yarmouth Institute Course, Yarmouth, Mass., January 23, 1901.

Dress Patterns, Waist Patterns and White Goods, in all the popular styles, now displayed at B. E. & E. L. Ludlam's Millinery and Fancy Goods Store, two doors from Bank.

Emporium Methodists Are Joyously Happy.

After Years of Hard Struggle They Are Free From Debt—Rev. O. S. Metzler Aided by the Noble Bands Deserve Great Credit.

VALUABLE PROPERTY—WORTH \$20,000



FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, EMPORIUM, PA.

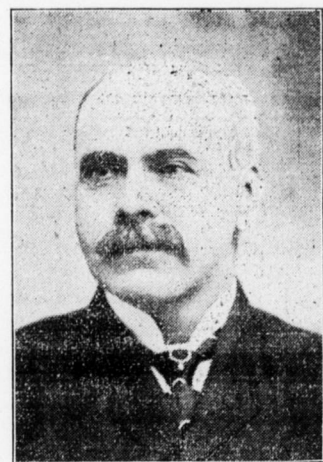
"IT WAS NOT ALL IN VAIN" that our Methodist Episcopal friends held a Jubilee service Wednesday evening, March 13th, 1902, to celebrate the wiping out of the last dollar of their Church indebtedness, which like a black cloud, had hung over them so long. "It is all in vain," exclaimed one of the earliest Methodist Circuit Preachers, as recorded in the "History of the West Branch Valley," while holding divine services. During the services, some hounds brought a large deer into the stream near the house. The baying of the hounds awakened all the frontier instinct, for the chase in the congregation and at once overcame all prudence and desire for religious instruction, and men, women and children rushed



REV. O. S. METZLER, Pastor.

out to participate in the chase, leaving only the preacher and one old man by the name of Overturf, who could not follow by reason of an attack of rheumatism. The preacher, thinking of the weakness of human nature, sighed and exclaimed, "It is all in vain," when Mr. Overturf, his mind following the chase, and thinking that the preacher's mind was running in the same channel, promptly replied immediately, "Oh! Perchance they may catch him yet!"
With equal zeal and ardor our Methodist brethren have chased after the means to pay off the indebtedness on their beautiful church property, which was erected during the pastorate

of \$636.20. In 1900 Mrs. F. P. Strayer was elected President, and gathered in the sum of \$1,200. Against her wishes she was re-elected President for 1901, and the sum raised during that year



FRED JULIAN, ESQ., Chairman Board of Trustees.

was \$1,900. The amounts received during the past two years are as follows:—

	1900	1901
By the Pastor, Subscriptions	\$1,058.50	\$1,423.65
By Star Course, fair collection	620.23	
By Mr. Fred Julian (\$20 more when called for)	525.00	
By Miscellaneous Collections	150.86	
By Mrs. Jones' Band	153.50	321.70
By Mrs. Bellman's Band	116.00	250.00
By Mrs. Rentz's Band	105.00	228.00
By Mrs. Huntington's Band	56.00	321.70
By Mrs. Blum's Band	47.28	125.49
By Mrs. Walker's Band	40.75	235.60
By Mrs. Terwilliger's Band	32.00	52.00
By Mrs. Downey's Band	29.45	
By Mrs. Morrison's Band	27.00	32.00
By Prayer Meetings Band	168.45	
	\$2,509.51	\$3,558.65

Or a grand total during the last two years of \$6,067.16.

It is needless to say, that the above results represent great self-denials on the part of the membership and friends of the Church, and an immense amount of labor by those instrumental in bringing it about, and the pastor and the ladies of the church certainly are entitled to, and do receive great credit for their labor, which was not "in vain."

The following comparison between the statistics of the church in 1891, prior to the erection of the new building, and the present year are submitted:

	1891	1902	Increase.
Church Membership	2150	3229	1079
Sunday School	199	369	170
Missionary contributions	134	350	216
Pastor's Salary	360	1200	840

The church property is valued at \$23,000.

Early Methodism, like the early inhabitants of the Valley of the Sinnamahoning, had many difficulties to contend with. The first Methodist Circuit Rider or Preacher, the Rev.



T. B. LLOYD, ESQ., Superintendent Sabbath School.

Jan. B. Roach, was appointed by the Genesee Conference in 1823. In order to cover his circuit, he had to make a trip on horse back of 247 miles, commencing at Coudersport, Pa., thence 18 miles down the Allegheny River to the Canoe Place, (now called Port Allegany), thence up Allegheny Portage 10 miles to the dividing ridge; thence 14 miles down the Sinnamahoning Portage to its confluence with the main creek, to Portage settlement, being an unbroken wilderness of 24 miles with the exception of the homes of Hiram Sizer and Brewster Freeman, about six miles up the Portage, at a point near the present village of Sizerville. The road was a very rough one, with 27 fordings, some of them very troublesome, when the water was high. Wild animals roamed the forest in abundance, and it was not an uncommon occurrence to meet with a pack of hungry wolves in close pursuit of a tired deer, or to find the carcass of a deer slain by a panther and half buried under the leaves for a future meal. From the Portage the trail ran three miles to the mouth of North Creek; thence back two miles to the mouth of West Creek; thence by a bridle path seven miles up West Creek to the

WEATHER REPORT.
(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Rain.
SATURDAY, Clearing.
SUNDAY, Fair.

mouth of Big Run. Thence by another bridle path 23 miles over the mountain to the Kersey settlement (now called Centerville), making 30 miles to a bridle path through an unbroken wilderness of forest; thence 12 miles to Brockway's settlement near Bennett's Branch; thence 23 miles to the confluence of Bennett's Branch with the Driftwood; thence 16 miles to the mouth of the Sinnamahoning; thence 15 miles to Youngwomanstown (North Point); thence 31 miles returning to the confluence of Bennett's and Driftwood (now Driftwood); thence up the Driftwood 15 miles to the Portage settlement (now Emporium); thence by North Creek, by a bridle path, 47 miles to Portage Creek; thence 10 miles to Smethport, and over the mountains 10 miles to the Canoe Place; thence back to Coudersport, the place of beginning, 18 miles. The mountains are high, steep and rocky, the roads were rough and not graded, the fordings over the streams many and difficult, the valleys narrow, and the people rough and uncultured, but of kindly dispositions and respectful toward religion, often leaving their business on weekdays and traveling many miles to attend services, at which they were attentive listeners. Meeting with this encouragement on the part of the people, the preacher gladly braved the dangers of forest and stream, making the rounds of this circuit about once in two weeks and with such regularity, that during the first three years disappointments were unknown. Services being over the Preacher led the Class, and invited all serious persons to remain for same. In the interim of these ministerial visits it was the custom to hold prayer meetings at many of the preaching places, after the manner of our present class meetings, but no regular organized classes with leaders were held in the Valley of the Sinnamahoning, until they were formed in 1837 by Samuel Pitt. During 1821 the circuit rider was Rev. James Hazen, and in 1825 Rev. Nathaniel Mills was appointed by the Baltimore Conference. As he was an old man, ordained by Bishop Ashbury, he was unable to endure the hardships and exposure of his appointment, and Rev. John Berien supplied the circuit during the balance of that year.

From 1826 to 1856 with the exception of three or four years, regular appointments were made, about 40 different preachers traveling the circuit during that period, and as the work increased two pastors were appointed to do a year's work.

Shippin Circuit was formed in 1856, and comprised Shippin, Portage and Lumber Townships. In 1859 the name of the Circuit was finally changed to Emporium, and G. W. C. VanFossen appointed pastor. The same year a parsonage was built on the ground now occupied by the residence of William Hackenberg.

In 1860 Rev. W. H. Stevens was appointed, to be followed during 1867 and 1868 by James Mullin, father of Hon. H. H. Mullin, editor of the Cameron County Press. During 1867 Cameron was relinquished, and the charge now consisted of five appointments, Emporium, Sizerville, Rich Valley, West Creek and Beechwood.

Rev. M. L. Drum was pastor during 1869, 1870 and 1881. He was followed by Rev. A. B. Hoover, who served during the years 1872 and 1873 and it was during his pastorate, that the old Methodist Church and the present Parsonage were erected. Unfortunately this was followed by the panic of 1874, and during the following years, and up to 1883, the trustees were kept busy taking down the Sheriff's notices of the sale of the property.

Rev. J. W. Olivevine was appointed in 1874 and served two years, and he was followed in 1876 by the Rev. H. F. Cares, who also served two years. The next pastor was the Rev. John Vrooman who served three years beginning in 1878. Rev. B. H. Creyer, having been appointed in 1881 served two years, to be followed in 1883 by Rev. R. H. Gilbert, now at Berwick, Pa. Mr. Gilbert was appointed for Emporium, and Rev. N. H. Schenck for the circuit. At the first quarterly meeting held, Mr. Gilbert proposed, that the entire Church debt, amounting to \$1,600 be paid by Thanksgiving day. The members received this proposition as an example of boyish enthusiasm, but on Thanksgiving day of that year, the Methodists were enabled to hold their first Jubilee services in honor of the liquidation of the debt on the old church. During the following year the interior of the building was improved at a cost of \$700.00 and during the third year of his ministry here, in 1885, Emporium Church was set apart by the Conference as a separate charge, or single station.

In 1886 Rev. E. M. Stevens, now the Presiding Elder of Juniata District, and the son of Rev. W. H. Stevens, who had been the Pastor during the year 1866, was appointed, and during his administration, the exterior of the old church was repaired and repainted at a cost of \$550.00. He remained with us for three years, and was followed in 1889 by Rev. J. W. Rue, who served four years. It was during his administration, and due to his energetic work, that the present church building was erected, and on the day of its dedication in January 1893, every dollar of its cost was provided for, but another financial panic followed the building of this church, just as it had followed in 1874, and left the church burdened with a heavy load of debt.