



## CLEARING THE WAY FOR ROOT.

By the retirement of Justice Brown a vacancy will be created on the bench of the United States supreme court. The position is reported to have been offered to Senator Knox, and declined by him, and also to Secretary Taft. The latter is known to cherish a desire to become a member of the court, but may prefer to wait until he has finished his work in Panama and in the Philippines. Should he go upon the bench in the near future, it would dispose of him as a presidential candidate, as the act would be considered a virtual renunciation of any desire to become the incumbent of the White House. In that event and the retirement of Secretary Shaw, which is scheduled for the end of Congress, the whole power of the National administration would no doubt be used to bring about the nomination of Secretary Root for President by the next Republican National Convention. He is understood to be the President's choice, but naturally with Taft and Shaw both in the cabinet, his boom must slumber.

Two important reforms are embodied in the Post Office Appropriation bill as it passed the House. Government departments are forbidden to send under their frank any mail matter that could not be sent by individual citizens on payment of the regular rates of postage. Billiard tables would hereafter be excluded from the Treasury Department's mail, and the Secretary of Agriculture would be precluded from shipping a whole carload of trees under his frank and as a postal parcel. The other reformatory provision is directed against the abuse of the mails by political committees and the "patriotic" associations which have been securing free distribution of tons of campaign literature in the guise of extracts from the Congressional Record and under the frank of some prominent Senator or Representative.

Farmer Cressy, at rest from his Harrisburg labors, will find some solace for his failure to induce the Governor to permit the introduction of trolley legislation at the extra session in the action of the New Jersey Senate in favor of permitting the electric roads to do a freight business. Instead of injuring the business of the steam roads it is generally believed that the trolleys will prove valuable loaders and sensibly reduce the cost of farm products by reducing the initial cost of getting them on the road to market. The danger will be that the greater transportation companies will seek to control the electric service and possibly in that way somewhat lessen the public advantage.

The Altoona Tribune (Republican) remarks: The Democratic party of Pennsylvania is feeling very much encouraged. Controlling as it does the governments of Philadelphia and Pittsburg and with the assurance that the split in the Republican party will continue, the Democratic managers have a very confident anticipation of installing one of their kind in the gubernatorial chair. There are enough Republicans in Pennsylvania to prevent this, but it is not certain that they are concerned to do it.

## LOCALS.

The borough public schools will close the first week in April.

Edward Sunday, of Milroy, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Rebecca Floray, Thursday last week.

H. L. Hutchinson, of Bellefonte, committee of Miss Jane Pearce, will make sale of her personal property at Pottery Mills, Friday, March 23, one o'clock.

The borough of State College has contracted with the Nittany Light, Heat and Power Company to light the streets with electricity. The cost per light is to be \$1.70 per month.

The Postoffice Department will issue two commemorative stamps to be used contemporaneously with the life of the Jamestown Exposition, from April 26 to December 1, 1907. This is good news to the twelve million Philatelists of the United States and will give the Exposition some splendid advertising.

Rev. J. M. Reack accompanied by Mrs. Reack, went to Philadelphia the latter part of last week where a surgeon examined the wound caused by removing a cancerous growth. The eminent surgeon saw no cause for alarm, and instructed that Mrs. Reack should return for a re-examination in the course of three months.

On his way home from Conference, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Rhoads stopped at Centre Hall for several days, and visited among old friends. It is almost five years since Rev. Rhoads severed his connection with the Evangelical church in this place, but these years have not lessened his high regard for the place and its people. He was stationed at Mexico, Juniata county, for another year.

## TOURING IN THE EAST.

John P. Taylor Tells the Reporter Readers About the First Part of the Trip to the Holy Land.

## STEAMSHIP ARABIC.

CADIZ, SPAIN, FEB 17, 1906.

My Dear Mr. Smith:

According to promise I drop you a note of our trip thus far. We left New York on the morning of the 8th of February, having real fine weather. We went aboard on the afternoon of the 7th. The "Arabic" in every way is a fine steamer, but cold as an open barn. We went to our berths not to sleep as much as to keep warm. At eight o'clock on the morning of the ninth, we arose far out at sea, no land to be seen, finding the weather more mild and the vessel warmer. The weather continued to grow milder each day until we reached Funchal, Madeira Islands, on the west coast of Africa. Here flowers are in full bloom and trees in blossom, mercury standing at about seventy. In Funchal we find a different type of people from our own. Madeira Islands rise like a great bluff out of the sea. It is like a great mountain, the tops rising 6000 feet, and this morning I see they are snow covered.

Funchal has a great history. It was here Christopher Columbus married his wife and lived some time previous to discovering America. The house in which he lived still stands.

The principal products of these islands are grapes and sugar corn. The mountains are cultivated and covered to the top with vineyards, presenting a most beautiful appearance. In every nook and corner is a substantial building constructed of stone. The building material is transported from the quarries on the heads of the natives. Funchal is a beautiful white city. The roofs of the buildings are entirely of tile. The streets are scarcely twelve feet wide and paved with small pebbles. The mode of travel on these streets is on a roughly constructed sled, drawn by oxen. Two drivers—one before and the other behind—with sharp probes to keep the oxen on the move. The sled has two seats, fore and aft, facing each other, and is covered. I noticed that I am a Pennsylvania man and not a Portuguese, the inhabitants of these islands. I think I will appreciate home more than ever, should I live to return.

We were eight days reaching this place on a very lonely sea, having sighted but one sailor. Our ship, the "Arabic," is one of the largest and finest of the White Star Line. Its length is 620 feet, nine decks, passengers on board 645, crew 317 (all English), maximum speed seventeen knots per hour. All the passengers on board are first-class passengers. The table is first class, three full meals each day, with a change in bill of fare each day. The least is so massive that we scarcely feel the moving of the waves, and up to the present I have not experienced a day of sea sickness.

Our next stop will be Cadiz, Spain; thence we go to Algiers, Africa; thence to Greece, to Constantinople, Turkey; from there to Palestine, to Egypt, Naples, Rome. At Valencia, Spain, we leave the ship to go through France to Paris thence to London and Liverpool. At the latter place we meet the ship again, about the 8th of April, to return to New York.

The greater part of our tourists are ladies. We have grand lectures every day, and Sundays able divines preach to us. Dr. Wylie, of Washington, D. C., preaches next Sabbath. We also have progressive ecchre parties, dances, etc.—plenty to amuse and edify.

We may all feel justly proud that we are Americans, for I think there is no other land like ours.

Very truly,  
J. P. TAYLOR.

## Wires on Branch No. 5.

The wires on Branch Company No. 5, Patrons Rural Telephone Company, are on the poles. The speedy construction of this line, which extends from Bellefonte to a point almost one mile east of Zion, was largely due to the energies of the company's agent, Amos Kauffman. This company, like all other branch companies of The Patrons Rural Telephone Company, is made up of the best class of farmers and citizens in the section through which the line extends, and it is only reasonable to expect that they are pushing matters to completion, and leaving no bills behind.

## Pleased With Millheim.

The Centre Hall, Jr., Base Ball Club is pleased with its trip to Millheim Saturday, where, in the evening, they repeated their plays given in Centre Hall two weeks previous. The house netted them \$25.00. The amateurs were greatly delighted over the kind treatment received from the young and old in Millheim. It is to be hoped that the citizens of the burg were as favorably impressed,

[As previously announced, "Write-Ups" of men and women, natives of Penns., Georges or Brush Valleys, who are making life a success in other sections, will appear in The Centre Reporter from week to week. These contributions are made by a number of writers who have kindly consented to aid in conducting this department.—EDITOR.]



REV. M. I. JAMISON, ALTOONA, PA.

There is such a thing as false progress, and it is a grave question whether the endowment by millionaires of educational institutions is not detrimental to progress. An institution that lacks the vitality to maintain itself, according to the thinking of many rational minds, has no right to exist. Institutions or individuals endowed beyond their capacity to assimilate foster a false development and in so far fail to equalize our national progress. And it is so in the education of the individual. He who is born with a "silver spoon in his mouth" and who has the means of obtaining an education thrust upon him, can not fully appreciate it, and much less impress others with his own personality. He can not sympathize with the poor boy and refer to himself as a self-made man. Many a man looks upon his life with regret just because what he has attained is not the result of his own efforts.

In this issue is presented a self-made man, Rev. Milton I. Jamison, pastor of the United Evangelical church, of Altoona, a man not college bred, but who never-the-less has a liberal education, a rich vocabulary, and who in his own denomination ranks as one of the most efficient workers. He received his early training at the Beaver Dam school, in Gregg township. His father, Mr. Fred Jamison, died, having taught in country schools for thirty-five years, the son followed in his footsteps, further fitting himself by attending the Millheim Grammar school, and the Penn Hall Academy under Prof. D. M. Wolf. Six years of teaching brought before his vision a new field of labor—in the ministry, which he began in 1886 on the Nittany Valley charge of the Evangelical Association, where he served for two years. He pursued the theological course as prescribed by that church and showed himself a man who had the yeast of progress in him, so that after serving Washingtonville, Montour county, one year and Hughesville three years, he was assigned to a city church, namely, Williamsport, where he labored for four years. His next appointment was Neececock, two years, and then he was again sent to a city church, in Baltimore, serving four years, and since 1902 he has been in Altoona, where he is highly esteemed by his people.

Mr. Jamison is a man of few words. He works quietly; he does not advertise himself. He plans and sees ahead, and as a financial agent he has a good record. His annual report before the conference shows that something has been done in raising the church debt, as well as in bringing souls into the kingdom. In the council chamber he never argues a question, but after all have had their "say," if he sees that the decision is likely to be wrong he may just rise and say a few words. It is final. He has weight, and he is strong as a pastor. He looks after the poorest of his flock. His diary shows many calls made at the end of the year. But he never boasts of his own works.

So many churches now-a-days have not enough vitality to maintain an active Christian Endeavor Society. Mr. Jamison's church has one of the most active in that city. A recent meeting showed that eighty-seven per cent were present, and when the secretary called the roll every one responded promptly with an original testimony. There was life there. It was an inspiration to listen to the ready and terse responses. The eve-

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## TELEPHONE CONSOLIDATION.

Huntingdon County Telephone Service to be United.

The Pennsylvania Telephone Company has just closed a contract with Saltillo Telephone Company (formerly connected with the Commercial), the largest independent telephone system in Huntingdon county, whereby the two systems will be united in one service. The Saltillo Company will make their lines metallic and place the Bell instruments in service on their entire system, which is composed of over one hundred miles of wire and includes over one hundred telephones in towns and parts of the county, principally undeveloped by the Bell people. The contract goes into effect on the first of April, and when the system is fully united and equipped it will be thrown open to the Saltillo Telephone Company the entire Huntingdon exchange and also long distance service. The patrons of the Bell company will also be benefited by obtaining service in parts of Huntingdon county that have been isolated heretofore.

This new deal will bring such points as Saltillo, Three Springs, Caswell, Calvin, Colfax, Latta Grove, Eagle Foundry, Todd, Rocky Ridge, Cook's Station and many other towns and villages in the lower end of the county. The Saltillo company has secured all of the East Broad Top territory, as well as Fulton county, in which to develop the Bell service. They will also operate the Mt. Union exchange in conjunction with their other service and this will accrue to the advantage to the general telephone system and its patrons throughout the county.

A number of other companies have been sub-licensed to operate certain territory in Huntingdon county under a contract with the Pennsylvania Telephone company, such as the Juniata and Shaver's Creek company, operating from Petersburg to McAlevy's Fort; the Allensville and Mill Creek company, operating in the valley from Mill Creek to Belleville; the Woodcock Valley company operating from McConnellstown into Trough Creek Valley, via Marklesburg and Ettrick; also the several rural lines which have been organized, connecting up farming districts with the Huntingdon exchange.

## LOCALS.

Harry E. Bible, of Sprucetown, left for Altoona Tuesday last week. He is employed in a large general store of which M. P. Blumberg is proprietor.

From all appearances the President does not take much stock in civil service, else he would not go to the war department for a supreme court judge.

A house dog and a wild deer that was injured on the farm of Edward Pidcock, near Loyalsockville, Lycoming county, have become intimate "friends" and sleep side by side in the barn.

William Shields for three terms register and recorder of Union county, died suddenly of heart failure. He telephoned for a physician, but before the physician arrived the man was dead. His age was about sixty-five years.

Dr. J. B. Focht, the former president of Susquehanna University at Selingsgrove, intends to locate at New Haven, Conn. Dr. Focht owns a farm near that place and he will engage in agricultural work with several special branches.

George Ritter, Lock Haven's oldest citizen, is no more. After braving the storms of ninety-four winters, he died Saturday night at the home of his son, Frank E. Ritter. He was born near Trout Run, Lycoming county, March 8, 1812, and celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday last Thursday.

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ning church service was conspicuous for the large number of men in the audience. A male quartet sang a gospel hymn with a power that reflected the source of their inspiration, and the pastor followed with an evangelistic sermon. At the organ Mr. Jamison's only daughter, Miss Florence, a graduate of the Altoona High school, presided, and Mrs. Jamison, who was Miss Rose Keen, daughter of Mr. Jacob Keen, of Millheim, led the congregational singing, and altogether the service was a most impressive one.

Mr. Jamison has a ministerial appearance; he has the mien and aspect of a man. What he is he is by his own efforts; there is no false development in his make-up. His education has been symmetrical and a gradual unfolding of the powers within the man himself. He hasn't lost his grip either. He is growing. The world can use many men of the type of Milton I. Jamison.

## TAX EXEMPTION FOR WOOD LOTS.

Looking Forward to Maintaining Timber Supply in Future, and to Encourage Tree Planting.—Exemption of Tax Recommended.

Sometimes men may be coaxed to do right things where coercion would fail and where conviction does not avail to bring useful results. Probably there is not one landowner out of a hundred in Pennsylvania who does not know that a serious economical mistake has been made and vast damage done by clearing away too large a proportion of the timber land of the State. The effect of the denudation of the land has been, if not to decrease the rainfall, to make its conservation impossible. The rains practically fall into the streams. There is even no retention of the snow in the springtime. The springs are dried up. The climatic conditions are changed; the temperature is less equable, and the alternation of floods and droughts more destructive.

Realizing all these hurtful conditions, there is not one landowner in a hundred who will set himself singly about the work of remedy. The evil is so widespread that it daunts and discourages single handed attack. Some incentive is needed to bring on a general tree-planting movement.

A bill has been introduced in the provincial legislature of Ontario (Canada) giving the local authorities power to exempt from taxation a wood lot to the extent of one-tenth of the area of any farm. Provision is made against the speculative holding of land ostensibly as wood lots for the purpose of escaping taxation by making the aggregate exemptions a charge immediately payable at any time if the land is devoted to other uses. This is intended to insure proper care with a view to productivity. It is also a requirement of the bill that the exempted wood areas shall be kept up to a certain standard in regard to the number of trees, the excluding of cattle and other essentials of scientific forestry.

By holding out a practical inducement to landowners in Pennsylvania, through a system of tax exemptions for wooded areas as supplementary to the forestry legislation already on the statute book, it might be possible to procure a more active and general interest in the task of reforestation. At any rate, some such plan is worth a trial. At this "Arbor day" time, when the grangers of the State are making up their minds what manner of men they will elect to the next Legislature, this wood lot hint may be worth considering.

## Edson Fultz Pardoned.

The board of pardons at Harrisburg recommended a pardon for Edson Fultz, of Woodward, this county, who is serving a two years sentence in the western penitentiary for complicity in the robbery of the Eby brothers about a year or more ago. It will be remembered that Edson, his wife, his brother George and Harry Kessinger were all arrested for the robbery. They all pleaded guilty at the April term of court last year except Mrs. Fultz, who stood trial. George Fultz and Harry Kessinger were sent to the reformatory and Edson Fultz, who appeared to be the leader of the gang, was given a two years sentence in the penitentiary.

## Beautiful and Touching.

Grandmother in a deep reverie thinking of the days of her courtship and wedding. The vision of those happy days portrayed by any artist brings a touch of deep sentiment to the lover of pictures. On Sunday, March 18th, a beautiful picture entitled Grandmother's Reverie, printed in ten colors, on heavy paper, size 10x15 inches, will be given away free with "The Philadelphia Sunday Press." Order the Sunday Press from your newsdealer and get a series of beautiful pictures free with the great "Philadelphia Sunday Press."

## Ask County to Build Old Pike.

The Potter township supervisors, elected under the new road law, at a recent meeting decided that the township would spend none of its money in maintaining the condemned turnpikes that traverse the township, but will ask the commissioners of Centre county to keep these important thoroughfares in fit condition. The one pike extends from the borough line south to the Millin county line. The other begins at Old Fort and goes eastward to the Gregg township line.

## Smothered Under a Straw Stack.

A well known farmer in Upper Nipponese Valley, Clinton county, was found under a huge pile of straw, by his sons, who, on missing the father, surmised that perhaps the straw stack had toppled over on him and smothered him. Their surmise was correct. The gentleman's name was Oliver Weidner, and was aged about forty-five years. The physician who was called gave his opinion that the man had been dead for several hours before being discovered.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Monday morning: Snow.  
D. Paul Fortney and James Furst have made application to the court to practice law before it.  
Seven horses and a span of mules sold at the Glasgow sale, near Woodward, summed up to \$1524 50.  
Miles Moore, son of Jacob Moore, of Julian, was knocked from a freight train and seriously wounded.

The next convention of the National Educational Association will be held in San Francisco from July 7th to July 14th.

Friday night the bids on the school lots will be opened. If you intend making a bid, send it in prior to six o'clock of that day.

Harry Ishler, of Boalsburg, will farm the Ishler farm. He will live in Boalsburg until the barn on the farm, recently burned, is rebuilt.

If your post office address will be changed about the first of April, send the notice to this office at once. Do not fail to give both the old and new address.

In another column will be found an extract from a letter written by Col. John P. Taylor, of Reedsville, while sailing on the steamship "Arabic." The letter was mailed at Cadiz, Spain.

A druggist from Lancaster has rented a room in Millheim from H. E. Duck and will open a drug store in that place. For the past few years Millheim has been without a drug store.

Durban Musser, son of David Musser, of Haines township, while working at George Kestler's saw mill, east of Aaronsburg, had the thumb and index finger of his right hand lacerated by a saw.

Miss Alva Harshbarger and John E. Johnson, both of Gatesburg, were wedded at Selingsgrove Thursday last week by their former pastor, Rev. Charles T. Aikens, president of Susquehanna University.

J. Madison Meyer will open a blacksmith shop at Pottery Mills about the first of April. He had been in the west for the past few years, but lately returned to Pennsylvania, and at present is located at Rebersburg.

Mrs. W. W. Rhoads, of Mexico, is a full cousin of Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, her maiden name having been Whittaker. Mrs. Rhoads is of English origin. One of her brothers, some years ago, was governor of Alaska.

J. J. Orndorf, administrator of the estate of Lewis Durman, of Fiedler, deceased, sold the real estate of the decedent. The homestead was purchased by David Dorman, and the timber land was knocked off to the Wolf Lumber Company.

Ground was broken for a \$30,000 church for Trinity Lutheran congregation in Juniata, the first spadeful of earth being excavated by "Grandmother" Enfield, aged eighty years, who performed the same service twenty years ago for the present church.

The members of the Reformed church at Centre Hall have determined to wipe out an indebtedness of about eleven hundred dollars on their church home. The Reformed edifice in this place is one of the prettiest and most substantial that can be found anywhere outside of the larger towns.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Penn's Valley Oil & Manufacturing Co. will be held at the Eckhart House in the village of Hazelhurst, Pa., on Tuesday, May 1st, 1906, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

George Tate, the Yeagerston contractor and builder, has received the contract for the erection of the large public school building at Burnham and expects to begin work on it about the first of April. It will be erected on the lot where the school building now stands. It will be a large structure and will cost about twenty thousand dollars.

The farmers along Branch Company No. 7, Patrons Rural Telephone Company, leading from Centre Hall to Linden Hall, are busily engaged in constructing the line. Some of the parties interested have been digging holes, others cutting poles. The wire is on hand and has been stored in the barn of L. R. Lingle, a member of the company.

At the congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church held at State College a unanimous call was extended to Rev. W. E. Steckel, of Marietta. Mr. Steckel preached before the congregation on December 31, and won the hearts of the people. The meeting was very largely attended and was presided over by Moderator Rev. W. K. Harnish, of Lemont.

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