

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, Feb. 27, 1904.

A great calm has fallen upon Republican politicians since the death of Senator Hanna, and the soap-bubble character of the various "booms" for President, other than the present occupant of the White House, has been demonstrated. The President is making no special effort to pick out a manager for the coming campaign; a manager seems hardly to be needed. Everything is falling into place like clock-work. Mr. Dover, private secretary Hanna, takes the place made vacant by the resignation of Perry Health, and for the present prominent Republicans, will look after the larger interests of the party. It is now known that Senator Hanna had the most sincere friendship, and the highest regard, for the President, and that he was not the man to carry a knife up his sleeve. There is no longer a Foraker factional fight in Ohio; if there were any aspirants in that state for Hanna's vacant seat they have generously declined to come forward, and all are willing that Congressman Dick should become the new Senator. He is a man of much force of character, who has seen all sides of life, from being the humble keeper of a feed store in the little city of Akron, O., to his present high and honorable position. In the lower house of Congress he will be succeeded by Mr. E. L. Dampson, who has been lieutenant governor of Ohio, and prominent in politics for the last twenty years. As the Buckeye state goes so goes the rest of the world; there is even Republican harmony in New York state, and the three great leaders, Gov. Odell, and Senators Platt and Depew, are all agreed, and each is welcome to the confidence of the President. Senator Depew is a candidate for re-election and there appears to be little opposition. Elsewhere in the United States the Republicans are confident, cheerful and united. Much regret is expressed over the news of the serious illness of Senator Quay, of Pa., at his retreat in Florida. But if the worst should prove true, his state is overwhelmingly Republican, and can be depended upon to vote solid for the Chicago nominee.

There are several perplexing complications in the Panama canal job. It has been a great task to select competent and practical engineers who will be willing to work on the spot instead of at arm's length in comfortable offices in Washington. The President is determined there shall be no perfunctory work on this great enterprise and he has scoured the country for the best men who can be found. Those selected give great satisfaction to both parties, and Democrats, as well as Republicans, are thanking the President for his independence, wisdom and sagacity. Before the money can be paid to Panama there will have to be Congressional action, since the Spooner act requires that the money shall be paid to the "Republic of Colombia". The suit which Colombia has begun against the French canal company, must cause delay, in the matter of obtaining a clear title to the property. It is expected that one of the first contracts given out by the canal commissioners will be for machinery to the amount of fifty millions of dollars. This ought to keep a very large number of men employed in the shops for a long time, and with plenty of work there will be prosperity and contentment.

Everybody reads the PRESS

Odd Fellows Awakened

Uniformed Degree Staff—Beautiful Work—Many Candidates—Banquet.

Last Thursday evening as per announcement in last week's PRESS, was the most enjoyable occasion in the history of Emporium Odd Fellowship. During the past few years this popular order has been quietly holding its own, doing much good, at the same time endeavoring to pay for the large three story brick building erected on Fourth street. New life having been infused into the order and having a large number of candidates it was decided to invite the Uniformed Degree Staff of Renovo Lodge, No. 595, conceded to be the best workers in this section of the state, to come to Emporium and confer two degrees. Our Renovo brothers came up on Buffalo Flyer, being met at the Junction by the reception committee, who conducted them to the lodge room, groomed the goat and tied up Fido. The lateness of the trains caused considerable anxiety, for fear they might delay the visit, but as the train neared the old picnic ground Philip Stout and Fido's familiar yell could plainly be heard.

The evening session of the Lodge was very largely attended by visiting Odd Fellows from Buffalo, Pittsburg, Driftwood, Sinnamahoning and other places. About one hundred brothers occupied seats in the hall.

INITIATORY DEGREE.
The Initiatory Degree Staff was composed of the following:

- Capt.—Theodore W. Nicholas.
- Past Grand—P. C. Moyer.
- Noble Grand—Geo. W. Morton.
- Right Sup. Noble Grand—Jos. M. Hall.
- Left Sup. Noble Grand—E. P. Thurston.
- Vice Grand—John Hollingsworth.
- R. S. Vice Grand—J. W. Winzler.
- L. S. Vice Grand—W. T. Crays.
- R. Scene Sup.—Frank V. Weidler.
- L. Scene Sup.—Sam'l Kelley.
- Conductor—John Blair.
- Warden—A. L. Gardner.
- Inside Guardian—B. F. Wilson.
- Outside Conductor—E. M. Doebler.
- Scene Bearers—Clarence Hall, Brailey Pfutz, Harry Loudenbery, Amy Hoke.

After closing the beautiful work of the initiatory degree, the lodge rooms were rapidly placed in order for the second degree, viz:

- SECOND DEGREE STAFF.**
- N. G.—Theo. W. Nicholas.
- V. G.—A. L. Gardner.
- N. G. Sups.—Philip Stout and E. P. Thurston.
- V. G. Sups.—W. T. Crays, John Parks.
- Samaritan—Geo. W. Morton.
- Levite—Brailey Pfutz.
- Priest—F. V. Weidler.
- Inn Keeper—Sam'l Kelley.
- Fido—J. M. Hall.
- Herald—John Hollingsworth.
- Robbers—John Hollingsworth, E. M. Doebler, H. Loudenbery.

The occasion was a very happy event and never was the work more beautifully and impressively exemplified than upon this occasion. It is conceded by all secret society members that when properly and intelligently presented, the floor work of Odd Fellowship has few if any equals. Our visiting brothers to whom Emporium Odd Fellows are under lasting obligations for this pleasant visit, certainly practice the precepts of true Odd Fellowship. Ever since the organization of Emporium Lodge, in 1882, there has been a close alliance between Renovo and Emporium Lodges, yet most all the favors have been bestowed by Renovo Lodge.

After the goats and Fido were again properly chained, (care being taken that all posts and chairs were removed from Fido,) the visiting brothers were invited to break bread with Emporium Lodge around.

THE BANQUET BOARD.
The banquet, a very elegant repast, was served in the City Hotel dining room, (the proprietor very kindly donating to the ladies of the Presbyterian Church the use of the room as well as his kitchen), and many were the flattering compliments thrown at the ladies. About one hundred joined in the banquet. Mr. C. W. Shaffer, appointed Toast Master, wrapped for order, when the hands on the dial were rapidly approaching mid-night. The lateness of the hour and the fact that the visiting brothers had to leave on 12:10 a. m., train rendered it impossible to call on but a very few of the toasts. Hon. I. K. Hockley responded to the toast "Our Guests," which was replied to by P. C. P., Theodore W. Nicholas, P. C. P., P. C. Moyer and other Renovo brothers. Prothon-

otary C. J. Goodnough also responded with a few remarks, appropriate to the occasion.

Emporium Lodge may well feel proud of this entertainment and it is hoped they may at some near future time invite a return visit.

In addition to the large number of members composing the Degree Staffs, the following additional brothers were guests upon this occasion:

Renovo—H. T. Weight, Geo. W. Boyer, A. L. Simcox, P. W. Sneek, Arthur Kelley, Harry Bowman, C. F. VanGordon, A. W. Saltsman, Isaac Crawford, Jno. Parks, Isaac Gates, Wm. Gates, also Jas. L. Norie, who now resides in Emporium.

Sinnamahoning—James Johnson, J. M. English, John Berfield, Herman Berfield, Herman Losey.

Driftwood—Will Logue, P. M. Hanes, E. H. Lewis, W. E. Muthersbaugh, B. J. Collins, J. S. K. Smith, Thos. Ford, G. L. Miller.

Lebanon—Jacob Troup, Jas. F. Wright.

Pittsburg—John Metzger.

Springfield, Mass.—E. J. Smith.

J. W. Kreitner's Exciting Experience.

Mr. J. W. Kreitner, of Gardeau, Pa., after searching the country through for several days to find a team of horses that would suit him for his farm had the misfortune to have both horses killed by the "Flyer" on the Chautauqua Division of the P. R. R., near Oil City, Pa. While bringing them home they got frightened and tried to cross the railroad ahead of the train. Mr. Kreitner was unable to handle them and jumped from one's back, just before the train struck them. They were a fine pair of black mares. Three hundred dollars wouldn't have bought one of them after he got them home. When he arrived home last Friday he had a fine pair of gray horses from Buffalo.

Local Institute.

A Local Institute was held in M. E. Church, Sterling Run, Saturday, Feb. 27th. W. J. Leavitt, Chairman. Following is a report:

Open by singing from Excell's song book. Devotional Exercise by Rev. R. J. Knox. Papers on "Language" were read by Misses Nettie Moore and Stella Orser. They discussed the subject thoroughly not leaving much chance for improvement. Recitation, "My Dolly is Dead," Miss Mildred Strawbridge. A carefully prepared paper on the subject of "Arithmetic" was read by Mr. Geo. Leavitt. "The Recitation" was the subject of Miss Collins' talk.

1:30 P. M.

Singing by Institute. "What Pupils Should Read," a paper read by Prof. J. C. Rockwell, seemed to please everyone. "School Government," was ably discussed by Prof. R. M. Steele. "The Aim of Our Schools," was clearly brought forth by Prof. E. S. Ling. "The Influence of Our Schools," was the subject of Rev. R. J. Knox's appreciated talk. Adjournment.

There were quite a few teachers present but we would gladly have entertained more. Quite a few parents and patrons were present at the afternoon session. Miss Krieder acted as organist.

NETTIE R. KISSEL, Secy.

Cameron Boy in Panama.

Lieut. Col. W. H. C. Bowen, recruiting officer of the U. S. Army, visited this city yesterday for the purpose of enlisting eleven recruits for the army. They were procured at the local recruiting station by Sergt. E. M. Miller and his assistant, and will be forwarded to Fort Slocum, N. Y., where they will be assigned to the Third regiment going to Panama next week. The number includes Frank G. Carter, Thomas Nagle and John J. Fitzgerald.—Olean Times. Young Carter, son of Geo. H. Carter, of this place writes the PRESS before leaving Olean last Sunday, stating knew not, for sure, his destination.

Surprise Party.

We are informed that some thirty or more friends of Mrs. Lizzie Chandler called at her home on North Creek, Thursday, Feb. 24, and treated her to a surprise party, it being the anniversary of her birthday. After partaking of the feast, which the "good folks" provided, and presenting her with a number of beautiful presents, the crowd departed wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Thanks.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church desire to give public expression of their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dolan of the City Hotel for the free use of their spacious dining room and kitchen in which to hold the Odd Fellows banquet.

SUDDEN DEATH OF CHAS. G. SCHMIDT.

Prominent Business Man and Odd Fellow.

Yesterday morning the community was shocked to hear that Charles G. Schmidt had died at seven o'clock, having been confined to his bed only a couple of days, in fact very few were aware of his serious illness until the sad intelligence of his death.

Mr. Schmidt came to Emporium, with his estimable and energetic wife, fourteen years ago, and has conducted the City Bakery very successfully, building up a large trade. Although in poor health for several years, he kept up remarkably well until the last year when disease was slowly but surely undermining his constitution.

As one of the committee having in charge the arrangements for the Odd Fellows entertainment last Thursday evening he exerted himself beyond his strength—breaking down the following day. Always of a genial disposition he was popular with our citizens, liberal and charitable to a fault. As an Odd Fellow he was very attentive and always could be depended upon in Lodge and Encampment. Our intimate acquaintance with the deceased enabled us to know him well and respect him.

Deceased was born in Wurtenburg, Germany, in 1859, coming to America in 1867, learning the baker business. Therefore he was 45 years of age. When first coming to Emporium he took out \$1,000 insurance in John Hancock Co., in favor of his wife.

The funeral will take place tomorrow (Friday) at two o'clock from the late residence. Rev. Robt. McCaslin will officiate.

The Odd Fellows will conduct the services at the grave. All members are earnestly requested to meet at the Lodge room at 1:30 sharp.

Another Emporium Boy Prospers.

J. Will Kaye, formerly of Emporium, but during the last three years with the C. B. Howard Co., at Westboro, Wis., has been placed in charge of the Hunter Lumber Company's operations at Chelsea, Wis. Mr. Kaye's Emporium friends congratulate this enterprising young man. In addition to being a good business man he is a Simon pure Republican—one to be depended on at all times to vote his principles. Shake, old boy.

The Star Course Another Year.

It is improbable that the conduct of the Star Course an other year will be undertaken by the teachers owing to the vast amount of labor entailed upon them in addition to their regular duties and the meagre financial returns for their work, and in this event the ladies of the First Methodist Episcopal Church will take up the matter if the necessary encouragement is given their efforts. Emporium cannot afford to forego these delightful musical and literary treats, but only the most general and generous patronage can forestall their discontinuance.

Japan Made Victors.

The Japanese Sub-Cabinet, consisting of Messrs. J. P. McNarney, Andrew Brady, Dr. Bardwell and Fred Julian met at the Press sanctum Tuesday afternoon and voted unanimously that the Japs were conducting the war correctly and must succeed.

Lady Maccabees Claims Paid.

During January Mary A. Honsler and Mary T. Moore, both members of Gladioli Hive 32, L. O. T. M. died. Feb. 22 and 27th, Supreme Hive warrants were drawn in payment of claims of beneficiaries, and has been handed them by Local Record Keeper.

A Success.

Those who were present at Sterling Run Institute, Feb. 27th, report a good attendance and are outspoken in praise of the successful manner in which Mr. Leavitt and his assistants carried out the program. Also for the generous treatment received at the hands of the Sterling Run people.

Found.

Sum of money, owner can have same by giving satisfactory proof of loss and paying for this notice.

JOSEPH LECHNER, (Shoe Store).

Change in Bus Fares.

From March 1st, 1904, the charge for each passenger to or from Junction will be 25c, to or from any part of town. I am compelled, in order to support the 'Bus to make this rate.

D. C. HAYES.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

MAY.

LAWRENCE MAY, born in England, June 18th, 1879, came to Emporium with his parents, Aug. 19th, 1884, and was always in perfect health until a few months ago, when his health began to fail. Feb. 20th 1904, he was called to his last resting place. And true are these words.

"Mourn not for him whom God has blessed, And taken to his heavenly rest." Free from sorrow grief and pain, Our loss is his eternal gain.

FARLEY.

The many admiring friends of MRS. ELIZA A. FARLEY, of Mason Hill, will be pained to learn of her death on Sunday, Feb. 28, 1904, at the family home.

The death of this good lady, who was a kind wife and mother, is a severe affliction to the family, especially the bereaved husband, Mr. Joseph Farley. Her age was 62 years, nine months and two days. We regret that we have not the full particulars of the death of this excellent lady.

MURPHY.

MRS. KATHERINE MURPHY, aged 83 years, died at the residence of her son, Mr. John Murphy, Pittsburg, last Thursday, the funeral taking place on Saturday at nine a. m. This venerable lady visited Emporium a number of times and although she lived on borrowed time, was bright and active for one of her age. Her children were very devoted to their mother and made her declining years very pleasant.

MARKET.

Adam Market's little 12 year old son Frank, who has been a great sufferer with heart trouble for several years died last Thursday. The funeral took place from St. Mark's Church, last Saturday morning. The afflicted parents, to whom all extend sympathy, had employed the best medical talent but all without avail.

Public Auction.

Farm implements, household goods and horses at Chatham Devling farm about one mile and a half west of Sterling Run. Sale to commence at 10 a. m., Tuesday, March 22, 1904. In case of rain the following day. Four good work and driving horses, one set of driving harness, one set of light sleighs, one farm wagon, one steam 6 H. P. engine, one new two horse wagon box, two good plows, two sets of heavy work harness, two sets of heavy log sleds, one heavy lumber wagon, one two horse spring wagon, one chop mill and cob crusher, one cider mill, six big hogs, and a lot of other things, together with all household goods too numerous to mention. Terms will be made known on day of sale.

MRS. L. S. JACKSON.

Sterling Run, Pa., March 1, 1904.

Convention of the Sunday School Workers.

A good sized audience heard the lecture of Dr. W. Q. Bennett at the First Methodist Episcopal Church last Wednesday night on "The Secret of Soul Winning" and found it a very helpful and inspiring message. Occupying the platform and assisting in the services were Revs. Robert McCaslin, O. S. Metzler, T. W. Twitchell, J. M. Robertson, Geo. W. Faus, R. J. Knox, and Mr. Josiah Howard. Mr. Howard, who is one of the Vice Presidents of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, and an ardent worker in the interest of Sunday School work in Cameron county, made some happy remarks at the close of Dr. Bennett's lecture, pledging anew his own and the co-operation of our people with this great movement. With Miss Grace Walker presiding at the pipe organ, the congregational singing was an inspiring feature. Dr. Hainer of Norristown, Pa., will give the second lecture of the series, Wednesday evening, March 16th in Emmanuel Chapel, his subject being "The Trained Workman."

A Special Sale at the Fair Store.

For the next ten days we will give special low prices on ladies skirts and tailor made suits.

H. A. ZARPS & CO.

For sale.

A good farm containing 72 acres, with necessary buildings and well watered. Part in good cultivation.

51 ff.

CHAS. M. SPANGLER.

Wanted.

A sober, industrious married man, to do chores. Must know how to take care of horses and cows and how to milk. Apply to C. R. KLINE, Beechwood, Pa.

Card of Thanks.

EDITOR PRESS:—Please convey our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends, who assisted us during the sickness and death of our son, also to the K. O. T. M., and U. P. and H. E. W.

MR. AND MRS. MAY.

WEATHER REPORT

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)

FRIDAY. Snow flurries and cold wave.

SATURDAY. Fair.

SUNDAY. Fair.

That Calf Was Fed.

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hackenberg, last Saturday, two young ladies looked after "Baby Dit" and saw that it had a good "dinner," even if they did have to call to their aid some of the neighbors. "Baby Dit" is a genuine calf.

School Report.

Last month Feb.

Total pupils registered..... 755 740 730

No. attendance during month 692 693 647

Average attendance..... 569 589 529

Percentage of attendance..... 89 89 94

Number present every day..... 218 240 343

Number of pupils tardy..... 66 63 68

Number of pupils sick..... 195 160 83

Number of visitors..... 42 261 69

The attendance record is about equal to that of last month. The same causes operated during both months to reduce the attendance, namely, illness and cold weather. An unprecedented number were ill. In addition to these causes the indifference of many parents who are willing to make excuses for their children was a serious difficulty. We wonder at such indifference on the part of those most interested. No progress is possible without regular attendance. See to it that no trifle is allowed to interfere.

HONOR ROLL.

High School, Seniors—Florence Schlecht, Claude Carpenter, Alice Quigley, Mabel Edwards, Fred Heilman, Carolyn Lechner, Frances Humle, Stella Geary. Juniors—Myrtle Lloyd, Edith Heilman, Edward Hughes. Sophomores—Jane Kaye, Elizabeth Lechner. Freshmen—Jennie Nystrom, Wm. Schweikart, Edith DeArmit, Mary Welsh, Bessie McQuay.

Senior Grammar—Marguerite Metzger, Dorothy Nelson, David Mulcahy.

Junior Grammar—Mark Ellis, Kate Metzger, Marion Judd, Katie Kraft, Ethel Lloyd, Mildred McQuay, Mollie Spencer, Annie Edwards.

A Intermediate—Mabel Morrison, Nellie Turbridge, Mildred Hant, May Mulcahy, Louise Welsh, May McCallough, Gordon Vogt, Charles Cloyes, Margaret Dodson, Warner Judd, Mary Orr, Brick Nystrom.

B Intermediate, W. W. A Class—John Ellis, Mack Spence, Wayne Van Wert, Ronald Kieck.

B Class—Glady's Lloyd, Ethel Terley, Margaret Cayce, Clara Weissenfuh, Rena Jordan, George Balmou.

B Intermediate, E. W. A. Class—Dorr Spencer, Julia Bair, Nell Coppersmith, Bernice Egan, Claude Campbell, Florence Robinson, Allen Randolph.

B Class—Nora Grace, Marion Baldwin, Kate O'Malley, Florence Quinn, Ophelia Dodson, Harry Kraft, Agnes Anderson, Anna Lysett, Anna Nystrom, Fay Palmer.

A Primary, W. W. A. Class—Margaret Stricht, Harry Spence, Helen Orr, Eva Burns, William Howard.

B Class—Adelle Prosser, Olive Ellis, Carolyn Moore.

A Primary, E. W. A. Class—Iva Peabody, Ruth Ling, Miriam Barnes, Oscar Foster, Minnie Frappie, Cathrine Welsh, Erma Randolph.

B Class—Eva Kelly, John Hathaway, Emery O'Dell, Evelyn Donovan, Carlton Clarke, Margaret Cruickshank, Joe Ruberto.

Second Primary, W. W. A. Class—Rose Friedette, Irene McFadden.

B Class—Margaret Faucett, Nancy Turley, Margaret Melin, May Swartz, Marion Brady, Robert Pearson, Josiah Johnson.

Second Primary, E. W. A. Class—Kathleen Baldwin, Willie Grace, Mary O'Malley, Mary Dodson, Charles Cummings.

B Class, Helen Vogt, Roland Campbell, Lora Kraft, Pauline Barton.

First Primary, W. W. A. Class—Hezel Farrell, Bessie Edwards, Kathryn Spence, Sadie Bossey, Mildred Lloyd, Birnie Shafer.

B Class—Marion Bindler, Amelia Van Wert, Orlia Cloyes, Ethel Creighton, Elsie Narby, Roberta Murry, Avis Lewis, Robert Clark, George Tompkins, Grant Ellis.

First Primary, E. W. A. Class—Fred McClure, Fred Strayer, Frank Hertig, Charles Prime, Percy Nangle, Otho Mumford, Florence Nelson, Martha Swartz, Laura Cumberford, Beryl Spaulding, May Daugherty, B. Class—Lillian Walsh, Margaret Kieck, Rodney Haupt, George Ness, Virgil Krebs, Forrest Campbell, Selburn Martin, George Burnett.

Kindergarten—Gertrude Van Wert, Laura Swartz, Henry Cummings.

G. S. LING, Principal.

Letter to W. G. Bair.

Emporium, Pa.

Dear Sir: This story cuts two ways, and teaches two sets of people.

Father Galvin, Westery, R. I., had his church and residence painted. Good job; and this is how he won't it.

Measured all carefully—seems to have known Devoe.

Then got bids from the painters, paint to be supplied by them and by him.

Saved \$70 by using Devoe.

One of those painters ought to have got that money.

Yours truly,

F. W. DEVOE & Co.

P. S. Murry and Coppersmith sell our paint.

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., March 11th and 12th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.