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Be good to yourself and your friends at this happy season. We may be able to help you in this line. At all events we wish you

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Will Issue Clerical Orders.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that the issue of clerical orders will be continued for 1898 on the same lines as in effect at present.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 20, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergy men entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergy men, to be made on blanks furnished by the Company and certified to by one of its agents.

Mild Winter Prediction.

The "oldest inhabitant" predicts a mild winter. The goose bone, which for generations has been used as the infallible weather prognosticator has not assumed its dark lines, and fish worms which usually bury themselves away down below the front line at this season of the year, were recently disporting themselves in the occasional sunbeams.

Cupid Working on Aged People.

The Meadville Tribune says: Three marriage licenses were issued at the clerk of court's office in this city within a week in which the grooms were aged 77, 65, 55, respectively, and the brides 61, 63, 34. The combined ages of the grooms was 197 years, and of the three couples 355 years, an average of a little over 69 years.

Recent Millin Co. Deaths.

At Lewistown, killed by the cars, Charles Fisher, aged 27 years. In Lincoln county, Pa., Mrs. N. J. Jamison, aged 86 years. At Atlanta, Ga., Hurd M. Myers, aged 40 years. In Lincoln county, Pa., Mary Belle Thompson, aged 77 years.

Married.

By Rev. W. W. Rhoads, at Lemont, December 9th, 1897, W. S. Williams and Miss Mary P. Miller, both of Lemont.

—There is out one first-class clothing house in Bellefonte, and that is the Philad. Branch. Largest stock lowest prices, and everything first class.

Largest line of books and Bibles at Kurtz Bros, Bellefonte, opposite Brockerhoff.

EMUL MOTZ'S SHOOTING MATCH.

His Antagonist Badly Hurt by Three of Motz's Balls.—Motz has Seen the World.

Last week the Reporter briefly mentioned the shooting affray Emanuel Motz had a short time ago down in South Carolina with another fellow in which Motz lost a leg but succeeded in putting three balls into the other fellow.

Motz is a son of Jacob Motz, dec'd., of Woodward, east end of this valley, where in his early years he was a clerk in the store of his uncle, John Motz, and was a young man of native brightness, with an adventurous disposition. During the California gold excitement Emanuel and a younger brother went in the direction of the new Eldorado, but for several years no word was received from the brothers, and they were counted as dead—killed and scalped by the Indians on the plains or in the Rockies, where they had been known to roam.

Unexpectedly the brothers turned up at home on Indian ponies and in full Indian costume which gave the natives of the east end of the valley a first rate idea of what "injuns" and their traps were like, as they went back and forth from their Woodward home. The boys had been staying much of their time among the red men, and were captivated with Indian life where few whites were seen.

After remaining about home several months, Emanuel again went to the far away fields of silver and wild-life, and was, well, everywhere in the deserts and Rockies; where then there were no civilized habitations there now are fine cities.

Finally he was attracted to the South Carolina gold mines, became interested and soon was superintendent of gold mines belonging to millionaire Hearst of San Francisco. In the interest of the Hearst mines Emanuel Motz was sent to England, and naturally came in contact with many of its capitalists. While in London he attended a reception of Queen Victoria, in company with some friends, as he related to the editor of the Reporter. Court etiquette requires all gentlemen attending these receptions to wear the regulation swallow tail dress coat, without which the visitor would not be allowed to enter the reception chamber. Mr. Motz wore the required coat but one of his friends wore a frock coat, and the usher politely informed him he could not be admitted unless he had on a swallow tail coat. Here was a dilemma for frock and swallow tails. In a few seconds a happy thought hit Motz; with a few pins he doubled in bias the lower fronts of his friends' frock coats and turned it into a swallow tail, and it was the "open Sesame," the whole party passed in to the reception.

Upon several of his adventurous trips, Emanuel was accompanied by his two brothers—Thomas upon one occasion who settled down at Leadville and is the owner of some silver mines, but for the past three years he has resided at Coburn. Upon another occasion his youngest brother, Simon, was with him, and died while away.

About 18 years ago Emanuel wrote up a sensational story for the columns of the Reporter, about the breaking out of a volcano in the mountains east of Woodward, which was widely copied and actually led some scientific men hither for purposes of observation.

The circumstances about Mr. Motz's recent unpleasantness are about as follows:

While Mr. Motz was sitting in his office, a few weeks ago, all alone, a stranger entered and quite gruffly demanded to put in writing as he would dictate, and sign it, and accompanied the demand by shoving a revolver into Motz's face. Motz's past life didn't require a second's study as to what to do, and his revolver being handy he opened fire at once and buried three bullets in the anatomy of the intruder. A tussle followed during which the fellow shot Motz in the leg shattering the bone below the knee, making amputation of the limb necessary. The stranger was taken to the hospital dangerously wounded, and in case of his recovery Motz intends to go gunning for his man.

It appears Mr. Motz had invented a valuable patent to secure the gold dust in the waste of the stamp mills, and that the man intended to force him to sign papers which would show that the stranger was the inventor of the separator.

Farm House Burned.

The dwelling of Andrew King, in Lamar twp., Clinton county, was burned last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Some of the furniture was saved. It is supposed that the flames originated from a defective flue. The loss is about \$800, covered by insurance.

Discovered a New Cave.

A new cave has been discovered near Millheim, in this county. It is an immense cavern and was discovered by John Breen while digging a foundation for a cistern.

—The largest assortment of Fall clothing ever received in this county are on display at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte. The price is as low as the stock large. Satisfaction always guaranteed on every sale.

Weather Forecast.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from December 16 to 20. The next storm wave will reach the Pacific coast about December 20, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 21st, the great central valleys 22nd to 24th, and the eastern states the 25th.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 20th, the great central valleys the 23d, and the eastern states the 24th. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 23d, great central valleys the 25th, and eastern states 27th.

The temperature of the week ending December 25 will average above normal in the northern, and below, in the southern states.

Not far from December 19 rains may be expected in the northern states, followed by snows. Dry in the southern states.

Went Flying Through the Air.

John Barnes, 18 years of age, driver of his father's dairy wagon, had a miraculous escape from death on last Thursday morning, at Bellefonte. While he was driving across the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad on Lamb street his outfit was struck by the Snowshoe train as it was backing up from the round house to the depot. The horse was knocked 30 feet and instantly killed; the wagon was smashed to pieces, and though young Barnes himself was thrown a distance of 20 feet, he escaped with but a few bruises.

Refused War Time Currency.

An odd case was decided in the Blair county courts Thursday. John Bement sued the Logan Valley railroad company to recover \$5,000 damages for being put off a trolley car mid-way between Hollidaysburg and Altoona during the blizzard last January. Bement had offered to pay his fare in ten cents fractional currency issued in the war times. The conductor did not think the money was good and refused to accept. Judge Bell charged the jury that if, in their opinion, the currency had become obsolete there could be no recovery. The jury found for the company.

Man Missing.

On Nov. 22, John Armour left his home at Cato, a small village near Snowshoe, and has not been heard of or seen since. His cane was found along the road and nothing else has been seen or heard of him since. On Sunday a large party of men were out searching the mountains in that vicinity thinking that some trace or clue might be found of him.

Mr. Armour is about 60 years old and has a wife and child.

Are Greatly Agitated.

The people of Mill Hill are greatly agitated over an article that was published in the Pittsburgh Times, to the effect that the American Axe and Tool Company intend to concentrate all their manufacturing plants near Pittsburgh and abandon their present factories. The company owns sixteen axe factories, among them being the factories at Mill Hill.

A Good Citizen Dies.

One of Sugar valley's best citizens, Isaac Frantz, died at his home in Tyersville, Wednesday of last week. He had been ill about a week with lung fever. He was in his 74th year. His wife and the following children survive: Mrs. Philip T. Schreckengast, Puella S., Isreal R. and Mary A. Frantz. Funeral on last Saturday.

Collided on the Street.

Monday evening Rev. Faus, the Methodist minister, and James Woomer manager of the Bellefonte telephone exchange, were driving through town, and it being very dark and the street lamps not burning, they collided with their buggies. Woomer's buggy had a wheel smashed while Rev. Faus got a bad bruise on the head from being thrown forward on the dash.

She Killed a Doe.

A few days ago Miss Rena Uzzle, of Snow Shoe, while out on the mountains with her father, heard a noise in the brush a short distance ahead. Snatching her father's Winchester she ran a short distance up the road when she saw a young doe. She took aim and killed the animal.

Houtzdale Family Wiped Out.

The family of Gus Linn, near Houtzdale, which not long ago comprised the father, mother and five children, has within a few weeks past, been entirely wiped out by diphtheria, the mother and two children being buried last week.

Rev. Renick's Appointments.

Sunday Dec. 19, at Centre Hall, 10 a. m.; at St. Johns church at 2 p. m.

The Forker That Beats All.

Christ. Houser, living within a few miles of here, killed a hog this fall that dressed 640 pounds. Up at Klondike that would bring \$640 in gold nuggets.

Pocket Books, Cards, Cases, &c., at Kurtz Bros, Bellefonte, opposite Brockerhoff.

—Gold and silver bracelets at—Bushman's.

REV. DR. ALLEMAN DEAD

A Former Aaronsburg Lutheran Minister Dies at York.

Rev. Dr. M. J. Alleman, the venerable and well-known Lutheran minister and pastor of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of York, died at his residence on the evening of 9th, after an illness of about five weeks.

Dr. Alleman was born at Maystown, Lancaster county, August 18, 1820. He early studied at Pennsylvania College and the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and he entered the Lutheran ministry in the fall of 1845. His first charge was that of three congregations located at Danville, Sunbury and Northumberland. He afterward filled successively pastorates at Lewisburg, Aaronsburg, Hanover, Middletown, Md.; Littlestown, Silver Run, Md., and Spring Grove. He organized and served for longer and shorter periods these congregations in York and vicinity; St. Marks, St. Luke's, St. Matthews, St. Peter's, and Grace Church, at Roundtown. At the time of his death he was the pastor of St. Matthew's Church. Dr. Alleman was elected president of the West Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church both in 1867 and 1885, and was sent as delegate to the General Synod several times.

When the old Lutheran church at Aaronsburg was torn down some 35 years ago and the present brick edifice erected, Rev. Alleman became its first pastor.

Choked to Death on Peanuts.

A little two-year-old son of Alvin Stine, at Bellefonte, was choked to death Monday morning by peanuts lodging in the bronchial tubes. The little fellow was given several peanuts to eat, and was left alone for a short time by his mother. She heard a peculiar sound where he was and found him gasping for breath. Two peanuts had lodged in the throat and he was slowly strangling to death. For several hours physicians tried to remove the foreign substance but could not.

A Novel Wedding.

A novel wedding occurred at Glen Campbell last week. The groom is 38 years old and weighs 280 pounds, and the bride is a blushing maiden of 16 summers and tips the beam at 90 pounds. They are cousins and both are from Montgomery township, Indiana county. Two of the groom's brothers are married to two of the bride's sisters, and the oldest brother is married to the youngest sister.

Bad Fall.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Rhoads, wife of Rev. Rhoads, was on the garret of the parsonage, and in starting down to a lower floor tripped and fell the entire flight of stairs. The lady was severely injured and broke a bone in her right arm below the elbow besides dislocating the wrist. She received several other minor bruises.

Will Have Another Peach Orchard.

The large peach orchard near Aaronsburg having turned out a success, George Kister, one of the parties interested in it, has purchased an improved tract of land in the mountains south of Aaronsburg, and will turn it into a peach ranche, and has ordered 3000 peach trees for that purpose. Hope it will be a success, George.

The Stone Crusher to Go.

The difficulty between the Potter supervisor, Samuel Bruss, and the manufacturers of the stone crusher still remaining on the picnic ground, has been settled by the Company taking back the crusher, since supervisor Bruss could prove he agreed to a purchase in case the machine pleased the supervisors and citizens.

Chance for a Soft Soap.

Soldier and blacksmith, Jerry Condo, of Spring Mills, has an offer to superintend the smithing at the Morganza, Pa., Reformatory, at a salary of \$600 per year, for five hours time each day. Jerry left on Tuesday morning's west bound train to take in the situation at Morganza before accepting.

Death of Mrs. Samuel Motz.

The wife of Samuel Motz, of Haines township, died on Friday last, at her home, aged 74 years, and was buried on last Monday forenoon. Deceased was an estimable lady and a sister of H. A. Mingle, of Aaronsburg, dec'd.

Going to the Klondike.

About February 10th a party of five men will leave Lock Haven for the Klondike gold fields. The leaders of the party will be the brothers John and Robert Myers, the former being a farmer and living a short distance east of Lock Haven, the latter a well known and popular resident of Flemington.

Useful Presents.

Wedding and Christmas presents in gold and silver at—Bushman's, Jeweler.

Presents for everyone, at Kurtz Bros, Bellefonte, opposite Brockerhoff.

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A PROCLAMATION!

FRIGID ZONE, Nov. 23, '97.

I, the original and only SANTA CLAUS, God-Father of all the little chaps and lassies, hereby make proclamation:

I have appointed Mr. EDWIN F. GARMAN, of 32 South Allegheny st., BELLEFONTE, PA., as my special agent in your city, to sell all the Dolls, Toys, Games, etc., which I have been gathering for you for the past twelve months. I have also ordered and commanded Garman to make known to you that I will be with you early Christmas morning, dressed up in my best and richest clothes, and will give to all good children those nice Christmas candies and presents which I have so carefully put up, so you will surely find me. I want you all to be good. Remember, I am the original and only Santa Claus. I will come down all the way from the North Pole in my special sleigh, drawn by my pet reindeer.

Given on this 23d day of Nov., in the 1897th year of my glorious reign in the Frigid Zone.

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Dry Goods, Clothing and Millinery.

A Letter from Santa Claus.

North Pole, Dec. 1st, 1897.

Dear Mr. Katz:

Please inform all the little children within fifty miles of Bellefonte, that I will make my headquarters this year at your store.

I will arrive there about two weeks before Christmas.

I have nearly all my toys made for the good children, and those that I have not yet done, I will finish in your store.

Please have my workshop ready, so that I can go to work as soon as I come there, also have a letter box made so that the little children can write to me what they would like to have, and I will try to satisfy them.

Yours Truly, SANTA CLAUS.

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