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The Observer.

The Observer has just returned from the annual reunion of the family connection to which he belongs. Including the husbands and wives of the direct descendents from the common progenitor, there are seventy-three members of the connection, scattered throughout Ontario, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Illinois. As it is not an easy matter to get so many persons, so widely scattered, together in reunion once in a generation, to say nothing of once a year, the Observer will explain at once that the annual reunions of which he speaks are conducted entirely by correspondence.

Some years ago the Observer conceived the idea of the annual Family Newslettter as a means of bringing the members of the connection into closer touch with one another. Acting on the idea, he addreszed a letter to each household in the connection, announcing his experiment, and asking the cooperation of all. In due time he received replies from every household, and with these letters as data, he prepared the newsletter, incorporating the most interesting items and significent paragraphs from each one of the letters received. With the aid of a copying roll, he then made as many clear copies of the newsletter as he could, and mailed a copy to each household. Being mailed as printed matter, the cost of postage was insigni-

When the idea was first proposed it was received with some little amazement, amusement and incredulity on the part of the various members of the connection. Each one seems to have thought: "This is a queer notion, and likely to prove impractical, for what likelihood is there that all the branches of the connection will respond? I, of course will write, and one or two others, and that will end the matter." All thinking this way, they all wrote; and so the experiment proved a success from the outset. When, a year later, the Observer again sent out notices that he was intending to prepare a second newsletter, the responses were as enthusiastic as they were complete and prompt. Year after year the plan has been carried out, and is now regarded as a welcome and established institution in the common life of the connection. One cousin whom the Observer has not seen since they both were children, and who never hears directly from more than two or three of her relatives in this particular connection, says, "I always look forward to your newsletter for glad tidings from the others." A sister whom the Observer has not seen for nearly nine years writes that she is looking forward hopefully to the arrival of the annual budget of news from the dear old clan.

The Observer would venture to command his Family Newsletter idea to other family connections whose members are widely scattered. Our modern American tendency is to make too little, rather than tco much, of the ties of kinship. When the ties of kinship are emphasized to the neglect of other and wider social bonds, it results is the vice of clannishness. But, on the other hand, to neglect the ties of kinship is to deprive ourselves of one of the most intimate and sacred sources of human happiness and enrichment, and of moral sympathy and support. We should remember, too, that it is through the more intimate relations of kinship that it becomes possible for us to rec ognize our kinship to all human kind. He who knows not the family in the narrower and more literal sense will not be qualified to enter doeply into the spirit and life of the wider social

### Cable Broke.

One day last week, the cable attached to the elevator at the furnace broke just as Michael Conroe was in the act of removing a loaded buggy, and dropped from the top to the ground. When it started to fall the man jumped and caught the cross beam, which broke the force of his fall somewhat, but he was jarred loose and thrown against a buggy, receiving a cut on the side of his face requiring several stitches

The Funeral of the late Rev. Robert McCaslin, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

As announced last week, the funeral of the late Rev. Robert McCaslin took of the late Rev. Robert McCaslin took place last Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, the services being held in the church in which the deceased had ministered so ably, and which his zeal and untiring energy had erected. The auditorium was filled by the large and sorrow stricken assemblage. The impressive services were presided over by the Rev. Dr. Cook, of Renovo, Clerk of Northunberland Presbytery. There were present with him on the platform the Reverend Messrs. Hemenway, of Bloomsburg, the Moderator of the Presbytery, and Graybill. Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at St. Marys. Besides these co-presbyters, there were Besides these co-presbyters, there were also present on the platform the Rev. J. L. Robertson, Pastor of the Presby-terian Church at North Clarendon, Pa also present on the platform the Rev. J. L. Robertson, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at North Clarendon, Paof Erie Presbytery, and the Rev. J. M. Robertson, Rector of Emmanued Church. The absence of the Rev. O. S. Metzler, of the First Mehodist Episcopal Church, was necessitated by the funeral of Mrs. Bradbury, of Driftwood, at which he officiated owing to the illness of the Rev. Mr. Noble. The casket was placed in front of the pulpit, beautifully covered and gorgeously banked with flowers, wrought into varied and appropriate forms,—crown, wreaths, bouquets—the affectionate tributes of the sorrowing congregation and from many warm friends. Among the floral tributes was a beautiful cross of white lilles and carnations, a united remembrance from Emmanuel and the First Methodist Episcopal Churches. The floral tributes were eloquent voices to the beauty, completeness and purity of the life of him whose bier they adorned.

After the reading of the selected Scripture lesson, the Rev. Mr. Graybill paid a full and high tribute to the memory of the late beloved pastor of the church. As it is hoped to get this address for publication later, no details of it need now be given. The Rev. J. L. Robertson, an old and intimate friend of the deceased, followed with a few fitting and eloquent words in support of what had been said, bearing the highest testimony to the excellence, worth and influence of his departed friend. The Rev. Mr. Hemenway spoke strongly and eloquently of Mr. McCaslin as a member of the Presbytery, of his sterling worth, of his ability and influence, and of his conspicuous modesty and magnanimity; one whom the Presbytery will sorely miss and mourn. He was one over whose memory and beautiful life may be quoted the words of England's great poet laureate:

"Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me; And may there be to meaning at the bar, When I miss the parts."

be quoted the words of England's great poet laureate:

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me;
And may there be no moaning at the bar,
When I put out to sea.

"And have there be no moaning at the bar,
When I have crossed the bar."

The Rev. Dr. Cook followed in accord with all the high and glowing eulogies that had been spoken, and gave touching and fitting voice to this sorrowful providence as it concerned the stricken congregation.

Letters of sympathy, expressing high appreciation of the character of Mr. McCaslin, from the Rev. Messrs.
Armstrong, Carter, Keefer and other members of Northumberlaud Presbytery were read.

The funeral cortege proceeded on the four o'clock train, by way of Buffalo, to Cleveland, where the casket was placed in the receiving vault of Lakeview Cemetery on Friday afternoon. The members of the family returned to Emporium on Saturday evening. May the divine light and peace and comfort be vouchsafed to them in this time of sorrow.

The following relatives of the family

The following relatives of the family were present: Mr. Geo. W. McCaslin, New York City; Mr. T. A. McCaslin, Mr. Harman McCaslin and the Rev David R. McCaslin, of Cleveland; Mr. W. C. McKee, of Emlenton Mr. John McKee and Mrs. Ida Riddle, of Clintonville.

### Rev. W. R. McNeil.

Ye editor and wife visited in Philadelphhia last week and, on account of illness, was compelled to remain there for several days, called upon Rev. W. R. McNeil, formerly Pastor of First Baptist Church of Emporium. We found him comfortably situated in the Nugent Home, a Baptist institution, at Germantown. He is surrounded by every comfort speaks highly of the treatment he receives. Our good old friend was glad to meet us and we passed a pleasant hour with him. He wished us to remember him to all his Emporium friends. Of course he is quite feeble and unable to write to his friends here, therefore we wish his Emporiums have the surrounded by the surround delphhia last week and, on account of friends here, therefore we wish his Em-porium friends would remember him once in a whlle, with a letter.

### Will Drive Out Tramps.

Mayor Saltsmann, af Erie, with the hope of driving tramps and other worthless characters from that city will worthless characters from that city will establish a chain gang. The men will be set to cleaning streets with a ball and chain attachment to their legs, it convicted of any offenses against the city ordinances. A stone pile in summer and cleaning streets in the winter is not the pleasantest thing in the world for offenders and they will either behave themselves or give Erie a wide berth —Ex.

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Law in Regard to Supervisors.

Under an Act of Legislature of 1905 every township in this Commonwealth, must at February election elect three Supervisors. The Board must organize on the first Monday in March and elect one of their number as Chairman and one as Secretary. The treasurer must not be a member of the Board. Meetings shall be held once a month and two shall constitute a quorum. The Board has authority to levy a tax not greater than ten mills; the levying of an additional ten must be ordered by the Court of Quarter Sessions. In addition to the regular levy, the Board must assess one dollar upon every taxable person.

The Supervisors receive no compensation for their services, but actual expenses are to be paid. The Treasurer receives compensation not to exceed two per centum of the money handled by him. The Deputy Attorney General holds that the Secretary of the Board must receive payment for the work performed by him as Secretary.

Each Board is required to divide itelf into districts of not less than five miles each, but there is nothing to prohibit the dividing of the township into districts having more than five miles each, or one district of a whole township. A Roadmaster must be employed for each district. Roadmasters are required to work upon the roads themselves, to oversee men employed and to carry into effect the instructions of the Board of Supervisors. No member of the Board of Supervisors can be employed as Roadmaster under Section 3, but a member of the Board of Super visors can work out his road tax

On all road taxes paid before June first an abatement of 5 per centum is made. The full amount is required to be paid on all taxes paid between June first and November 1st. After November 1, 5 per cent. in penalty is added, and the tax list turned over to the township collector, who receives the added five per centum in payment for his services.

The Board is authorized to purchase any material, tools or machinery necessary for making and repairing roads. A township can join with one or more additional townships, or boro's in joint ownership of machinery.

Full records must be kept by the Board of their proceedings and audit ed by the township auditors, and an annual report is required to be made to the State Highway Commissioner on or before March 15th in each year. The necessary blank form for this report is furnished by the State Highway Department.

In his written opinion the Deputy Attorney General says: "It does not seem possible that the voters of any township will see fit to ignore the plain and mandatory terms of the act and refuse to elect supervisors in the manner provided by its terms If this should occur, and the attention of the proper authorities were cailed to the situation, legal steps will be promptly taken to compel compliance with the

He also says: "I am of the opinion and advise you that the Act of April 12, 1905, repeals all local or special laws applying to any second class township in this Commonwealth." (152 P. L. 255.)

#### An Odd Show.

The famous Brothers Royer Next Door Co., is without a doubt the queer est comination of its kind in America. The piece is odd, the scenery is odd, and the cast includes the most famous clowns in America, such as Lon Moore, Shorty Maynard. Sidney Sheparo, James Royer and Archie Royer. All five have played clown for Walter L Main, Barnum & Bailey, Ringling Bros., and the great Wallace Show for the past ten years. They should certainly keep things moving at a lively pace in NEXT DOOR. At the Emporium Opera House, Monday even-

### District Enlarged.

George W. Vernes, district deputy of the Royal Arch Chapter Masons, for this district, has just been advised that the chapters at Kane, Ridgway and Emporium have been added to the district of which he is deputy. The present district, numbered 15 now consists of the counties of Lycoming, Clinton, Centre, Clearfield, Cameron and Elk, with the jourisdiction of Kane chapter in McKean county, Mr. Vernes, the district deputy, will maintain his headquarters in Williamsport. -Renovo News.

### Fatal Wreck an P. & E.

Another terrible wreck occurred on the western division of the P. & E , on Saturday night at Horn's Siding about half way between Corry and Warren. It was a headon collision between a light engine and Erie Mail in which Engineer Thos. Linn and his fireman Fred Herman of the mail were instantly killed, also Mr. Near fireman on the tion at the P. & E. freight office and light engine The passengers were all has associated himself with Larry quite badly shaken up and about 21 seriously injured. The blame of the This is a good hustling combination terrible affair seems to rest on Engin- that will undoubtedly get the business. eer Kavanaugh.

### Crescent Literary Society.

At a meeting of the Crescent Literary Society, Friday, Jan, 5, 1906, the following officers were elected for the latter half of the term: President, Bess McQuay; Vice President, Linn Strayer; Secretary, Agnes Blumle; Treasurer, Ermin Rentz; Pianist, Vera Olmsted; Librarian, Glenn Van Wert; Executive Committee, Ida Hertig, Belle Cleary, Anna Welsh; Critic, Miss Rumsey. AGNES BLUMLE, Sec'y

### To the Public.

It seems that in this world we must defend ourselves against thieves and liars And as some party has slander-ously stated that we were not proper embalmers and did not understand our business in taking care of the dead. I wish to say, we have a diploma from the highest authority in the state, proving what we state when we say we are competent embalmers, and it would seen strange, after more than twenty years service in this community, with entire success, any one could be found to utter such a slander and try to make people believe it. I do not know why these persons do such things when we have always treated them with the greatest respect. them with the greatest respect.

Yours respectfully, GEO. J. LABAR.

## Notice.

The Ladies of the Maccabees are notified that Phursday, January 18th, has been definitly set as the date for the installation of officers.

HELENA M. BUTLER, R. K.

### NOTES OF INTEREST.

W. R. C., will install officers on Saturday evening, Jan. 13, uniting with G. A. R.

Maccabees will install officers on Friday evening, at \$7:30, after which supper will be served.

Michael Roach, of Renovo, has signed with the Binghamton N. Y., base ball club for the season of 1906. Lucas Brothers, of Lock Haven, are

putting in an ice plant with a capacity of twelve tons per day and expect to have it in operation April 1st. WANTED-Bright, honest young man

from Emporium to prepare for paying position in Government Mail Service. Box One, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

A Harrisburg dispatch says that Hon. J. K. P. Hall, chairman of the Democratic State committee, and family sailed Saturday from New York for Egypt, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

John A. McCall, president of the New York Life Insurance Co., at a salary of \$100,000 a year resigned the position and Alexander E. Orr has been appointed in his place at a salary of \$50,000 a year.

The ten specialties were all high-class and up-to-date. The Brothers Royer troupe of acrobats performed feats of agility that seemed impossible, they were here, there and everywhere at the same time. Emporium Opera House, Monday evening, Jan. 15.

Alice Roosevelt will wear her owr mother's wedding gown when she becomes the bride of congressman Longworth in February. This will probably become a fad and all the brides will begin to save their wedding garments for brides to be a generation hence. What a blow at the dress makers?-Ex.

To see "Next Door" is to be pleased. The action is so fast that you are actually bewildered, and after the curtain falls and you wend your way homeward, you think over all the good things you saw in "Next Door," and you say to yourself, "I wonder how they did it."-Pottstown, Pa., Sept. 13, 1905. At Emporium Opera House, Monday evening, Jan. 15.

A gentleman tells of a school teacher in Rochester who had difficulty with several mischievous boys. One day, when one of them had given her a great deal of annoyance she said to him: "I wish I could be your mother for just one week; I would rid you of your naughty disposition." "Very well, I will speak to father about it," promptly replied the lad.

The fun is fast and furious from the rise of the curtain to the end. Special mention should be made of the wonderful and novel mechanical tricks and effects-the trolly car, the trick bathing houses, the marvelous revolving scene, the funny trick mule, the demon crab, the magic wall, the flying dives, bewitched house and the trolly explosion are all marvels of stagecraft. At Emporium Opera House, Monday evening, Jan. 15.

N. H. Parks has resigned his posi-Clark in a general dray business and thereby grow prosperous, it is hoped. Mr. Clark has for several years conducted an excellent dray line to the entire satisfaction of many patrons. and is therefore well equipped to handle the work, especially in the way of experience. Here's success to the new combination.-Johnsonburg Press.

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Wedding bells going to ring soon. Funeral bells ring most every day. Strenuous times in the Boro' these

There is no fireside how so e're defended,

But has one vacant chair; There is no flock however watched and tended But one black sheep is there.

A peculiar odor penetrated the bottling works the other day. It was a combination of pole cat, ferret, gum powder and beer. Some one must have been a hunting.

Pittsburg Phil has accepted a situa-tion in St. Marys. He is to wake up horses in a livery stable.

The Editor of a country newspaper s exposed to a great many risks. The PRESS don't print all the news that happens in and around Emporium. If it did their would be some very spicy reading, but it would be printed but The next week you would read the editor's obituary and there would be a stranger wandering around in the great beyond. In order to please the people and make money enough to pay his printers he must print only the nice things said of them and leave the

rest to gossip.
Uncle Peter Beattie says some pecple go to church and when the plate is passed put in a nickel, thinking it is a slot machine and they will draw out a basketfull of religion; says some people are about as much use in the world as the decorations on a Christmas dinner table are to a hungry man; says the doctors often treat a man for drunkenness, but generally the more you treat a drunken man the drunker he gets; says if there were more good cooks in this world there would not be half so many wealthy doctors; says there is a great deal of difference between a boy and a girl. You never see a boy borrow a baby to wheel around; says it takes all kinds of people to make this world, a man will come in and lean over his counter with a breath a good deal stronger than his intellect and want five cigars for a cent, another will come to his home in the evening when he is at prayer, and ring the door bell until the stove pipe falls downdon't have any manners; says things have not changed so much since Biblical times; they had cash boys many years before Christ, for Job said all the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change comes; says he thinks the reason Joseph's brothers cast him into the pit was because they saw & good opening for the young man; and they certainly had dyspepsia for did'nt the Lord give Moses a couple of tablets; says he once went hunting in the woods in Maine and saw a snake seize a bull frog by the hind legs and the bull frog caught the snake by the tail and they commenced swallowing each other and they continued the op eration until nothing was left of them; says he knew a man once who! was so mean he stopped his clock every night to keep it from wearing out the cogs, and used to send his sausage sking back to the butcher shop to have them refilled; says a man's money all goes for eating and clothes and if Eve hadn't been so fond of apples we wouldn't have to be wearing any clothes. He intends next summer to take the trip of his life, is going to buy a Pope Toledo Touring Car start from the Coke Ovens and go to the Bermuda Islands, coasting around here awhile; he will go to the South Coast of Africa after visiting friends and relatives there will go straight to Greenland. Thinks he will not visit the ruins of Pompaei, for they have not been repaired since he was there; after wrestling with the grizzleys in Greenland make a bee line for Quebec and from there take the old Military Pike by the way of Sizerville home. He offers to take the Man Abont Town along as his valet if he will pay his own expenses.

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