



The South...

AS SEEN BY MR. JOHN D. MEYER.
Part I.

Believing that some of the Reporter readers would like to hear something of the South as seen just as it is, without any gloss, by one of their fellow-readers, I am led to write some of the observations I made while traveling in that "undiscovered," struggling and historically interesting part of our country, the part that I believe is destined to become, years after this, the centre of activity of this great nation of ours.

I started on my trip on a cold, clear day the first week in December, when the mercury of the thermometer was hovering dangerously near the zero mark, but on arriving at Columbia, South Carolina, a few days later I found the roses blooming in the gardens. The ride to Harrisburg was, as usual, a very pleasant one as the scenery along the railroad is always beautiful and at this time of year especially so, with the old Susquehanna gracefully winding its way along and tossing high and piling along its banks huge masses of ice. All this is fascinating to one and he unconsciously takes a seat on the river-side of the car. Then too, the traveler is impressed with the progressiveness of the people who live by the way when at intervals of five or six miles bustling towns are passed through.

I speak of the scenery and progressiveness of our own state because of the contrast I found when farther south, where you ride for probably hundreds of miles and see nothing but pine forests on the one hand and sand hills or swamps on the other. The progressive little towns along the railroads are very scarce indeed.

All the way to Washington one is impressed with the wealth of the country as represented by the rich farming lands and the substantial buildings. Our national capital needs no description from me, and to fully realize the grandeur of the buildings and the city in general one must visit it for himself.

The next stop I made was at Richmond, Virginia, a city of much activity. Here I first really noticed the difference between the North and the South. The negro naturally first attracted my attention, on account of

the great number of them and on account of the respect they pay, as a class, to the white people. Richmond being one of the greatest tobacco centres in the country you see blocks of tobacco warehouses, and the majority of the business in the city is that of the tobacco industry. While there I visited many places of interest. The most interesting object probably being the old confederate capitol; this is an unpretentious building to the casual observer but one fraught with the tenderest memories to the people of the South.

Not far up the street stands the house of the chief justice of all chief justices, John Marshall. The house stands just as it did when that great man occupied it. The Virginians can certainly be pardoned for the pride they take in their state, for probably no state in the Union has sent forth so many celebrated men. The house occupied by Robert E. Lee from 1861 to 1865 is now owned and occupied by the Virginia Historical Society. No sight is to be obtained any more of that place of horrors, Libby Prison. The Virginia capitol is an interesting old building and shows that it was built long before the modern system of building came into use. About twenty-two miles outside of Richmond is the historic Petersburg. It was my fortune to meet an old confederate soldier as I was passing through the town. The breast works and some of the mines put there by the Federal army are still plainly visible. My companion told me some very interesting stories about the siege ever anxious to point out the bravery and daring of his comrades.

I now started for my destination, Columbia, South Carolina. Nothing of interest is to be related of the ride save that after I left Virginia I saw no fences nor farm buildings, such as we consider farm buildings, but only houses or rather huts about twelve or fourteen feet square.

All along the way I looked for the old plantation homes but I found only one during my visit. They are not to be found any more, as a very great many of them were destroyed during the war.

Local and Personal.

Union services every night this week.

Mrs. N. Burkholder, of Milroy, was a caller last week.

A number of deaths are noted in this issue of the Reporter.

Julian Fleming made a business trip to Canton, Bradford county.

John Seibert, of Buffalo Run, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Boal last week.

John Stoner, president of the Millheim bank, stopped with Sheriff Spangler the other night.

John McClenahan offers for sale a splendid set of blacksmith tools and bobbed. See adv. in another column.

Half inch of snow Friday night patched up sleighing. There has been a great deal of sliding on a little bit of snow.

The Green Burr musical convention has been postponed until Jan. 18. The convention will be conducted by Prof. T. M. Kahl.

D. E. Harshbarger, a skilled mechanic, Monday went to Jeannette, Westmoreland county, where he will be employed for the present.

Miss Rebecca Derstine has been housed up for the past several weeks owing to a sprain of the ankle. She suffered considerable pain, but is recovering a present.

Wm. Bitner, wife and daughter Eather, of Tusseyville, were very pleasant callers at this office Friday of last week. They stopped for the day with the Geiss family.

John Frazier, of near Centre Hall, who lives on the farm belonging to Prof. Bitner, which is one of the largest in Potter township, was one of the sturdy farmers who called recently. Mr. Frazier is one of the hustling farmers in this neighborhood, and as a rule when harvest time comes has a good crop to take under cover.

Frank Fisher and wife, of Penn Hall, were in town last week, and spent some time with the latter's father and brothers, near this place. Mr. Fisher is the junior partner in the firm of J. B. Fisher's Sons, general merchants and manufacturers of flour and feed, which firm is progressive and up to date in business methods. These young men have imbibed largely of the business spirit of their father, whose judgment and advice was always safe and sound.

"Don't lie to your children."—Dr. Schuyler.

Miss Maude Moore, of Illinois, is the guest of Miss Roxanna Brisbin.

James Stahl, of near this place, Monday will go to prepare for sale the live stock of Morris Furey, near Bellefonte.

Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan, former Democratic candidate for President, will lecture in Altoona tonight, Thursday.

Shannon Boal, has recovered from his fall down stairs and is able to be about the house. His eyesight, however, has deserted him almost entirely.

J. W. Bair, of Tusseyville, the right hand man of Huckster W. F. Rockey, was a caller one day last week. Mr. Bair took a fancy to the Reporter of late and became one of its patrons.

A Reedsville correspondent to the Lewistown Free Press says: Mr. and Mrs. Detweiler have been entertaining the former's brother and sister the past week from Tusseyville, Centre county.

Wm. A. Olenkirk has charge of the Paddy Mountain station during the absence of the regular agent, J. B. Wagner, on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Jacob Wagner, of Tusseyville.

Messrs. Frank Bogdan, William Bower and Jacob Stiffer, of Potters Mills, were callers at the Reporter office last Thursday. Mr. Bogdan is a candidate for supervisor in Potter township. Last year he came within four votes of being nominated at the caucus.

Everybody's Magazine is properly named, because everybody who wishes to add store to his knowledge can do so by reading it. The November number is especially full of interesting articles, among which are, "Lord Salisbury" by T. P. O'Connor; "Li Hung Chang, on China's Future"; "The People of the Farthest North"; "An American Woman Captured by Brigands."

After twelve years of service as register and recorder, S. D. Coldren administered the oath to his successor, Harvey C. Burkett. Mr. Coldren has made an efficient and courteous official. So says the Lewistown Free Press. The ex-county official is not a "pleasant day Democrat"; he is a Democrat at all times and under all circumstances. He is a brother of James Coldren, formerly of this place.

NOTE THE ENEMY.

A Potter Township Democrat Cautions Against Folly.
EDITOR REPORTER:—Through the columns of your paper I wish to caution the Democrats of Potter township against folly. I have no one to favor directly or indirectly, for township office, but I want to call the attention of all good Democrats to the fact that the enemy is watching us. Potter township is Democratic, of course, but we dare not rush into a local campaign madly. Let all personal matters be laid aside; let the candidates canvass and recanvass, if they wish; the field is open to all and reserved to none, but let all candidates firmly resolve that whoever wins he shall be the candidate of all.
TRUE DEMOCRAT.

Union Church Services.
The services of the Week of Prayer were begun in Centre Hall Sunday evening, January 5th, by a sermon in the Reformed church by Rev. W. H. Schuyler, of the Presbyterian church. All the churches of the town were well represented, and the lecture room of the church had to be thrown open to receive the overflow of attendance. The preacher's theme was "Love the Badge of Discipleship."

For the rest of the week the program was carried out as printed last week, except that Rev. G. W. Kershner took the place, Thursday evening, of Rev. J. F. Shultz, who was detained by a meeting in his church at Tusseyville; and Rev. J. M. Bearick then relieved Rev. G. W. Kershner on Saturday evening.

All the meetings were well attended, usually the Sunday school room as well as the main auditorium being needed. The speakers had evidently prepared themselves well on their various topics, and the people listened attentively to the earnest presentation of their themes. Many expressed themselves to the effect that they found the meetings both enjoyable and profitable, and on Saturday evening the audience expressed an emphatic wish that the meetings continue.

The plan this week is to hold two successive meetings in each church, and to give them a more evangelistic turn. The pastors take turns in preaching sermons designed to stir up Christians and awaken the unconverted. An afternoon Bible reading and conference is held at two o'clock in the church where the evening service is to be. The interest is growing apparently, and it is hoped and believed that much good will be done. All are invited to attend the various services.

148th Reunion.
Arrangements have been completed by which excursion tickets, at the rate of one fare for the round trip, will be sold on all lines of the Pennsylvania, New York Central, P. & R. and other roads in Pennsylvania; on sale February 17th and good until February 22nd inclusive. The arrangement for these tickets will be bulletined by the Trunk Line Association and orders will be sent to all the survivors of the Regiment and the friends of those who were former members who desire to attend the reunion. The Central Railroad of Pennsylvania will honor the cards of the Pennsylvania system as well as those of the P. & R. and New York Central.

It may be well to announce in this connection that Gen. Mulholland, of Philadelphia, who commanded the Brigade of which the 148th was a part during the latter part of the war, and Major Gen. Brooke, of New York, who commanded the Brigade at an earlier period, will both be present, unless imperative orders or official duties prevent.

The survivors of the Regiment are responding in a most enthusiastic manner and it seems to be settled that this will be the most numerous attended reunion which the Regiment has ever held.

Awarded Damages for Dog's Bite.
The circuit court at Toledo, Ohio, recently handed down a decision affirming a decision of the lower courts giving Mrs. Adelaide Smith, of Fremont, a judgment of \$5,400 against the estate of the late President R. B. Hayes. This is the second time this case has been in the circuit court. Upon the first hearing in the common pleas court, Mrs. Smith secured a judgment of \$7,500. The circuit court reduced it to \$5,000, and the supreme court then remanded the case back to the common pleas court for rehearing on error. The common pleas court at the second hearing gave Mrs. Smith a verdict of \$5,400, and the circuit court has now affirmed this. Mrs. Smith was bitten by a dog belonging to the late president, and this is the cause for action.

Think over Dr. Schuyler's Friday evening sermon before you say, "don't do that" to children.

DEATHS.

MRS. CATHARINE WAGNER.
Mrs. Catharine Wagner died at her home near Tusseyville, Monday morning, January 13th, at 5:15 o'clock, aged sixty years, two months, and twenty-four days. She was the wife of Jacob Wagner, a prominent citizen of that community. The cause of her death was chronic catarrh, from which she suffered for several years, but was confined to her bed only a short time, and had been up about the house the day previous to her death.

The deceased's maiden name was Miss Catharine Spangler. She was married to Jacob Wagner, August 4th, 1870, Rev. Carothers performing the ceremony. They resided on Mr. Wagner's farm, about one mile north-west of their present home. She was the mother of five children, two of whom survive, James B., Station agent at Paddy Mountain, and Clayton, at home. John K. died August 6, 1890, and Susan August 13, 1890. Samuel died May 28, 1901.

She was the step-mother of David G. Wagner and Mrs. Mary Fluk, of Manhattan, Ill.; Rev. Wm. Wagner, of Glasgow, Pa. and Mrs. Arthur Kerlin, of Centre Hall. Two brothers and one sister also survive, W. W. Spangler, of Centre Hall; James B. Spangler, of Tusseyville, and Mrs. Aaron Rishel, of Kansas. Two sisters died in 1890.

The funeral took place this, Thursday morning, at nine o'clock, services being held in the United Evangelical church, of which the deceased was a consistent member, her pastor, Rev. J. F. Shultz, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Rev. G. W. Kershner, and Rev. J. M. Bearick. Interment was made in the cemetery at Tusseyville.

MEXICO AND CALIFORNIA.

Forty-five Days' Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.
The Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-Conducted Tour to Mexico and California which leaves New York and Philadelphia on February 11 by special Pullman train, covers a large and intensely interesting portion of North America, embracing a great part of Mexico, the beautiful coast; resorts of California, and on the return journey from California, the Grand Canon of Arizona, one of the great wonders of the country. Fourteen days will be spent in Mexico and nine in California. The Mexico, and California Special, to be used over the entire trip, will be composed of the highest grade Pullman Parlor Smoking, Dining, Drawing-room, Sleeping, Compartment, and Observation cars, heated by steam and lighted by electricity. Round-trip rate, covering all necessary expenses during the entire trip, \$675 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad system east of Pittsburg, and \$570 from Pittsburg. For the tour of Mexico only the rate will be \$350, and for California only, which will leave February 25, \$375. For itinerary and full information, apply to ticket agents, or address George W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. o-29.

Deceased leaves a family of two children: Charles M. Yeager, of Hughesville, a mail clerk on the P. and E. R. R.; and Mary E., wife of John Luse, of Bellefonte.

The funeral took place Sunday at 10 a. m.; interment in Millheim.

MRS. ELIZABETH KAHL.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kahl, widow of Jacob Kahl, died in Salona Monday morning from the effects of the injuries she sustained by falling down stairs a few days ago. She was born in Logan township in 1818. She resided in Sugar Valley until four years ago, since which time she has made her home with her daughter in Salona. She was one of the oldest residents of Sugar Valley.

She is survived by one brother, Daniel Moyer, of Clintondale, and one sister, Mrs. Adam Kahl, of Greenburr; also by the following named children: W. S., Adam N., John M., and Mrs. John W. Snyder, all of Greenburr, and Mrs. J. hn R. Sager, of Salona. The remains will be taken to Greenburr Wednesday morning, where services will be conducted in the Reformed church and where interment will be made.

JAMES G. WAUGH.

James G. Waugh departed this life Tuesday of last week at the home of his grand-son, Oscar Homan, east of Centre Hall. The cause of his death was incident to old age, the subject having attained the age of seventy-six years and eight months. The funeral took place Saturday, interment at the Union. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and Rev. J. M. Bearick, his pastor, officiated.

The deceased leaves a widow and four children namely: W. H. Waugh, Blue Land, Ill.; Andrew Waugh, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Mrs. Annie S. Shoemaker, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Agnes R. Turner, Milford, Indiana. Mary Matilda and James are dead.

Up to about a month ago the deceased lived at Penns. ave., where he resided for many years.

Dishes in sets and other ways at C. P. Long's.

DIED.

ALEXANDER HARPSTER.
Alexander Harpster, aged sixty-eight years, died at his home in Benner township. Interment took place in Gatesburg. Mrs. Maria Goss, of Pine Grove Mills, is a sister of the deceased. Two daughters and one son survive.

JOHN EARL AIKENS.
John Earl Aikens, aged twenty-three and one-half years, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Addie Aikens, in Bellefonte, Sunday morning. The cause of his death was typhoid fever, from which he had practically recovered, but afterward took a relapse, peritonitis finally setting in. He was employed in Pittsburg as a shipping clerk prior to his illness. Besides his mother he leaves two sisters—Miss Emma, at home, and Mrs. George B. Johnston, of Beaver Falls.

The funeral took place Wednesday, Rev. Dr. Laurie officiating.

SAMUEL BRESSLER.
Samuel Bressler, one of the early settlers of Ferguson township Centre county, died at his home at Gatesburg, Sunday morning at 2 o'clock. Death was due to the infirmities incident to old age, and after an illness of one month's duration.

Deceased was past eighty-seven years of age and all his life had followed farming as an occupation. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran church and a highly respected citizen.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Henry, of Nebraska, Mrs. James Barto, Barnesboro; Mrs. Mary Brooks, of Wilson-town; Mrs. Luther Sunday and Mrs. Kate Sprankle, of Guyer; Mrs. Hetty Rudy, of Roanoke, Va., John, Scott and Michael at home.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Honesty is the best policy.
He that hath a trade hath an estate.
At the workman's house hunger looks in, but dares not enter.
Bilgeance is the mother of good luck.
One to-day is worth two to-morrow.

Cold weather this week.
Watch the label on your paper.
How about that musical convention? Why not have a good one in Centre Hall. Everybody likes good music.

Miss Grace Lee, who had been in Pittsburg for the past few months, returned to her home in this place Monday.

Toner L. Lucas, of Beech Creek, who has lived four years with a broken back, was taken to a Philadelphia hospital for treatment.

The U. T. and T. company and the Bell Telephone company have declared war in Jersey Shore. It's a hot time they are having.

Why not read The Black Cat? The January number is full of the choicest short stories. There are none better; none shorter; none superior in any way.

Hon. George B. Orady, of Huntingdon, judge of the Superior Court, arrived in Centre Hall Thursday afternoon of last week. He is a nephew of the Boals in this place, with whom he spent the time.

Mrs. Amanda Walker, of Boalsburg, and Mrs. Austin Dale, of Oak Hall, were in town last week. They are sisters, and well known in Centre Hall, being daughters of the late Henry Meyer of near Boalsburg.

Morris Furey and wife, of near Bellefonte, were in town Friday of last week, and while here quartered with Daniel Wion. They were here on business, and not even the buzzing of the commissioner's bee, could be heard.

C. W. Fisher, of Penn Hall, was elected fire insurance director at the election held in this place Monday. Gregg township turned out largely in his support, and thus demonstrated his worth and the confidence imposed in him.

John W. Stuart, postmaster at State College, is feeling better since last Wednesday, at which time the President sent his name to the Senate for confirmation, which when done, will give him the State College postoffice for four years more.

W. W. Bible and wife, of Bellefonte, drove to Centre Hill Saturday to pay a visit to the latter's father, W. W. Royer, whose health has not been the best for some time. Mr. Bible is a school teacher and at present is employed by the Spring township school board.

Miss Puella Dornblaser, of Salona, lectured in the Penns Creek Lutheran church at Penn Hall Saturday night on "Hindrances to Christianity," and Sunday morning on "Lutheranism in the West." The talks were highly interesting and were listened to with great interest.

You will find complete market reports in the Reporter—both city and country, local and foreign. It pays to keep an eye on the markets. There was a time when farmers, and producers, had no opportunity to learn the value of their products when they reached the city. It is different now.

M. B. Duck, Esq., of Millheim and J. Wells Evans, of Spring Mills, were business callers at the Reporter office Monday—Mr. Duck in the interest of the Union Sunday School convention to be held in his town and Mr. Evans to get a supply of Reporters to send out to friends interested in the Dr. D. M. Wolf Golden Jubilee.

Gregg township was well represented in Centre Hall Monday at the election of officers of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and among others were Messrs. Luther Musser, Wm. Frederick, Chas. W. Fisher, F. M. Fisher, Harry W. Weaver, W. B. Fiedler, Henry Meyer, C. E. Zeigler, H. B. Herring, all of Penn Hall; and J. W. Shook, Robert Smith, Wm. Pealer, Samuel Condy and W. S. Musser, of Spring Mills.

Charles Yeager, of Hughesville, Pa., was in Centre Hall Saturday. Mr. Yeager spent the beginning of his boyhood days in Centre Hall, having lived with his uncle, Samuel Youtz, on the diamond where the Lutheran church now stands. Mr. Yeager will be remembered as having occasioned some newspaper comment at the last election, at which time he was denied a vote in Lycoming county. Mr. Yeager claimed that as a mail agent he could not lose his residence, but the election board thought differently. The question was tested at law, but the board was sustained.

M. Smith - Suicide in C Hall 1918