

Joy and Scenes of Life.

As I returned from Elmira, N. Y., via the B. & S., I did not notice if we were riding in comfort of smooth revolving wheels as we climbed those majestic hills which were once clothed in thrice beautiful foliage, one of the wonders of nature's grandeur. But now as far as the eye could see in a clear sunny day of March is but a vast barren waste of desolation, the destruction of man, for the amount of dollars he can carry in his pocket. I ask the question, are the amount of dollars accumulated by man all there is in life? I have but one answer and that is an answer for many.

As I form new friends and have old enemies, I know that the old, old thus vanished all and I may never get and as I think of the joys and scenes of life and count the bleating moments of life with eternity, I know that soon I will camp beyond the river not on grounds of fame, but where I hope the scenes of life will find eternal rest on the sunny plains of peace, but with the joy of brighter hopes I cannot for a moment doubt when pleasant memories steal back, but to look forward to the beaming sun of May as it shines on the little blade of grass.

Yours truly,
SMITH WHITMAN.

Woodman, Spare a Few Trees.

Pennsylvania was once the best timbered state in the union. But her wealth forestry has departed for the most part, not to return. Yet even today furniture manufacturers are running all over the state trying to buy up the few remaining maples, walnuts, white oaks and wild cherries that remain on our farms. What is more, almost every man who owns a tree is ready to sell it.—Lock Haven Democrat.

To Appropriate \$100.

Governor Stuart has signed the bill directing county commissioners to appropriate annually not more than \$100 to each Grand Army Post in their respective counties to aid in defraying the expenses of Memorial day. The bill becomes a law at once, and the G. A. R. post in this county will therefore be entitled to an appropriation from the county treasury for the observance of the coming Memorial day.

Drowned at St. Marys.

Miss Daisy Mildred was found in the creek, about one mile west of St. Marys last Friday. The body lay with the head and shoulders submerged, with every indication that the young woman had fallen into the stream. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Miss Mildred's death was caused by "accidental drowning."

Elegant Line of Summer Goods.

Mrs. Ida Hamilton has just returned from Buffalo where she purchased an elegant line of summer dress goods, laces and trimmings. Mrs. Hamilton also carries a large line of samples of the newest creations in wools and silks, and dealing direct from the manufacturers, is able to save you money on these goods. Opposite the Catholic church.

Entertainment.

Prof. M. W. Cunningham, the humorous entertainer and monologist will appear in the Presbyterian church, Monday evening, April 1st, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. of C. E. He is a graduate under Byron King and comes highly recommended. Admission adults, 35c; children under ten years, 25c.

Married.

Mr. T. G. Marks, of Sunbury, and Miss Nora Bunce, of Emporium, were married at Olean, March 20th, by Rev. E. Boyde. They left on Buffalo flyer Sunday to visit relatives in Milton Sunbury, and Wilkes Barre. On their return they will reside in Olean.

Card of Thanks.

We take this opportunity of expressing our sincere and heartfelt thanks to one and all for their many tokens of sympathy shown during our recent sad bereavement in the loss of our James. MRS. JAMES THOMAS AND FAMILY.

Commence Now.

The time of year is now at hand when everybody should begin to clean up all rubbish and refuse matter about their premises and possibly avoid an epidemic of some kind. Commence now.

Farm for Sale.

A good farm for rent at Beechwood. Call or apply to Mrs. Geo. Kautz, at foot of Pine street, near Emporium grist mill. 6-2t.

Palm Sunday.

Services appropriate to Palm Sunday were conducted at St. Marks Catholic Church on Sunday in the presence of a large congregation.

New Store

J. B. Meisel, who has had charge of the Novelty Restaurant for Mr. Wm. McDonald, for some time, will open a confectionery, bakery and ice cream parlor in the store room next to the post office. Mr. Meisel will be ready for business on April 6th and solicits a share of the public patronage.

Libel Suits.

Lewis Emery, Jr., who was the fusion candidate for governor last fall, has instituted separate action in trespass for libel against the publishers of the Daily News, Daily Times, Daily Report and Lebanon Courier, all of Lebanon. The suits are based upon alleged libelous statements published by the newspapers in the gubernatorial campaign. Ten thousand dollars damages are asked in each suit.

A Nibbler.

A nibbler is a man who enters the grocery store, runs his fingers into a sugar barrel and laps up a couple of ounces; eats a handful of nuts, then goes over to the cheese case and cuts off a slice for a taste; then as a matter of course, must have a few crackers and perhaps before he has made up his mind so purchase twenty-five cents worth of something he has eaten the profits on \$2 worth of groceries. To end it all up after getting trusted for the purchase on which the merchant realizes a profit of about five cents, he leaves the store munching a couple of apples, and it may be the collection of the debt costs the merchant almost or quite its value. Did you ever see an illustration of this?

The Funerals.

The funerals of the victims of the dynamite explosion of last Wednesday, were held last Saturday.

The body of James Thomas was the only one that could be positively identified and was prepped and placed in a casket by undertaker Egan and taken to the home of his mother on East Allegheny avenue. The floral offerings by lodges, hose companies and other friends were many and beautiful.

The other five men were blown to atoms and nothing but fragments could be found. A few small pieces were picked up that were identified by friends of two Italians and placed in separate caskets and the remains of James Thomas and the two Italians taken to St. Mark's Catholic church Saturday morning, where a service was conducted over all by the Rev. Father Downey, after which three separate funerals were held.

W. W. Eckles, father of Charles Eckles came to Emporium on Friday, expecting to take the remains of his son to his home at Pennsboro, W. Va., but as nothing of the young man's body could be identified the grief-stricken parent felt much his disappointment. Those who knew the young man, speak very highly of him.

"Uncle Josh Spruceby."

One of the novel advertising devices used by the "Uncle Josh Spruceby" company to attract attention is the daily parade of the "ayseed" band. The band itself, while of much better calibre than the usual traveling organization, has its members attired as the title indicated, in the usual characteristic dress of the New England rustic. Some dressed in their best as on "circus day" while some attired in stage boots and jeans appear fresh from "chores." With "Uncle Josh" himself in the lead, umbrella and carpetsack in hand, they parade the principal streets and give a concert of choice selections. The parade takes place at noon. Emporium Opera House, Monday evening, April 1, 1907.

Methodist Conference.

The thirty-ninth session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist church closed Tuesday. York was selected as the next place of meeting. Following are some of the appointments in this section: Cross Fork, Thos. A. Elliott; Emporium, Rev. N. E. Cleaver; Keating Summit, E. E. Sponsler; Sinnamahoning and Driftwood, Conway W. Dickson. The Rev. O. S. Metzler was returned to Williamsport and Rev. R. J. Knox goes to South Williamsport. Rev. W. H. Allen was ordained as a minister and was reappointed to the Cameron Circuit. Mr. Allen was very successful during his pastorate last year.

Stock Food, Etc.

Ashland Stock Food for horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, 3 lbs 25c, 7 lbs 50c 25 lb pail \$1.60. Healing Powder for horses and cattle. Worm Powder and Lice Killer for cattle and poultry. For sale at HENRY JAEGER'S Harness Shop, 5-4t. Emporium, Pa.

Weighing the Soul.

From Boston, the chief center of the cult which affirms that matter is nothing, and, by inference, has no weight—comes the announcement that some wise scientists who can believe only what they can see with their eye-balls, have made the discovery that the soul has a specific weight, which varies, according to the individual, from half an ounce to an ounce. Thus Boston squares herself by giving to the world two absurdities which just about offset each other.

The Outlook suggests that possibly the weight of the soul may be found to vary in different localities, that the average weight in Chicago, for instance, may be greater than that in Boston. This is a little hard on Boston. Not to be self-righteous, we cannot help wondering how some of our neighboring towns like Reno, Port Allegany or St. Marys, would stand a soul weighing test. This new science is still in its infancy but some day it may be so far developed as to permit the application of the test to corporations as well as to individuals. It has long been a popular assumption that while there is such a thing as a "corporation soul," there is no such thing as a "corporation soul." A specially constructed weighing machine might be able to demonstrate the truth or falsity of this assumption. In some instances the scales of justice might be successfully used in this kind of weighing test.

To return to the individual, a soul weighing test might show in some cases that the presence or absence of the soul does not cause the beam of the balance to move the thousandth part of a hair's breadth. The writer of spring verse and the man who makes "steadfast, rhyme with 'breakfast,'" the man who would steal sheep, the lazy scamp who makes his family support him, and the gambler who shears the rustic lamb; will all be found to have souls that are unappreciable by the finest tests. But to make up for the default of these, there are many others, some of whom wear grimy overalls and others who stand over kneading boards and are deaf with the dish towel, whose souls, if they are as heavy as they are large, will weigh, not ounces, but pounds.

The Easter Hope.

Easter-day commemorates the Resurrection of Christ. It is a not uncommon mistake to view this sacred event chiefly in the light of a crowning proof of the truth that the soul of man does not perish with the body. The mere fact of resurrection has little power to impress the intellect or to move the heart. Our Lord Himself discounted the practical effectiveness of such evidence when He said, "neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead." If nothing more was needed than a proof that the death of the body does not mean the death of the soul, the restoration to life of the daughter of Jairus and of the son of the widow of Nain, and of Lazarus of Bethany, would have served the purpose. Many are so far convinced by the claims of modern spiritualism as to believe that the actual existence of departed spirits has been fully established. Yet the fact that Lazarus was raised from the dead awakened only a local and passing interest; while spiritualism, even when the reality of its alleged phenomena is conceded, is utterly without power as a moral and spiritual force.

The distinctive merit of Christianity lies not in its proof of the truth that the soul exists after the death of the body, but in its revelation of the meaning and value of life. In the light of this revelation, the question of immortality is lifted to an unspeakably higher plane of interest. If the life of man is not of infinite worth, if the soul of man is not possessed of divine possibilities, then the question of human immortality is of little more consequence than is the question of the endless existence of an earth, worm. We must distinguish sharply between the idea of mere endless existence and the Christian conception of eternal life. Quality must be placed above quantity. Faith in the Risen Christ means faith in a certain quality of life, and not merely a belief that human life, regardless of quality, will be indefinitely prolonged. In commemorating the Resurrection of Christ the emphasis is not upon the mere fact of rising from the dead, but upon the quality and character of the Divine Personality who triumphed over death. The Resurrection of Christ stands, not for the mere prolongation of existence, but for the uplift and new birth of humanity. Its meaning is not for science, but for faith.

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NOTES OF INTEREST.

Fire at North Bend last Friday morning caused a property loss of \$10,000.

The body of Colvert Evans, who was drowned in the Bald Eagle creek at Lock Haven about ten days ago was recovered on Sunday.

Professor George Poe, living in Norfolk county, Virginia, claims to be able to raise the dead by means of a machine which he calls a "respirator." The county commissioners of Lehig county, have fixed the county tax rate this year at one and eight-tenths mills on the dollar, which is said to be the lowest rate of any county in the State.

Dogs are reported to be chasing deer in the Farrandville and Queens Run district of Clinton county. Recently a deer was run into the river at Farrandville and later another one was brought down to the river at Queen's Run.—Ex.

Photographs that have become soiled that are mounted on cards the edges of which are broken may be soaked off by placing them in water. This cleans them, but does not injure them in the least, and after drying thoroughly between blotters they may be mounted again on new cards.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature providing that all able bodied male prisoners now or hereafter confined under sentence within any jail in the state shall be required to break stone on the public highways for eight hours each day, excepting Sundays and holidays. This is a most commendable measure and its passage should be urged by the taxpayers throughout the state.

One of the most palatial vehicles ever seen in the eastern part of the State has been completed by a carriage builder in Quakertown, Bucks county. It is for Joseph Welsh, a gypsy chief, and his wife, the queen. It is richly upholstered has several large mirrors, beveled French plate glass windows at the sides and is gayly painted in red and green, with a handsome coat of arms, profuse gold striping and beautiful ornaments.

C. L. Thomas, contractor, of Port Allegany, sustained a painful injury on Saturday the 16th by falling from a load of hay to the ground, striking on his head and neck. He was severely injured and will be confined to his bed for several days. This is unfortunate not only for Charley, but for the whole community, as this is the time of year when every thing has to be moved and no one to do it but he.—Port Allegany Argus.

Walter L. Main, who made a fortune after the railroad accident that occurred at Vail some years ago will again put a circus on the road, after living in retirement for several years. The great amount of free advertising his show received after that memorable wreck and the money he received for damages from the railroad company since made him wealthy. It is stated by showmen that prior to the wreck his show was a losing venture. Mr. Main is writing a book of circus life, etc.

A groceryman in a nearby town happened round when a farmer was unloading several boxes filled with groceries from a Chicago department store. The groceryman asked the farmer the price of the articles purchased and told him he could furnish them just as cheap. The farmer then said: "Is that so? I take the home papers but you seldom or never advertise, and if you do you never quote prices on what you have. The Chicago stores advertise. I am not a mind reader."—Ex.

An experienced teacher says that pupils who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who do not, are better readers, better spellers, better grammarians, better punctuators, and read more understandingly, and obtain a practical knowledge of geography in almost half the time it requires others. The newspaper is decidedly an important factor in modern life. This will not be disputed by anyone who has taken the trouble to investigate the matter for himself.

Barn Burned.

The horse barn, (not the large barn) at the farm of John Bauer east of town was discovered to be on fire about nine o'clock last evening and all the hands at once turned out and by quick work barely rescued the horses, as the fire was burning fiercely around the last animal taken out. The barn was valued at about \$800, on which an insurance of \$200 was carried. Mr. Bauer cannot account for the origin of the fire, unless a tramp might have crawled into the mow.

Girls Wanted.

Apply at Novelty Incandescent Lamp Company.

People's Star Course.

Opera House, April 5, 1907, lecture by Hon. Geo. D. Alden. Subject—"Things Worth While." Judge Alden is a lineal descendant of the Pilgrim John and the beautiful Priscilla of Mayflower fame.

Baltimore Herald—Judge Alden aroused his audience to unbounded enthusiasm. His entire address was filled with telling points, illustrated with stories which convulsed the audience.

Tenafly Record—Judge Alden proved to be the most interesting and convincing speaker of the season. Humorous and witty, with a vast field of anecdotes that fitted pat, he is a logical, cogent and convincing reasoner and proved himself the peer of any who have spoken in this vicinity.

Another said—Judge Alden is a star. Never has a man appeared in all respect, more satisfactory than Judge Alden. I heard him in Indianapolis before 2,500 people, and I count him pre-eminently the very best that has appeared here in a long time.

"Uncle Josh Spruceby."

The old-fashioned "husking bee" with its country dance and harvest festivities occupies one act of "Uncle Josh Spruceby," the New England comedy-drama. The scene is laid in "Uncle Josh's" barn on the old Vermont farm. The heaps of yellow corn, the stacks of golden pumpkins, the mows stuffed to bursting with hay and fodder, all proclaim that the harvest is over and the farmer's work is done. The country maidens dressed in their best, with shining eyes and ruddy cheeks, husk corn besides the rural swains togged in their "Sunday best." Now and then a red ear is found, a kiss—the usual prize—demanded and given with a show of reluctance on the part of "Samantha" that would do credit to a city belle. After the husking comes the supper and dance, which is kept up until the jingling sleigh bells at the door proclaim the time to depart. Emporium Opera House, Monday evening, April 1, 1907.

Wake Up Citizen.

SINCE we have just experienced another of those dreadful disasters of which Emporium has suffered several times before, I would like to ask the question, as the most of our people are living in constant dread of a still greater calamity, why dynamite is allowed to be stored in large quantities within a half mile, or possibly less of our borough limits. We quite frequently read of large powder magazines being blown up and without any explanation as to the cause. Why might not just such a thing happen in our community in which the loss of life would no doubt be appalling and the damage to property would most likely ruin a large number of our citizens, who by hard work and strict economy have accumulated a home or property in which they look for support in their declining years. With this large magazine but a short distance from our town and no protection whatever, what would happen in case of an explosion no one can tell. Our council should do something in this matter as the safety of our citizens is very much encroached upon and some action should be taken at once, before it may be too late.

Emmanuel Church.

Good Friday, March 29: 10:00 a. m., Morning Prayer, Litany and Pentecostal Office. 7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer and Address.

Easter Day, March 31: 6:30 a. m., First Celebration of the Holy Communion. 10:30 a. m., Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon. 4 p. m., Sunday school, Easter service and Mite-box offering. 8:30 p. m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Monday, April 1: 7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer in Church, followed by the annual parish meeting in the parish house, for the election of vestrymen.

The offerings at the morning services on Easter day will be for General Missions.

It is earnestly desired that all the communicants of the parish will be present and receive the Holy Communion at one or other of the celebrations on Easter day.

J. M. ROBERTSON, Rector.

Dead Man Found.

The body of a dead man was found about two miles south of Eldred last Sunday, aged about 65 years, weight about 135, about five feet tall. A Masonic pin and other articles were found in his pockets also partly destroyed pension papers with name of Smith appearing on portion of same. Any information as to identity send to C. E. HUBBARD, Eldred, R. F. D. No. 2.

THE WEATHER.

FRIDAY, Fair.
SATURDAY, Fair.
SUNDAY, Fair.
ASSETS
First National Bank,
EMPORIUM, PA.
At the close of business March 27, 1907.
\$835,839.18.
Every dollar you put by to-day in this Bank comes to you as a gift to-morrow.
Interest paid on certificate of deposits.

DR. LEON REX FELT,
DENTIST.
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

Opera House,
MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 1
Dave B. Levis' Big
Production
**UNCLE JOSH
SPRUCEBY**

20 People, Hayseed Band, Grand Operatic Orchestra, New and novel Specialties. Watch for the big street parade.
Prices, 75c, 50c 35c, and 25c.
Seats on sale at H. S. Lloyd's.

Old Recollections by Gassaway.

Once more I walk the dusty streets
Of this good old classic town,
Once more my old time friends I greet,
As I meander round.
Once more I see the pretty girls,
Of which this town is proud,
Once more I edge my burly form
Through the busy shopping crowd;
Things seem to be about the same,
Improvements have been made,
Now and then a touch of paint,
New pavements have been laid,
The same old signs are hanging still,
That hang a year ago,
And business is about the same,
Perhaps a little slow;
Uncle Peter still is here,
Though battered some by time,
He can crack his little joke,
And make a pleasing rhyme,
The same cigars are in the case,
That were a year ago,
He says the stock is just the same,
But the burning somewhat slow;
Says he will live one hundred years,
Of that he's almost sure,
Because he's been a Christian man
And lived a life that's pure;
But if the Lord sees fit to call,
Him from this vale of tears,
Before he can complete his time,
A round one hundred years,
The undertaker will be beat,
When he away is laid,
For he has stockings for his feet
And his coffin has been made,
We went into the sanctum
Of the good old County Press,
Things looked a little rocky,
There were signals of distress,
Papers piled up mountains high,
Dust was on the floor,
The same old pictures on the wall,
Hung there in days of yore,
The sanctum chair was vacant,
My Brother where was he,
Sporting with the Easter nymps,
On the board walk by the sea,
And may he live and prosper,
And sport there many a day,
To the wish of all the faithful,
And his old friend GASSAWAY.

Sudden Death.

Frank Berfield, aged about 21 years, son of Mrs. Wesley Berfield, of Portage street died at his home last night about 11:30 o'clock of cerebral spinal meningitis, having been stricken some time Sunday night. The young man had been working at one of our powder works and resigned his position last Friday and went to work on the railroad as brakeman, and was on his first trip Sunday night when stricken.

Frank, was the second son of the late Wesley Berfield, (who met his death in a glycerine explosion about one year ago), and was a young man of good habits and his death is a terrible blow to his widowed mother and family.

The funeral will most likely be held Saturday morning, while the arrangements have not been definitely made yet, and will take place from St. Mark's Catholic church, interment being made in the Catholic cemetery.

Spring Millinery.

All the latest in spring millinery, and an elegant line of white goods at E. S. COPPERSMITH'S.

A French Canadian, who had lost a dog, had the following notice inserted in a newspaper: "Loosed, one dawg been loosed him about three weeks Him white dawg almost white with him tail cut off close next to her body Anybody find her bring her to me I belong to him and shall have good rewards for some black spot on him nose about size fifty cents or dollar piece Canada money or United States all the same For yours truly with anxious, Felix Carne hind side of Methody Church about three blocks in the house upstairs with green painting."