

Man About Town.

A man died in Harrisburg the other day with a cigar in his mouth. Ye editor knew him as an old time politician and plum tree shaker. "We'll bet doughnuts he is smoking yet."

Brother Blum says to Jasper Harris, "where is that umbrella I lent you?" Jasper replied, "I lent it to Harry Lloyd, why?" Well says Blum, "the man I borrowed it of says the owner was asking for it."

A lady in Mike Hogan's asked the price of butter; Mike said "good butter is selling for 25c a pound." "Dear me, says the lady, havn't you something cheaper," yes, said Mike, "I can sell you some soft soap for six cents a pound."

In searching the catacombs, and other ancient repositories for the dead, they have never found a female mummy. It is not strange; you can't make a woman dry up and stay dried up.

This is certainly an age of graft. We ought to adopt the methods of some western towns. When a public officer is found appropriating any public money they don't suspend him from office, but from a tree.

The Sage of Portge remarks, "there are times in a man's career when he is it; when he is a baby; when he is a bridegroom and when he is a corpse."

Uncle Peter says, once when hunting in the woods in Maine he was treed by the most ferocious bull moose that ever walked, and when he was safely treed he found his ammunition had given out. Thinking of his mother, brothers and sisters and loved ones at home, tears came into his eyes and rolled down into the palm of his hand and froze as hard as marbles. Taking the frozen tears he rammed them into his gun, blazed away and killed the moose.

Years ago the red man scalped the white man. Now the white man skins his friends.

Money is the root of all evil. The most of the rich should be root-hog-or-die.

The Declaration of Independence says all men were created free and equal. How about that Rockefeller baby that has \$300,000,000 coming.

A young man in town is troubled with a stomach difficulty. The doctor told him to "keep away from sweet things;" guess he don't obey the doctor for we saw him walking yesterday with a sweet young lady.

We noticed in our photographer's the other day a lady having her picture taken. Look pleasant said the photographer, "click" went the camera. It's all over he said; you can now resume your natural expression.

It is reported at police headquarters that a colored family in town are eating chicken for dinner every day.

The questions before the Windowsill Club this week are, "should chewing gum be included in typewriter's supplies" and "should a person learn to play the piano by note when they can pay cash."

"Death loves a shining mark. That's why a good many people around here don't fear it."

Pianos are grand, square and upright; can you put your hand on many few laws around here that are like pianos?

"In union there is strength." Except when you unite whiskey and water.

A man said to Judge Brennan, "Judge what would you be if you were not Irish." Ashamed of myself, said the Judge.

We are sorry to say subscriptions for our Easter hat are not as brisk as we expected. If we are compelled to wear our old hat to church Easter Sunday, we ask the congregation to temper the wind to the shorn lamb and make as few remarks about it as possible.

Memorial Pamphlet.

The memorial pamphlet issued by the Revs. J. L. and J. M. Robertson upon the life and character of the late Rev. R. McCaslin is now offered for sale; price 25c. Call at Independent Office or H. S. Lloyd's before they are all sold.

As Gassaway Sees the Post Office Improvement.

Fling the old flag to the breeze, Fire the Court House gun, Decorate your homes and trees, A great work has been done, Take your neighbor by the hand, All become acquainted, Let's have music by the band, The Post Office is painted.

Bring your children in to see, Nobody should miss it, Although the postal service has A fearful large deficit, We took the bull right by the horns, Never shirked nor flinched, Dusted off the window sills, And had the ceiling painted.

No more the deadly microbe lurks, No more cock roaches play, No more the busy buzzing fly, Is heard throughout the day, No more the missive waiting girl, Shall chew gum in the dirt, No more the ladies need to wear, The abbreviated skirt, No more the honest citizen, Shall clear dust from his throat, And keep his waiting neighbor, Brushing cobwebs from his coat.

Megaphone the glorious news, From the top of Bryan Hill, To the stormy banks of the Portage, To the streets of Sizerville, Let suspicious people know, Their mail cannot be tainted, We've dusted off the window sills, And had the ceiling painted.

Emporium Opera House.

The announcement that Edwin J. Hadley is to appear here Monday, April 16th, seems to be all that is necessary to apprise theatregoers of an opportunity of witnessing the most elaborate exhibition of moving pictures ever shown to local patrons. Mr. Hadley's exhibitions have always been absorbingly interesting to both young and old, and his reappearance will doubtless bring out an overflowing house. Hadley pictures are distinctly different from any others, lacking the tiresome flicker so noticeable and so annoying. With the coming engagement Mr. Hadley will bring an entire change of program comprising all the latest in spectacular, educational comedy and magic pictures and an elaborate collection of interesting views of travel. Prices: 25c, 35c and 50c.

A Fortunate Incident.

As assistant work train foreman Wm. Buck, while walking on the B. & S., tracks Sunday, April 8th, on his way to Castle Garden came upon a large rock in the centre of the main track. He at once removed the obstacle, which had it not been discovered would have caused a serious accident. Mr. Buck deserves credit for this worthy deed and it goes without saying that the B. & S. R'y Co., as well as the traveling public at large, feel very grateful towards Mr. Buck for this timely act. Mr. Buck enjoys the respect and confidence of the officials and employees of the P. R. R. Co., who join with his many friends in and about Driftwood in extending to him hearty congratulations.

The End of Bad Feelings.

The few unfortunates with whom coffee disagrees are at last emancipated. No more need to look for a coffee substitute. Everyone can now drink real coffee without any bad after effects if it is DE-TAN-ATED India Coffee. The Tannin and other injurious ingredients have been removed, the healthfully-stimulating, digestion-promoting properties remain intact, and all the time you are drinking real coffee prepared in the usual way. For sale by Balcom & Lloyd. 7-3t

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., April 14th. 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.

Eggs for Hatching.

Pure bred Brown Leghorns, the best laying breed of fowls in the world. The hen that lays is the hen that pays. Eggs for sale as follows: One setting, 13 eggs, for \$1.00; three settings, 36 eggs, \$2.50. We also have the pure White Wyandottes, same price.

FARMERS EXCHANGE,

4-2m Pittsfield, Pa.

For Sale.

One lot 75x112 with good dwelling house and outbuildings. Will be sold at a bargain. Enquire of G. F. Balcom, Chairman. 5-4f.

WANTED: Travelling salesman. Must furnish references and invest one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, in first class 6 per cent. bonds. Salary and expenses paid. Experience not required, we teach business at our mills. The Wheeling Roofing & Cornice Co., Wheeling, W. Va. 4-9t.

An Exemplary Young Man.

Mr. James Bournes, one of our best young men, left on Tuesday for Toronto, where he expects to enter a machine shop for the purpose of learning the business. Mr. Bournes since his residence in Emporium has been a valued member of Emmanuel Church Junior Choir and will be greatly missed by his associates, all of whom wish the excellent young man success in his undertaking.

Anthony Hope's New Romance.

Anthony Hope, the famous author, who wrote "The Prisoner of Zenda" and other stirring romances, has just completed a new romance, "Sophy of Kravonia, or The Woman of the Red Star." It is full of soulstirring interest and is declared by all critics to be better than "The Prisoner of Zenda," which made Hope famous. This wonderful story begins publication exclusively in "The Philadelphia Sunday Press," April 22d. On this day "The Sunday Press" will also give away absolutely free, a fine supplement picture size 14x21 inches, entitled "The Masqueraders," printed separately in six colors on heavy paper. Be sure and get "The Sunday Press" on April 22d, and each Sunday thereafter, to read this great romance. Notify your newsdealer or carrier to reserve your paper, as the demand on this day will be enormous and late callers may be disappointed. Such great value in a Sunday newspaper is unprecedented and yet it's the great "Sunday Press" that always leads in giving the people the best of everything.

Emmanuel Church Easter Notices.

6:00 a. m., Holy Communion; 11:45 a. m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. "Hail! Festal Day" (Processional), Field's Te Deum, Martin's Communion Service, and Stainer's anthem. "They have taken away my Lord," will be used. Messrs Goodall, Inman and Ellis will be in the choir.

The offerings will be for the Organ Fund and the Parish House Repair Fund. 4:00 p. m., Sunday School. Mite-box offering. 7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer and Sermon. Easter Monday, 7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer, followed by the annual parish meeting in the parish house at 8 o'clock.

Progressive Dinner—Unique Affair

Eighteen young ladies and gents gave a very unique affair last Friday evening, a progressive dinner, that most certainly have been great. Seven young ladies each prepared at their homes one course, and at an appointed hour, 7 o'clock the entire party called upon each of the fair ladies who received in the following order and destroyed the dainties:

At home of Miss Ethel Day—colery cream of tomato soup and wafers.

Miss Edith Heilman—bread, mashed potatoes, roast beef and brown gravy.

Miss Vera Olmsted—fruit salad and wafers.

Miss Marion Rentz—bread and baked beans.

Miss Myrtle Lloyd—orange ice and cake.

Miss Bessie McQuay—Fruit, with whipped cream and mixed nuts.

Misses Ida and Alma Hertig—ice cream, cake and coffee.

The following composed the "Jolly Ramblers": Misses Bessie McQuay, Myrtle Lloyd, Edith Heilman, Vera Olmsted, Ethel Day, Marion Rentz, Anna Welsh, Emma Ellis and Alma and Ida Hertig, Messrs. Max Balcom, Frank Dodson, Lee Felt, Edward Hughes, Linn Strayer, Raymond Klees, Claud and Ermin Rentz.

The pleasant receptions accorded at the homes of each entertainer assisted in digesting the several mens and it took until after mid night before some of the party, gents of course, were able to retract their steps, after an evening of fun and lots of good things to eat. We would suggest that the big eater of the Independent, who now holds the medal, shall organize a crusade, the first member to consist of soft shell crabs, bread and cheese, but be sure to start at west Emporium first else T. H. Norris would never leave No. 1, residence. We might eat a little.

The Portage Store.

W. L. Dixon, proprietor of the Portage store, desires to inform his patrons and the general public that he is offering special inducement in canned goods for the next thirty days. Read this: Tomatoes, 10c; Good California Peaches, 16c; Mince Meat, 8c, Corn 8c; Finest String Beans, 10c; Best Seeded Raisins, 11c; Seven bars Oak Leaf Soap, 25c. Other goods in proportion. Call me on 'phone.

W. L. DIXON, Near Portage Bridge. 7-4f.

The Observer.

The chief force of our Lord's temptation did not consist in the direct appeal of evil, but in the fact that the goods ought to lure Him from the best. He was victorious because He possessed the power of an infallibly right judgment in all things, the power to estimate things at their true value, to discriminate not only between the bad and the good (a comparatively easy thing to do), but also to discriminate between the good, the better, and the best. In deciding upon any course of action whatever one must always make a selection out of a number of competing alternatives, each one of which represents a certain degree and kind of good. "All action is guilt," says Hegel. That is, every decision that we make involves the murder of a number of alternatives in support of which some measure of sound reason might have been urged.

These reflections have been suggested to the Observer by a case which recently came to his notice, of a man who was so blinded by an appeal to his pity and generosity that he lost sight utterly of nearer and higher duties. The qualities of this man's heart are the best that exist in the world. He has always been a friend to the friendless, tender in pity, generous in thought, and liberal beyond his means. The Observer once saw him, when he thought no one was looking, slip a dollar into the hand of a poor woman who with her small children had travelled to the county seat to visit her imprisoned husband, and who had not the means with which to return to her distant home.

But like many another, this man cannot always see more than one thing at a time. When any particular object of pity is engaging his attention, he is likely to lose sight for the time of all other objects and claims. This was what occurred when his pity became aroused on behalf of a sick and friendless woman who came to him in the course of her courageous efforts to carry out a business project in which she was interested. He became obsessed by the idea that it was his imperative and sole duty to befriend this friendless sufferer; and to this purpose he adhered until she was beyond the need of further human aid, oblivious of the fact that his attentions to her had become a scandal to his family and to the community, and that he was allowing his pity for a stranger to cost him his business, his home, his credit and his reputation. No appeal or remonstrance could move him out of his "fixed idea;" and nothing apparently can shake the witness of his own mistaken conscience that had he done less than he did it would have been murder.

Murder? Yes. But does not every right thinking and right deciding man have to murder a score of alternatives every day in order that he may follow the course which has the strongest moral claim upon him? It takes nerve and something that seems like hardness of heart to say No to the good in order that one may say Yes to the best. Pity is a good thing and kindness to strangers is a virtue, but one has no moral right to permit pity and kindness to strangers to come between himself and his duty to his own home. As much evil is wrought by a want of a right judgment to control good impulses as by the want of good impulses themselves.

Possibly Left Us.

Brother "Gassaway" Davis, whose pithy column in the PRESS has entertained many of our readers has gone to Olean, N. Y., to accept a position as clerk in Grand Central Hotel. Possibly he may remain there permanently and possibly not, having a warm spot for Emporium in his heart. Mr. Davis is a jovial, good fellow, of more than usual experience in business affairs, having filled positions in many climes; a gentleman of fine education, pleasing manners, a hearty hand shake and a good word for his fellow man. Hope he may return to Emporium in the near future.

Base Ball Season.

The season for base ball is rapidly nearing and it behoves all lovers of that sport to attend a meeting to be held in the Council Room next Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, to make arrangements. Manager John Cummings hopes for a large attendance. Please bear in mind the date—next Thursday evening, and be there sure pop.

Chamberlain's Salve is good for any disease of the skin. It itches the itching and burning sensation instantly. For sale by L. Taggart, J. E. Smith, Sterling Run and Crum Bros., Sinnamahoning.

Council Proceedings.

Adjourned meeting Borough Council Emporium, Pa., April 5, 1906.

Present: Messrs. Friendle, Gregory, White, Marshall, Julian, Butler and Green.

Absent: Messrs. Hamilton and Cramer.

Moved by Mr. Julian, seconded by Mr. Friendle, that Mr. Butler act as President Pro Tem. Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Green, that Bonds be corrected to read \$100.00 instead of \$250.00 each. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Friendle, that the Secretary correspond with the Commissioner of Health, Harrisburg, Pa., in regard to extending Sewer in pursuance of the Act of April 22nd, 1905. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Julian, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance, No. 47, Providing for a loan for the Borough of Emporium, the issue of securities therefor, the payment of the money received from the sale of the securities for said loan into the hands of the Borough Treasurer and the appropriation of said money for the payment for the extension of the common and public sewers of said borough," be adopted. Unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Julian, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance, No. 48, providing for the levy and assessment of an annual tax of three mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the Borough of Emporium to provide for the payment of the principle and interest and state tax upon the bonded indebtedness of the Borough of Emporium authorized by Ordinance approved the 9th day of April, A. D., 1906," be adopted. Unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Friendle, seconded by Mr. Butler, that Secretary ascertain from two local papers which will publish Ordinance numbers 47 and 48 and 12 notices at lowest rate, and have them published by paper naming lowest rate. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Gregory, that President appoint a committee to investigate Street Crossings and report at next meeting of Council. President appointed Messrs. Butler, Gregory and Green as committee.

Moved by Mr. Julian, seconded by Mr. Butler, that Secretary notify certain parties to pay Street Commissioner for clearing snow off their walks. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Julian, seconded by Mr. Butler, that Street Commissioner notify parties making connections with water, gas or sewer lines to leave streets in good condition or he will repair at their expense. Carried.

On motion Council then adjourned. R. C. MOORE, Sec'y.

Two Lads Instantly Killed.

Last Sunday morning while Geo. Brendel and Frank Gerber, two lads aged twelve years respectively, were walking on the track near their homes at Benzinger, they were struck and instantly killed by train No. 12 going east. The boys were on their way to St. Marys for the purpose of attending church, and while going up the hill between Benzinger and St. Marys, they attempted to climb on a freight train, and as they ran across the track, the passenger train going in the opposite direction on the other track, struck them. It was a very foggy morning and the engineer was unable to see the boys. This is a very sad accident and the parents of the young boys have the heartfelt sympathy of all. The funerals were held Wednesday morning from the Catholic church at St. Marys.

Coat Lost.

Master George Tompkins don't like to wear a coat unless the weather is below zero and therefore lost that article of clothing, last Friday, while returning from East Ward school. Geo. will buy the finder an all day sucker if his coat is returned to him.

The Thespians.

The Thespians from State College, twenty-five in number, will entertain the citizens of Emporium, at the opera house, on Monday evening, April 23rd, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. of C. E.

Bargain in Books.

A complete set of Britannica Encyclopedia, consisting of thirty volumes and key. Are all new and in original packages. Will be sold at a bargain, Apply at Press office.

C. B. Howard & Co., have received from the Pacific Coast what is perhaps the finest lot of RED CEDAR shingles that ever came to Cameron cou

THE WEATHER.

FRIDAY, Showers. SATURDAY, Fair

SUNDAY, Fair.

ASSETS

First National Bank,

EMPORIUM, PA.

At the close of business April 11, 1906.

\$796,751.74.

If you deposit your money in this Bank, you may rest assured that it will be there when you want it.

First Baptist Sunday School Easter Service.

The Easter service of the First Baptist Sunday School will take the place of the regular preaching service on Sunday evening, April 15, at 7:30. The programme follows: The School Scripture Reading, Prayer and Gloria. Responsive Reading, No. 312 Pentecost Hymns Music. The Primary Class Recitation. Howard Bingman Recitation. Margaret Crandall Recitation. Duet and Chorus No. 276 Recitation. May Henry Music Recitation. Seven Little Girls Recitation. Miss Loucks' Class Recitation. Margaret Crandall Recitation. Bertha Jessop Music, Hymn No. 273. The School Class Recitation. Mrs. Henry's Class Recitation. Earl Vought Address. Mr. Cully Music, Hymn No. 289. The School Benediction. At the close of the last hymn the congregation will please remain seated while the school marches out.

A Small Fire.

The fire alarm last evening was caused by a small blaze in Mrs. Martin Cummings' residence. The aged lady sat a lighted lamp near some lace curtains. Little damage done.

Smith Guthrie Still Lives.

Smith Guthrie, who has been very sick, we are informed by Mr. John M. English, an old and valued friend, is holding his own. Glad to hear the old veteran is still on the fighting line.

The Girl Preacher.

The Girl Preacher, Miss Ettie Hayward, has returned to the Huntley and Castle Garden charge for another year, which pleases everybody. She has been very successful since she came to this charge in winning souls for Jesus. Near one hundred have been converted under her work, since she came to the charge. Let others go and do likewise.

Hadley's Moving Pictures.

There should be a crowded house to greet Edward J. Hadley when he comes with his famous pictures at the opera house, Monday evening, April 16th. No attraction of this nature is more deserving of consideration than that of the visit of Mr. Hadley, who is undeniably the foremost exhibitor of Moving Pictures in America to-day.

With this engagement an entire change of program will be given eclipsing all former efforts. Prices: 25c, 35c and 50c. This is positively the best moving picture exhibition on the road. Money back if not satisfied.

Sold the Goodyear.

W. G. Gilbert has a deal on hand for the sale of his interest in the Hotel Goodyear in Austin, including the furniture, license, good will and lease, the latter holding for some months only. The proposed purchaser is Harry Smith, of Castle, N. Y. The consideration is said to be \$15,000 and it is said Mr. Gilbert has Mr. Smith's check for this amount.—Potter Enterprise. This is the hotel formerly conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, now proprietors of New Warner at this place.

The Farmer's Question.

Shrewd purchasers are invariably suspicious of a commodity that isn't advertised. They justly reason that if an article offered for sale is as good as it is cracked up to be the manufacturer or distributor wouldn't hesitate a minute to tell the public all about it in print. A farmer who airs his views in Agricultural Advertising puts this thought in a nutshell when he says: "I have gotten so that when an agent calls on me with something I don't understand I ask him where it is advertised. If he can't show me anything but a pocketful of handbills I call the dogs.—Philadelphia Record.

Special Low Rates.

To all points in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, February 15th to April 7th, 1906. Round Trip Homeseekers' Tickets on special days. Write at once for information and maps to W. H. Allen, Traveling Agent, Wisconsin Central R'y, 621 Park Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. 48-132.

C. B. Howard & Co., have the only large stock of shingles in the county at the present time. RED CEDAR from the Pacific Coast and WHITE CEDAR from Wisconsin.

Pure Barred Plymouth Rocks. Eggs 50c per 15. F. G. Judd.