HISTORICAL NOTES. By MR. J. D. MURRAY.

Ever since the passage of the public school law, or free school law, as it is sometimes called, there has been continued progress. In 1834, when the law was established and put into force there was undoubtedly many weak points which had to be overcome, and this had to be done principally by experience, but the friends of the system clung tenaciously to what they thought was going to be a great boon to their children and children's children and in this we venture to say they were not disappointed and some of its advocates lived to see their grand children making great progress in those firmly established institutions of learning.

Notwithstanding the apparent and visible good this new law was working there were still opponents found in every nook and corner of the state, but year by year this opposition grew weaker, so much so that they did not make any further effort to have the law repealed. This law did seem to strike some people of the state very hard; it raised their taxes and they could not see that they were deriving any benefit. Why they should be taxed to educate the children of other families, and not have a child about them, they could not comprehend. Some held large possessions and all this property being assessed for school purposes it imposed upon them a high tax and not a child to send to school. This did look to them like a very unjust law and an infringement upon their rights and they therefore bitterly opposed it, and it would have taken more and deeper philosophy than can generally be produced to convince them that benefits do sometimes come in an indirect way.

At that time it was in many respects as it is today; there were those who would show a willingness to favor any plausible good measure as long as it did not reach their pockets, and it does appear that men in all ages of the world have been more or less sensitive about their pockets. This new school law was not advocated on the ground that if enacted it would be less expensive to have the very poor give their child ... , primary education. There was provision made by law all over this sun, ... children to be helped from the very start, and no doubt the same provision was made in other states and territories. The inhabitants of Pennsylvania wanted something better; something more progressive, and we have reason to believe that many persons voted against the new system who in their hearts were in favor of it, but it was a matter between their good judgment and their pocket books, and the question, "shall I vote for the depletion of my pocket book or shall I vote for this new and untried school system," had to be decided one way or the other. As above remarked, people will always first consider, how will this affect my financial standing? Will the new law, or change of custom, be detrimental to my business or will it be an advantage to me?

This disposition of man is inherent, and was felt among men as far back as the beginning of the Christian era. In order to prove this we will refer you back to Paul's preaching at Ephesus. It appears that Paul was meeting with and of whatever character, for sub- was brought to his feet to explain why the occasion. Promptly at 8.30 Miss good success at that place and was not finding much opposition, but he preached fearlessly and persuadingly that there be no gods which are made with hands. There was a certain man among them named Demetrius, who was a lication, any bonus or premium given better subject and urged every one insilversmith and he and others were engaged in making silver shrines for the to the subscriber, or any combination terested in education to assist in bring-proceeded to the front parlor in the folgreat Goddess Diana. Demetrius saw plainly that if Paul would be permit- with another thing except a second- ing about higher appropriations for ted to continue the preaching, that there be no gods which are made with class publication, shall vitiate that the institution. hands, his business would suffer, because the people would quit worshipping subscription in its relation to the Among those from Centre Hall who the great Goddess Diana and there would be no shrines needed, therefore he became a great enemy of Paul and caused a great uproar in the city of Ephesus, and had it not been for the more sober thinking and the town clerk Paul | confirms the department in its policy | G. W. Kershner, Capt. George M. might have been harmed. This is only a parallel case of what is going on to exclude these "premium publica- Boal, Prof. John D. Meyer, Miss Eseverywhere today, both in church and state. We are not worshipping the Goddess Diana made by hands, neither are we worshipping as we should, the liege, and a rule to that effect will be Bailey, S. W. Smith. true God not made with hands, but we do worship the almighty dollars which issued. are made with hands.

We fear the people of this generation do not appreciate the advantages of the common school system; what it has done and is still doing. Ignorance and superstition is on the wane, and that very perceptibly. While in conversation with a neighbor, (an intelligent math) on this subject, he said; "The spooks and all manner of hobgoblins are fleeing before the enlightening influences of education and we seldom hear anything about spooks; they seem to home near Bellefonte. The deceased try was safe in their hands; that the cast the groom and attendant were in have entirely left us." If you were to ask the young people of today "did you ever see a spook ?" the answer would almost invariably be, "no, I don't know what that is, papa and mama never teil us anything about them." The parents of today do not want to give such information to their children; they would be ashamed to hear one of their children relate a spook story, it would reflect on themselves severely, but there was a time when ignorance and superstition ruled supreme. Parents would sit up at night and relate to their children all manner of stories of the kind, until the poor little children would become afraid to go to bed, but happily the word spook is on a fair way of becoming obsolete and we are inclined to think that Webster and Worcester will in their next edition hardly mention the word on account of its being so hard to define.

We have today many young ladies and gentlemen who are engaged in the useful and honorable profession of teaching, all for the benefit of society. Ask them how they ever became qualified to become instructors? Ask the young man how he became qualified to hold such a place of trust and profit? He will be likely to reply, "I must attribute my start in the world to that great auxiliary, the common school system."

Some of the younger people may wonder what kind of provisions were dy to whom many persons were inmade by law for the aid and support of poor children at school. The way that debted for hospitality. Her home was done prior to 1834 was in this manner: When a neighborhood began to was open to every one, and once withsee that there was a goodly number of children growing up around them, (we in you felt as comfortable as though have now particular reference to the general district) the parents of those children would begin to think they would like to have their children learn to kindly remembered by all who knew read and write, that being about as high as their aspirations went. They her. would then look around, but finding all the schools were too far away to send their children, perhaps two and three miles away from their home, the mat- leaves three children: Daniel, Clear- the faculty for various offenses. The ter would be discussed among the parents in the neighborhood and it would field; William, Bellefonte; Miss Bessie, be agreed that Mr. so and so make a canvass of the territory which seemed, to at home. need a school very badly.

In a short time Mr. W. was ready to report; he had found twenty-five children within a radius of three miles. Now, said one of the party, let us build a school house and have it ready to open school this fall before it gets so ment of Bucknell University, Lewiscold, so that we can send some of the smaller children before winter sets in; burg, Pa., will take place June 15th the larger boys can go any time during the winter after the corn is in and the to 19th inclusive. The celebrated threshing done. They had now fully decided to build a school house and this Germania band of Reading has been encaused a great deal of excitement in the neighborhood among young America. gaged to furnish music for commence-A great many questions would be asked such as, "I wonder who they will get ment. Among the speakers selected W. W. Dellett, formerly of this to teach?" which would likely be answered something like this, (especially from the senior class is A. H. Allison, if it came from a boy not having a very good reputation,) "you will find that of Spring Mills. out, and if he is a big, stout man, full of courage, he will flog you every day." The following are to be commence- Run. The tract belongs to a wealthy

This reminds me of an account given and published, by a man from the ment speakers: President Harris, Pittsburger who secured Mr. Dellet state of Maine, who wrote from actual experience. He had been a school Baccalaureate sermon; W. T. C. as manager, who will move there teacher, or, as it was expressed in those days, one who keeps school. The account given by this man showed that it was more necessary for a man to have Lincoln Hulley, Ph. D., address to The location is in the Shenandoa muscle than brains to keep anything like an orderly school in the country. Academy; Hon. John H. Wanamaker, Valley, and is adapted to the growing excursion training to keep anything like an orderly school in the country. The person who wrote the article reported himself as being a successful school address to Institute; Hon. Walter M. of peaches, and all kinds of berries. teacher, but he seemed to attribute his success more to his muscle than to his Chandler, address to Literary Socie- The farm is stocked with thoroughknowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic, for that was all that was taught ties; Charles A. Soars, Address to the bred hogs and fine poultry. in those country schools, and we have reason to believe that many of those Alumni. country boys and girls and their parents never knew that there were any othand children was, on whose farm will this house be built? The farmers were all willing to give the right of way and all agreed that the most accessible spot should be chosen. Finally a location is settled on; along the main public road on the farm of John Jones, just where the lane joins the public road; on pleased that the land is owned by James Pack and in the land is owned by James Pack and the land is owned by James Pack and in the land is owned by James Pack and er branches to study. The question of building a school house was now fully the opposite side of this lane the land is owned by James Peck and he was well in addition to the above. The estabpleased that the house is located there, his land on the opposite side being lished trade in bicycles, plumbing sup-

Several communications were omitted on account of late arrival. Please panied by her children, is in Bellefonte send in reports not later than Wedat present, and Saturday will go to opportunity for a hustler who will act

The location is the best to be had in the town. Satisfactory reason will be given for selling. This will be a good that they be published in the Central Reporter.

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Lewisburg, her former home.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Children's Day was appropriately byterian church. The exercises con- year, and since yesterday half a hunsisted of singing, recitations, and a dred young people were added to the short address by the pastor, Rev.

The following children participated: Helen Wilson, Nina Slick, Nancy Saul, Mary Rearick, Elsie Rearick, Mary Kennedy, Mary Delinda Potter, Emma Saul, Mabel Arney, Lizzie Odenkirk, James Lingle, William Bradford, Miles Rearick, Rufus Rearck, George Slack, Fred Slack, Ross Bushman, William Kerr.

A solo by Mary Kennedy is worthy of special notice. She has a sweet child voice and sings child-like. Her singing was one of the best numbers in the program.

Me-srs. Frank Smith and E. W. Crawford assisted in the preparation James A. Beaver presided. The first and execution of the musical feature speaker was Judge Grier, of Butler of the program.

great taste in the decorations and bou- son and his associates swept the Keyquets of beautiful flowers, palms and stone state. Judge Grier is a typical ferns were tastefully arranged.

ANTI-PREMIUM RULE.

Postal Authorities Will Withhold Second class Mailing Privileges.

ticed the fact that inquiries were sent Franklin B. Keller, of Bramwell, Virout asking whether a departmental ginia, class of '76, spoke of the colrule would be regarded injurious to le- lege's advance strides since he was a gitimate newspapers and periodicals, student, to which E. L. Orvis, Esq., which will stop absolutely all pre- class of '76, nodded assentingly. Dr, mium inducements, direct or indirect, Atherton was the last speaker. He scriptions? In other words, after a class of '01 failed to make the usual publisher has fixed a price on his publisher has fixed a price of his publisher has fi second-class rates of postage.

A Kind and Hospitable Woman Dead.

The readers of the Reporter will fegret to hear of the death of Mrs. David Rhinesmith, which occurred Weddeath. Her age was about sixty-six which was judged to be twenty; that

The deceased is well known on the south side of Centre county, having for many years lived on the farm now occupied by Samuel Durst, at Earlystown. She was a daughter of the late Daniel Mothersbaugh, and a sister of Clinton county, was succeeded by the host of friends. The groom is equally The following are also brothers and Mr. Hill, and Judge Gordon, of Clear- as a gentleman and is recognized as a sition. sisters: Amanda, of Sunbury; Mrs. field county, who for twenty-five years teacher of exceptional ability. The Susie Lehker, of Renovo; Mrs. Sarah represented the alumni on the board young couple begin their married life Hartswick, Altoona; Mrs. Priscilla of trustees, was succeeded by E. L. Or- under most favorable circumstances

morning. Mrs. Rhiuesmith was a layou were in your own home. She is

Backnell University Common cement. The fifty-first annual Commence-

Business Stand for Sale, plies, etc., will be included in the deal. Him who deeth all things well, for tre The location is the best to be had in lation quick.

COMMENCEMENT AT STATE.

Presbyterians Observed the Day Sunday A Brief Report Reduced to Local 12mands,

Pennsylvania State College just passobserved Sunday forenoon in the Pres- ed through its most successful college college's alumni. The commencement exercises were largely attended and proved of more than ordinary interest Miles Arney, the highest honor man, is from this place. He had not only

the highest markings of his class, but the best grade given any student for a Winkleblech, Herbert Goodhart, John | number of years. Miss Grace Alexander, also from Centre Hail, the only female in the class, also took honors. The Junior oratorical prize was won

by Daniel Webster Strayer, of York. Second prize was given Paul Edgar Smith, of Lebanon. The alumni luncheon was attended

by about five hundred guests. It was the chief feature of Tuesday's program. General and Superior Court Judge county, who with General Beaver was The decorating committee displayed on the Republican ticket when Pattiafter-dinner speaker, his talk was sense and nonsense, yet sense in all. The Butler judge is a man of powerful build with an eye that betrays his jollity and mouth that speaks of firmness. Dr. Colfelt and Prof. Pattee fol-Several weeks ago the Reporter no- lowed with a few choice remarks.

had the privilege of putting their feet The character of the replies received under the alumni mahogany were Rev. tions" from the second-class mail priv- telle Acker, Miss Lizzie Boozer, Ted

The students in field drill looked ex- wife. ceedingly natty. Fair maneuvering The bride was attired in a gown of was frequently applauded. After the drill a half hundred students surround- carried white carnations. The bridesed General Beaver, when the gentle- maid wore blue organdie and carried man declared to them that from what pink carnations; the flower girls were nesday evening of last week at her he had seen he felt assured the count in white and carried baskets of flowwas subject to heart trouble and it was average age of the men he led out to full dress, one of these attacks that caused her battle would not exceed their own these young men were capable then of choice refreshments were served. caring for the country's interests, and Misses Byrd Stover and Marion Em-

better equipped now to do the same. The old board of trustees was elected with two exceptions-Mr. Herr, of dy and is held in high esteem by a Master of Pennsylvania State Grange, well known for his sterling qualities Glenn, Lemont; Dr. H. H., of Beech vis, Esq., of Bellefonte. Judge Gor- and have the best wishes of a large don expressed gratification over the se- circle of friends. The following mornrepresent the alumni bereafter.

The State College Thespians present- their honeymoon. ed "Lend Me Five Shillings" and "David Garrick," before a large audi-

court was conducted with all possible fiendishness. The imps paraded hyena-like about the court until sentencecremation-was pronounced against run a special excursion to Buffalo on cepted the overseeing of a large farm two offenders and one acquitted. The account of the Pan-American Exposi- in Virginia. Mr. Hess is well versed reading of wills of the doomed; the tion. Excursion tickets, good going in the theory of farming, and no doubt cremation and the sophomores were only on trains indicated, will be sold can put his information into practical sophomores no more.

place, is about to take charge of a

Tribute of Respect.

C. F. DEININGER.

Former Centre Countain Dead,

Bera Crotzer, who formerly resided In Centre county, has passed to his reward. He breathed his last while peacefully sleeping, at noon Sunday, May 19th, at Bell Bluff, Cal. He had been suffering with malaria and heart trouble, but was at work in the yard on Saturday previous. He got up on Sanday morning but not feeling well went back to bed. While asleep the

Deceased was sixty-six years old, a native of Centre county, From here he moved to Missouri, thence to Montana, and for twenty-five years was resident of Red Bluff, Cal.

Deceased was a well known authority on horticulture and floriculture His sudden death was a great shock to nis family, and friends. He was a de voted husband and father. The bereaved family consists of a widow and three sons, James, George, and Charles, and four daughters, Mrs. Henry Rathya, Mrs. F. Kodelka, of Morysville, and Misses Essie and Esther Crotzer.

The funeral services were private and took, place from the family residence, only the family and close friends being present. The services were conducted by Rev. A. M. Mc-Coy. Samuel Crotzer, of Milroy, was a brother of the deceased.

Pretty June Wedding.

Thursday evening, June 5, the home of Mr. John Wolf, at Rebersburg, was the scene of a very pleasant social event. The occasion was the wedding of Miss Winifred Wolf and Prof. E M. Brungart. The interior of the house was beautifully decorated for Edith Grace Miller, in a charming light works in Harrisburg, was a delemanner rendered the wedding march, gate to the Lutheran synod at Des by Mendelsshon. The bridal party lowing order: Flower girls, Ethel Harter and Emma Moyer; Miss Eva Moyer bridesmaid, and H. I. Brun- Miss Ray Allison, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. gart, brother of the groom, groomsman; bride and groom. The whole party formed a semi-circle while Rev. C. B. Harman read the beautiful marriage service of the Lutheran church, which made the principals man and

white French chiffon over satin and

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at which that those who stood before him were erick very charmingly filled the position as ushers.

Miss Wolf is a prominent young la-The funeral took place Saturday lection of Mr. Orvis, who will ably ing Mr. and Mrs. Brungart left for Buffalo and other points to spend

> The presents received by the bride were numerous and costly. Among the guests from a distance were Miss After the play seven or eight Gast, of Mifflinburg; Mrs. Luckenbach, hundred people gathered on the ath- of Bellefonte; H. I. Brungart, of letic grounds as spectators to the Wilkesbarre, and W. H. Derr, of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.

> > P. R. Rates to Exposition.

Ou Thursday, June 13, 1901, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will Pennsylvania State College, has acat rates given below:-

Rockville. ark's Ferry Hersburg. minbang d 7.50 d 8.95 d 8.18 d 8.35

"a" stop only on signal. b Passengers will connect with with excursion train at Sunbury, leaving at burn, drove to Centre Hall Saturday,

cursion train at Williamsport, leaving the wheat prospect on his farm is at 1.50 P. M.

cursion train at Lock Haven, leaving at 2. 26 P. M.

Tickets will be good to return on reing cars in either direction. 13-2t.

Farlor Tables.

an unsually fine stock of parlor tables auuts named Susan, Sarah, Hannah, quartered oak and polished, on hand; Margaret, Jane and Anna would have also the largest and finest line of rock-sbeen burdened with a name something ers ever in stock in the valley. The like this: Susarhanmarjenauxty-(Sugoods are offered at remarkably low sar han-mar-jen-an-xty;) the xty mided

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Last Thursday afternoon the thermometers registered 89.

Children's day will be observed in the Lutheran church June 30.

Tinner John Snavely, of Spring Mills, was in town Monday doing some repairing.

Miss Mamie Herring, of Altoona, laughter of Jas. P. Herring, is the guest of a number of relatives in Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Spicher, of Pleasant Gap, spent Saturday with John Spicher at this place.

Dr. J. F. Alexander returns thanks to the ladies of the Presbyterian church for their kindness in sending flowers to him.

The pessimists anticipated frosts several nights last week, but happily Jack concluded not to interfere with the progress of nature.

Misses Lizzie and Jessie Fredricks, of Spring Mills, were in Centre Hall over Sunday where they have relatives and many friends.

Prof. John D. Meyer will have his salary as principal of the Bellefonte High school for the term of 1991-2 increased from \$90.00 to \$100.00 per

The Pittsburg Daily Post has a sworn circulation of 58,115-the largest of any in the Smoky City, and has mantained that position for three

Aaron Harter, formerly of this place, who holds a position in the electric Moines, Iowa.

Among those from Spring Mills who will attend Bucknell commencement are Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Long, Braught, and Miss May Smith.

Bag makers are holding conventions everywhere. The subject given most attention is whether the knee-bags should be abandoned, on account of the inconvenience of holding them.

Mrs. J. W. Stover, Mrs. C. H. Mor-18, Misses Bessie Sturgis, Mary Hartman and Lide Stamm are the representatives from Millbeim at the State College commencement exercises this

A commencement program of the Bunker Hill Military Academy, Buuker Hill, Illinois, was received by the Reporter. Rev. S. L. Stiver, Ph. D., formerly of Potter township, is superintendent of this institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brenneman arrived in Millheim Friday evening. Mrs. Brenneman will remain with her parents for several weeks, as her hugband left on Saturday for West Virginia, where he expects to accept a po-

Governor Stone may send to the Senate during the week the last of his recent appointments for confirmation. The list includes Banking Commissioner Reeder, Major General Miller. Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton and Insurance Commissioner Durham.

Miss Grace Boob and Chas. Weiser, Saturday will go to Hartleton for a few days' stay. Miss Grace, although young in years, acts as type-writer for her father W. W. Boob, and can probably manipulate a type-writer as rapidly as the majority of her class who are mature in years.

Prof. Enos Hess, who for a number of years has been connected with the

D. H. Meyer, of Tusseyville, Thursday went to Lock Haven, to consult with one of the hospital physicians who had Mr. Meyers in charge while a patient in that institution recently. The gentleman is much improved physically, and speaks of the Lock Haven Hospital in the highest terms.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis P. Breon, of Coand on the way up stopped with c Passengers will connect with ex- Perry Breon. Mr. Breon relates that very good; that the grass hoppers last d Passengers will connect with ex- season damaged the coming hay cropand that potato bugs and caterpillars were unsually plentiful.

Susan, John Samuel, and William gular trains until June 19, inclusive, Sa nucl were the names of three chilbut will not be good in parlor or sleep- dren baptized in the Presbyterian church Sunday. Surely the good old names are once more supplanting the manufactured surnames. A few years Smith Bros., of Spring Mills, have ago, dear little Susan, had she had merely to make the name sound pretty.