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## Col. James T. Stuart Dead.

Col. James T. Stuart, of Boalsburg, died Friday morning after an illness of but a few days. Mr. Stuart contracted a severe cold, which developed pneumonia, and death ensued before the seriousness of his sickness was fairly appreciated by his family. His age was sixty-four years. He is survived by a widow and four sons, who were at his bedside at the time of his death. Two sons, William and George, who are employed at Pittsburg, arrived on the evening of his death. Robert and David, the younger brothers, are at home.

John W. Stuart, of State College; and Harry Stuart, of Sandy Ridge, are brothers and Mrs. Priscilla Stuart, of Boalsburg, is a sister of the deceased.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and at the burial Monday his pastor, Rev. D. E. Hepler, officiated, assisted by Rev. Black, Rev. Lisher and Dr. Schuyler.

The pall bearers were Messrs. S. H. Bailey, W. A. Murray, Enoch Sweeney, Dr. Kelder, J. M. Wieland and Frank McFarlane.

The following appears in "Commemorative Record":

James T. Stuart was born December 9, 1837, near Linden Hall, Harris township, Centre county, the second in the family of seven children born to David A. and Martha (Johnson) Stuart.

There he began his education in the school house at Rock Hill, his teacher being Matthew Woods, later a practicing physician of Clearfield, Penn. Subsequently our subject attended school in Clearfield county, and at the age of seventeen completed his literary education in Boalsburg Academy. On beginning his business career he served as a clerk for George W. Johnson & Co., of Huntingdon county, Penn., for three years, and during the following four years engaged in teaching school in Centre county, at \$1 per day. On his return from the war he again entered the mercantile establishment of Mr. Johnson in Petersburg, Huntingdon county, where he remained some four years, and later, in partnership with William D. Keller, engaged in the manufacture of woollen goods in Houserville, College township, Centre county. At the end of three years, however, he returned to Boalsburg, where he embarked in mercantile pursuits, and also served as postmaster from 1873 until 1882. On removing to State College in the latter year he, in connection with his brother, John W., conducted a general store for three years, but since 1885 has been engaged in his present business in Boalsburg. His home and hotel is a beautiful stone structure, erected in 1879 by Col. James Johnson, and here everything is done for the convenience and comfort of his guests.

On June 16, 1875, Mr. Stuart was wedded to Miss E. E. Hunter, a daughter of Dr. Reuben Hunter, who died in 1861 while serving as surgeon of the 54th P. V. I. Four children bless this union, whose names and

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.

Patrons of Husbandry Give Expression on State Issues through their Committee.

The annual meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange was held in Harrisburg Thursday of last week at which resolutions were adopted reaffirming the position of the State Grange on the good roads question; commending the work of Forestry Commissioner Rothrock; urging Senators Quay and Penrose to vote for the House bill providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote; urging the passage by the Senate of the Henry oleo bill; protesting against the passage of the irrigation and ship subsidy bills; insisting that the Grange platform of a tariff for all or a tariff for none be carried out in the adjustment of our import duties in our new possessions.

Resolutions were also adopted condemning the State Department of Agriculture for its failure to make an agricultural exhibit at the South Carolina Exposition, for which an appropriation of \$5,000 was made by the last Legislature and urging Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton to provide for the discussion of the taxation question at the Farmer's Institutes in Pennsylvania.

The meeting was attended by William F. Hill, of Crawford county; Master of the State Grange; Senator H. W. Rice, of Bucks county; Representative William T. Creasy, of Columbia county, and former Master Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall.

## EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE.

Stationing of Elders.—Appointments of Ministers.

The sessions of the United Evangelical conference at Lock Haven were marked with enthusiasm. Thursday afternoon of last week the Elders were stationed as follows: U. Swengel, York district; A. Stapleton, Carlisle district; E. Crumbly, Centre district; N. Young, Lewisburg district; S. P. Remer, Williamsport.

The following young men were licensed to preach the gospel: Clifford B. Armsberger, Hagerstown, Md.; Chester Walker, New Berlin; Ward Kell Shultz, Centre Hall; Harry R. Wilkes, of Baltimore, Md.; and J. K. Taylor, of Yoe, Pa.

The appointments for Centre district, of which Centre county is a part, are as follows:

F. Crumbly, presiding elder; Altoona, M. J. Jamison; Bellefonte, C. F. Garrett; Milledale, M. T. Cronch; Bellefonte, W. H. Brown; Honesdale, I. N. Bide; Nittany, J. M. Ploce; Sugar Valley, A. S. Baumgardner; Rebersburg, P. A. Smith; Centre Hall, J. F. Smith; Spring Mills, S. E. Koutz; Millheim, J. D. Shortess; Millmont, S. A. Aurd and W. E. Pelly; Milledale, C. C. Mizer; Buffalo, L. C. Diez; New Berlin, W. N. Wallis; Centreville, N. J. Dube; Middleburg, J. Shaubach; McClure, A. D. Grayley; Port Trevorton, H. T. Scarle; Lewisburg, C. E. Gooding; Feltz, J. W. Womeloff; Prof. A. E. Goble, president of Central Pennsylvania College, and C. W. Guinter, member of New Berlin; S. E. Davis, member of Port Trevorton, and G. Joseph, member of Lewisburg Quarterly Conference.

G. W. Curran remains at Williamsport; J. M. King, Williamsport circuit; H. W. Buck, Berwick.

I. S. Frain, of Abdera, was elected a delegate to the general conference to be held in Williamsport, October next.

It was definitely decided to consolidate the Meyerstown and Central Pennsylvania College, New Berlin. A committee meets in Harrisburg today (Thursday) to discuss various locations for the institution.

## DOCTOR AND PATIENT.

It is Not Always Profitable to Tell the Plain Truth.

As a rule you can never take a woman at her word. A Louisville woman and her husband went east for recuperation. It was their intention to interview a leading physician before they came back in order to get his opinion of the wife's health. She had been far from well and finally concluded nothing would satisfy her but the verdict of this medical celebrity.

Accordingly husband and wife called by appointment upon this specialist. "Now, doctor," said the woman, "I want your honest opinion. I like candor and don't wish to make the trip here to be told any falsehood about myself."

This sounded very open and courageous, so the expert went to work. He looked at her well, asked questions, made a minute examination of the case and finally inquired, "Did any doctor ever tell you you had so and so?"

"Only one—the horrid brute!" was the reply. "I have been to ten or twelve, and he was the only one who was so ignorant and rude as to tell me such a thing, and I discharged him at once."

"Discharged him?" exclaimed the expert. "Why, madam, he was the only one of the lot who told you the truth!" —Louisville Times.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Farmers are beginning to talk "farm."

Thomas Weaver, of Tylersville, has been granted a pension of six dollars a month.

The soap show was well attended, and was good for the kind, but leaves no trace of elevation.

Don't you believe there is small-pox in Rebersburg or any where else in Brush Valley. I's all h ax, so says 'Squire Corman.

Men with big feet, notice—We will give any man \$5.00 who has feet too big for our Bill Well shoe, made over the Planters' last, Yeager & Davis.

Ex-Chief Justice Daniel Agnew, retired from the bench of the State Supreme court in 1879, died at his home in Beaver, Sunday morning, at the age of ninety-three years.

Roland Keller, son of D. C. Keller, of near Centre Hall, Monday started for Cincinnati where he will be engaged as a shipping clerk in a large carriage factory.

Wm. Keller, of this place, who has been employed at Waterville, Lycoming county, for some time past, is home with his family at present, but will return to work in a week or so.

E. A. Humpton, of Snow Shoe, in this issue announces himself a candidate for Commissioner. Mr. Humpton is one of the active party workers in his locality, a good business man, and level-headed in all matters.

Clark M. Gramley, of Rebersburg, was in Centre Hall last week. Mr. Gramley is one of the stirring young business men of Rebersburg, and represents various lines of business, all of which are receiving due attention.

The town council organized by electing F. W. Bradford, president, and R. D. Foreman, secretary. The other members are W. H. Bartholomew, John Puff, Clement Luse, Chas. Slack.

Col. R. C. Elder has appointed James S. Stackpole, one of the editors of the Lewisburg Gazette, regiment adjutant and Rev. J. K. Lloyd, of Altoona, chaplain, of the 5th regiment, both to rank as captain.

Rev. I. P. Neff, who for some years served a Lutheran charge at Knoxville, Pa., is now at Verne, Millifield county. Rev. Neff is well known to the older residents of this valley, having spent his youth in and near this place.

Messrs James A. Decker and Fred Bottonof, of Pine Grove Mills, were in Centre Hall Saturday on business. Mr. Decker recently sold his hotel at Pine Grove Mills, and is looking about for a hotel stand to either rent or buy.

The Masonic order of Bellefonte purchased the Humes property, on Allegheny St., and will convert the same into a lodge home. The lower floor will be fitted up for public offices, the second floor will be used by the lodge as a regular place of meeting, and the third floor as a banquet hall.

John S. Hosterman, of this place, was one of the contestants for the sophomore oratorical prize at Franklin and Marshall College, which took place Thursday night of last week. His subject was "Honor." M. W. Wiltner took first prize. This information was obtained from the Franklin and Marshall Weekly, of which Harry Bitner, son of Prof. H. F. Bitner of Millersville, is one of the editors. John S. Hosterman was elected a member of the staff of the same publication.

The Lewisburg Free Press says Rev. C. H. Gooding, pastor of the Evangelical church, is attending the annual conference of the United Evangelical church. Rev. Gooding has made a good record the three years he has been pastor of that church. The membership has been greatly increased, a parsonage debt of nearly \$800 paid and the Sunday school about doubled so that the capacity of the church is taxed to its utmost and additional room will soon be a necessity. Rev. Gooding will probably be returned for another year by the bishops.

The announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Emma Kenfee Litzberg, of Ardmore, to Rufus Tracy Strohm of Scranton. Miss Litzberg is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Litzberg, of Ardmore, and a graduate of Temple College, Philadelphia, class of '01. Mr. Strohm is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Strohm, of Centre Hill, and is a graduate of the Penna. State College, class of '98. He is at present assistant principal of the department of mechanical engineering of the International Correspondence Schools, Scranton.

## VICTIM OF BLACK MEASLES.

Wills Bierly, of North Dakota, died Friday at Wm. Frank's, near Rebersburg.

Arthur L. Bierly, of North Dakota, Friday of last week, died from the effects of black measles at the home of Wm. Frank, an uncle, living near Rebersburg. His age was twenty-five years.

Mr. Bierly came to New York to operate a linotype machine, later came to Williamsport and from there to Rebersburg. At Williamsport he felt indisposed, and on his way to Rebersburg a heavy rain thoroughly wet him, later black measles developed, from the effects of which he died.

He was a son of Willis R. Bierly, formerly of Rebersburg, who left that place for Williamsport, and later went west.

## Ex-Commissioner Adams Dead.

Ex-County Commissioner Frank Adams, died at his home in Bellefonte Tuesday morning. The funeral will take place Friday. His age was forty-seven years.

From 1890 to 1896 he served as commissioner of Centre county, and since he was engaged with a bridge company as agent.

## Death of Samuel Evert.

Samuel Evert, a well known citizen of Penn township, died at his home near Colburn last week, aged sixty-eight years. Mr. Evert had been sick for a long time but was able to be up and about. A few days ago he took to his bed and the end came very soon. Interment at Aaronsburg.

Tuesday was just as fine a day as Monday.

Men's shirts, fancy and every-day wear, at C. P. Long's.

Meyer & Musser have just received a fresh supply of International Stock & Poultry Food.

## DIED AT 82 YEARS.

Mrs. Hannah Dubs, the last of a Family of Octogenarians.

Mrs. Hannah Dubs, of Rebersburg, who is the last of a family of octogenarians, died at her home at Rebersburg Friday of last week, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Her sickness extended over a period of but one week, and was an affection of the heart.

The funeral services took place Monday, interment being made at Rebersburg. She was a lifelong member of the R-formed church, and her pastor, Rev. Witzel, officiated.

She is survived by one child Emma, wife of A. Noah Gorman, of Rebersburg. Mary, another daughter, died at a tender age. The deceased was an aunt of merchant W. H. Kremer and Mrs. J. D. Meyer, of this place, who attended the funeral services.

As stated before, Mrs. Dubs is the last of a family, all of whom lived to be quite old, their names and ages are as follows: John Kremer, 86; Mrs. Elizabeth Harper, 88; Mrs. Catharine Smull, 80; Mrs. Sallie Wolfe, 89; Joseph Kremer, 81; Mrs. Polly Burkert, 75; Daniel Kremer, 80; Mrs. Hannah Dubs, 82.

## Among others who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, W. H. Kremer, Centre Hall; Mrs. A. Luckenbaugh, Mrs. Minnie Harper, Jared Harper, Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reifnyder and daughter, Mrs. W. F. Musser, Millheim; Mr. and Mrs. W. Bickel, Nittany Valley.

Ira Lyle, of Lemont, has been granted a pension, of \$10.

Bill Well shoes for men; prices \$2.00 and \$3.00, at Yeager & Davis.

Elizabeth E. Sankey, of Potters Mills, has been granted a pension of \$8.00.

## Farmer's Flight.

Elmer Gally of Atkins Mills, Millifield county, made a narrow escape with his life one evening last week. He was pulling straw out of a stack and the stack fell over on him. The straw was very heavy with snow and rain, making it very difficult for him to get out. He has been under the doctor's care for several days but hopes are entertained for his recovery.

## Robbed Smoke House.

The smoke house of John D. Moore, west of Centre Hall, the other night was robbed of four fine, large hams. Somebody is in and Mr. Moore is out just that much meat. Mr. Moore will give the remainder of the two hogs to the thief if he comes and makes his claim. Keep a good watch for these rascals, and either mark their limbs with lead or a good scallaggy.

## Locusts are Coming.

Deputy Secretary Martin, of the state agricultural department, says that the seventeen year locusts are due this summer in many parts of Pennsylvania. Many of the fruit growers are apprehensive of serious damage by these insects and have deferred planting young trees until next spring. Mr. Martin looks for the locust to make its appearance in July or August and says there is no known preventive for it. The insects cause great damage to young fruit trees and the tender branches of large trees.

## From Dr. Boal, of Port Carbon.

Dr. James W. Boal, in a letter to a friend this week, says his daughter Anna continues in very poor health and that the Dr. advises against her spending another winter in this climate. Her and the family's many friends in this community will be sorry to learn this.

The following is taken from a Port Carbon communication in a Pottsville Daily: James W. Boal, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church, Sunday celebrated the eighth anniversary of his pastorate at this place. During this time Dr. Boal has been successful in having the church thoroughly renovated and remodeled, making it one of the coziest houses of worship in the county. The membership of the church has also been considerably increased during his pastorate.

## Communicated.

The Presbyterian church of Milledale, Pa. on last sabbath morning was highly favored with a sermon, by the pastor Rev. W. F. Carson, from the text in Acts 12, part of 6th verse, "Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains." He very ably vindicated, the power of God on the human soul, of those that fully trust in Him. This power is fully manifested in Peter's peace of mind, and trust in the Lord, for the best, as he was fully aware of the terrible death, that would over take him; just where, he did not know, although imminent at that time. He spoke of evil places, not being temples filled with God's Holy Spirit, or power, and that parents who pray'd that children might be kept off the street at night and away from loafing places, might as well pray to mammon, if they permitted them, to go to these places! A MEMBER.

Milesburg, March 8, 1902.

## REFORMED SCHOOL BURNED.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society Less than a Week ago by Fire.

Information was received Sunday evening that the Girl's School, Sendal, was destroyed by fire. There were seventy-five girls in the school and all were saved. The loss is \$5000 with insurance.

Miss Lena Zarfish, of Toledo, Ohio, who is superintendent of the school, is now in this country, and in her absence Miss Sadie Lee Weidner was in charge.

The school was established sixteen years ago by Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugl of Berlin, Pa., and Miss Mary B. Ault, daughter of the late Rev. John Ault, of Knitztown, Pa. No difficulty was experienced in securing scholars, as a general desire prevailed to learn the English language.

The support of the school was assumed several years ago by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Reformed church. The school was regarded as one of the most important in the missionary branch in Japan.

## Letter From Freeport, Ill.

Report from Belvidere, says that Dr. J. B. Leitzell, formerly one of Stephenson county's, most reliable physicians, has been quite ill with a complication of diseases, so that for almost four weeks he has been confined to his home, incapacitated from performing any professional duties, requiring the attention of his faithful wife as would a child. He however prescribed for himself until a week ago, his son, Dr. C. P. Leitzell, of Cedarville, was called to see him. He is now reported as being better, but unable to leave the house. Hope the doctor will soon be able to attend to his practice.

March weather has been unusually mild, snow all disappeared without any damage from high water; frost all out of ground; roads accordingly.

A READER.

## A Reproof.

"Pa," said Willie, "what does it mean to say a man is 'one of nature's noblemen'?"

"One of nature's noblemen," my son," replied the old gentleman, with a significant look at his better half, "is a man who smiles when he gets some ridiculous cheap gift for his birthday and exclaims: 'How nice! Just what I wanted!'" —Catholic Standard and Times.

## The Gums.

Is there a blue line on your gums near the teeth? Perhaps you are suffering from lead poisoning, so attend to the water pipes, or, if you are a painter, carefully wash your hands and clean your nails before eating.

Is there a red line on your gums? Go to a sanitarium for consumptives or at least take cod liver oil, open your windows night and day and consult a doctor.

## Three Classes.

Henry Thomas Buckle's thoughts and conversation were always on a high level. Once he remarked:

"Men and women range themselves into three classes or orders of intelligence. You can tell the lowest class by their habit of always talking about persons, the next by the fact that their habit is always to converse about things, the highest by their preference for the discussion of ideas."

## An Epitaph.

In a cemetery in Trumbull county, O., there is a tombstone on which the following epitaph, composed by the son of the deceased, is inscribed:

Here lies our father beneath the sod; His spirit is gone to meet his God. We never shall hear his tread Nor see the wen upon his head.

## How He Explains It.

Stephen—So it is all over with Miss Potter. How did it happen that she threw you over?

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## Fresh Water Sponges.

That certain sponges can do a great deal of harm is now maintained by a French scientist. According to him, the water supply of some cities and towns has been polluted by them, and the water supply of others may be polluted if steps are not taken to prevent it.

Sponges of this kind are found only in fresh water and are known as "coronaspungia." A close examination shows that each of the various parts of such a sponge is composed of three layers. First, there is a flattened layer of epithelial cells, which covers the outer surface; next, there is a digestive layer of cells, each of which is surrounded by a collar, from which projects a little thong or whip, and, finally, between these two there is a third layer, containing the reproductive cells as well as the spicules and fibers which form the skeleton.

In some sponges the spicules are composed of silica and in others of calcium carbonate.

After some time sponges of this type decay, and if the water inhabited by them is used for drinking purposes the pollution caused by them is likely, according to the French scientist, to prove injurious to the public health, and therefore he recommends that the water be cleared of such sponges wherever it is possible to do so.

There are sponges of this kind in many rivers and ponds in this country.

## Mozart and Beethoven.

The stories of how men of genius have had future fame predicted for them in their early youth must generally be taken with a considerable grain of salt. As authentic as most is the account of the first meeting of Mozart with the young Beethoven, which took place on the latter's first visit to Vienna in the year 1787. Mozart, then at the height of his fame, asked him to play, but, thinking his performance a prepared piece, paid little attention to it. Beethoven, seeing this, entreated Mozart to give him a subject, which he did, and the boy, getting excited with the occasion, played so finely that the composer of "Don Giovanni," stepping softly into the next room, said to his friends there: "Pay attention to him. He will make a noise in the world some day or another."—Chambers' Journal.

## Our Surprising Sunflowers.

Few people in England, remarks a London paper, who grow the sunflower for ornament have any idea of its usefulness. And then it proceeds thus to describe the sunflower on its native heath in the United States:

"So rich is this plant in oil that the seed of one of these monster plants will yield fifty gallons of oil, while the refuse of the seed after this quantity of oil has been expressed weighs 1,500 pounds when made into cattle cakes."

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