-Rev. I. P. Neff, of Middleburg, Pa., is visiting among friends in Centre Hall and vicinity.

-Ex-County Commissioner John D. Decker, of Potters Mills, is a frequent visitor in town.

in our community last week, buying been wanting to go to farming.

grain and clover seed.

Rev. F. F. Christine last Friday. -S. Paul Dinges, or Williamsport, the hustling young insurance solicitor,

spent Sunday with his mother here. -Charley Weiser, superintendent of the power department in Boob's shops, is taking his little dose of the

ander came home last week after a from Northern Illinois. visit with their friend Miss Bertha Scott, in Tyrone.

'99. Reports health good over there. years.

has been very successful.

-Jas. W. Runkle, of Middleburg, was up to see his old neighbors and, as usual, favored the Reporter with a good in Snyder as in Centre county.

-Charley Shiffler was in town for a few days the last week, shaking we have forgotten his right name. hands with his friends in his old home. Charley is located at Big Run, Jefferson county, where he has a very good position.

-Jacob P. Bible, of Potters Mills, was a welcome visitor a few days ago. tleman in every way. He is the pres- large. torily fills.

Leiter's Wheat Shipments.

Lehigh Valley for 500,000 bushels was here at present. 15 cents. The Grand Trunk will haul I was informed very positively a few afraid at Chicago that Leiter will put fold and-remain there. the market up. The shorts are being Two young ladies of our village, apmaster of the situation.

Over 15,000 Miles of Railroad.

The total length is 15,766 miles.

An Aged Editor.

at an advanced age.

Not Generally Known.

The members of the last Pennsylvania legislature enacted a law which is not generally known. The act of July 9, 1897, gives to the school boards everywhere in the state the right to purchase and pay for, out of the school funds, an American flag staff and all the necessary appliances.

Osceola Klondikers.

A. C. Blowers, Hiram Cramer, Wm. Speedy and ex-burgess J. H. Stoddart. He says he is papa. all of Osceola, Pa., started Tuesday morning for the Klondike gold fields. They expect to locate on the American ser, also of Osceola, will join this par- mill. ty early next month.

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AARONSBURG-

An Interesting Letter from Our Correspondent Down the Valley.

George Korman leaves the toll gate on the first of March and goes back to Rebersburg. Who will succeed him at the gate is still a question.

Billie Korman bought a farm in Brush valley, formerly owned by Jonnie Y. Stover. He has been tired of -E. E. Couser, of Loganton, was shoemaking for the last year and has

The operation performed on Mr. -Mr. Alfred Bird, of Mt. Carmel, George Bright's eyes was not success-Pa., was entertained at the home of ful, and the old gentleman at times suffers a great deal of pain. He is in his 87th year, and is the oldest person in town. The next oldest is Mrs. Simon Rote, who is 84 years old.

Clayton Wyle and his uncle, James Holloway, started for Akron, Ohio, on Monday morning. They expect to remain there about two weeks and bring home with them several horses, that -Misses Emilie and Grace Alex- Frank Holloway is bringing to Akron

One of the largest fonerals ever held in this section was that of John Long, -J. F. Emerick, one of our Farm- on last Sunday, in the Reformed ers' Mills patrons, gave us a call, and church. The church was packed, and had his label set to '98, and reports all there was'nt even standing room. He was an Odd Fellow and the order had -Our esteemed friend, M. F. Ross- charge of the funeral. Consumption man, of Tusseyville, was a pleasant was the cause of his death, yet he nevcaller, and has his label to shine for er suffered any pain. His age was 74

-George Smull, the very-much The REPORTER some weeks ago in alive insurance agent of Rebersburg, an article referred to certain characters was in town Tuesday putting up some | who years ago tramped around in this stiff arguments for his company. He neighborhood. The name of the party who did the funny spelling was Tom Morton. He was arrested in Sunbury for arson, found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment in the county call. He thinks sleighing wasn't as jail, where he died. Abe Lacy (nicknamed Lazy) died at Richfield, Juniata county, a pauper. Another queer fellow was "Johnny Whipcracker,"

SPRING MILLS.

Throwing a Chicken Head into a Neighbor's Yard.

The K. of G. E. had the installation Mr. Bible is one of Potter township's of their officers here on Saturday evengood farmers, and a very pleasant gen- ing last. The attendance was quite

ent secretary of the township school Mrs. Samuel Krape of our village, board, a position which he satisfac- has been very seriously ill for several weeks. The venerable mother of W. P. Alexander, who has been ill for some time is improving. Mrs. W. P. Young Leiter is offering the rail- Alexander was mending quite rapidly, roads 1 million bushels of wheat, if but unfortunately met with a relapse they will take it at 12 cents from Chi- and is again confined to her bed. cago to New York. The rate paid the Coughs and colds seem quite prevalent

it from Chicago to Buffalo, and cars days since, and on good authority, that common in the churches as out of have been ordered, but are not at Ar- C. P. Long, the enterprising and popmour's elevator yet. The receipts were ular merchant of our village, would be turned in to Armour a few nights ago. a candidate before the next Republican It is said that 500,000 bushels more will County Convention. Having some be shipped within a short time, and doubts about it, I referred the matter there are rumors that the Nickel-Plate to Mr. Long himself, who smilingly will get it. The only story that can replied: "A candidate you ask, why be positively confirmed is that 500,000 my dear sir, the 'woods are full of bushels will be shipped, but it is inti- them,' unquestionably when the time mated that before the end of May, Lei- arrives, the convention will nominate ter will ship out 4,000,000 bushels by capable and competent gentlemen for rail to the seaboard in addition to the all the offices, whom it will be a pleas-1,500,000 bushels wheat he has afloat. ure to support. Yes sir, I repeat it, the The general impression is that the woods are full of them." Of course wheat has been consigned to Liver- this was no answer to my question. pool, as it goes on a through rate of 32 Unfortunately for Mr. Long he is not cents from Chicago. Foreign bids a Democrat, and this year Centre have been advanced 2 cents. They are county will return to the Democratic

run in, and Leiter for the present is parently have innocently involved themselves into a law suit of considerable magnitude. It appears that one day last week the young ladies secured Chief Engineer Brown, of the Penn- an unusually fine chicken, with which sylvania railroad, has just completed no doubt, they made an excellent pothis report for the year 1897, and fur- pie. Shortly after the decapitation, a nishes some interesting information favorite pet cat, of course with a bright regarding the physical condition of ribbon neatly tied around its neck that corporation, which, it is believed, with a bell attached, was discovered is the largest in the world. If all the eagerly gnawing at the head, evidenttracks of the Pennsylvania company ly regarding it as no everyday feast, were laid in a straight line they would when one of the young ladies hastily reach from London to San Francisco observed, oh no pussy dear, you must and return and have something for not eat that nasty thing, and at the sidings at the big cities. They would same time taking up the head carelessreach from Hudson bay to the strait of ly tossed it away, but unfortunately Magellan and part of the way back, landed in a neighbors barn yard. This shocking sight was soon discovered by the neighbor, whose wrath knew no bounds. His barn yard to be polluted Samuel J. Row, of Clearfield, died at by a vile chicken head, was an offense his home in Clearfield last Saturday, too outrageous to be quietly born, con-29th, at the ripe age of 75 years. Mr. sequently complaint was entered at Row went into the newspaper work at the Squires, and now these young lathe age of twenty, and with but slight dies may soon discover that throwing intermission continued it until 1890. a chicken head recklessly, even with He was associated with his brother, S. no malice, and it lands in some barn-B. Row, in publishing the Raftsman's yard, possibly on the manure pile, is Journal and finally succeeded to its en- an offense, in some eyes, next to sacritire control, only giving up the work lege. Seriously, the whole village is laughing at it, and regard the proceedings as exceedingly small busi-

POTTERS MILLS.

News Items from Across the Valley, as Gathered by Our Correspondent Lots of mud! Don't save it. Lowell Smith is at present visiting friends here.

Will Smith returned home to see the twins.

Joe. Carson wears a broad smile. Any one desiring to play checkers

should come to Potters Mills. side of the Copper river. Wesley Ki. sawing of lumber on the Thompson and on 16.

The Atlantic Refining Co's agent made another trip through here last week, delivering oil.

John Wilkinson caught another fox. He is an old hand at the business and

just knows how to get them. James Markle, of Boalsburg, is working for Emory Shires; he expects to go

with him to Roaring Springs. Valentines were trump on Monday evening. Well, that is a good way for

people to expose their ignorance. Charles Sweetwood has given up going west. He expects to take Will Harshbarger's place in Carson's store.

Church Statistics.

A reader of the Reporter desires us to give the number of communicants of the churches in the United States. The following is a list in alphabetical

Adventists, 6 denominations, Baptists, 13 denominations, 4,153,857 3427 Brethren, River, 3 denom's, Brethren, Plymouth, 4 denom's 6661 Catholics, 6 denominations, 8,287,048 Christians, 2 denominations, 120,000 Congregationalists, 622,557 1,003,672 Disciples of Christ, 83,475 Dunkards, 4 denominations, 93,6665 Evangelical Association, United Evangelical church, 55,118 645,577 Episcopal, 2 denominations, Friends, 4 denominations, 116,989 Jews, 2 denominations, 139,000 Latter Day Saints, 2 denom's, 234,000 Lutherans, 19 denominations, 1,420,905 Mennonites, 12 denom's, 52,944 5,652,289 Methodists, 17 denom's, 13,614 Presbyterians, 12 denom's, 1,460,346 Reformed, 3 denominations, 348,471 40,000 Salvation Army, Spiritualits, 45,030 271,035 United Brethren, 2 denom's, Unitarians, 70,000 49,025 Universalists, Winebrennarian, 49,025

Then there is a score of other churches which we omit, the membership of these foots up from 20,000 down to less than 100. The membership of all denominations in the United States is a total of 25,424,333, which is about one half of the adult population.

TROUBLE IN THE CHURCH.

From the New York Weekly Witness, a religious journal, we make the following extract:

The newspapers are continually bearing witness to the fact that instead of promoting brotherly love, our church organizations often become fountains of bitterness. We copy on another page the Sun's description of two typical church quarrels, but any reader who has had much opportunity for observation will probably be able to testify that mutual concession and

No clearer evidence could be desired to prove that the churches have in some way lost their true character than the fact that discord among the brethren and sisters is so common : so easily excited and so persistent when once started.

"See how these Christians love one another !" was said by the heathen onlookers in the early days of the Church. But now, onlookers might often exclaim, "see how these Christians quarrel !"

What is the matter? Is it that the religion of Christ has not the same power over men's hearts now as it had eighteen centuries ago? Are we become so hard hearted that the love of God cannot subdue our natural propensity to unkindness?

The root of the evil seems to lie in a lowering of the standard of Christian obligation. Since religion has become a fashionable thing, patronized by fashionable people, humility, and reverence, and submission to the will of God, and faithful obedience at the expense of personal comfort or advantage -these and all other really Christ-like virtues have lost caste in the estimation of church-going people. They have been relegated to back seats and often well nigh crowded out of the

Recent Mifflin County Deaths. At Lewistown Junction, Ellen Cor-

nelius, aged 51 years. At Granville, A. Z. Brought, aged

In Kansas, the widow of Lewis Fibs aged 86 years, formerly of Bratton tp. In Wayne twp., Harry Forgy, aged

In Belleville, the widow of Miles Haffly, aged 70 years.

In Lewistown, Wm. Johnson, aged Near Siglerville, Noah Romig, in

his 55 year. In Derry twp., Ada Johnston Sigler. At Lewistown Narrows, Lewis C.

York, aged 38 years.

Weekly Weather Report-Centre Hall (Government Service.) Highest, Lowest. 33 clear. 36 cloudy. 41 33 clear. 25 part cloudy. 24 cloudy. $\frac{38}{32}$ 26 part cloudy. 14 clear. 34

16 26 Rain, night of 10th, .03 inch; forenoon of 11th, .03 inch. Snow, morning of 13, 1 inch; on forenoon of 15, 14 John Wilkinson has commenced the inches. Violent storm on night of 15 feb3-4t

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