

LOCALS.

Mrs. S. A. Krape, who for some time has been with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Neff, near Centre Hall, this week expects to return to her home in Lorain, Ohio. Her husband, who had also been east, went back to Ohio a short time ago.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Buck, of New Freedom, arrived in Centre Hall the latter part of last week, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Geary. Rev. Buck was returned to his old field by the United Evangelical Conference.

In buildings, equipment and reputation, the Lock Haven State Normal School is the equal of the best. Its graduates are its best advertisement. To those who are thinking of becoming teachers, it is an ideal school. The spring term begins April 6th.

If you are thinking of going to a Normal School this coming spring, it will be to your advantage to patronize a well established and thoroughly reputable school. The Lock Haven State Normal School meets these requirements. The spring term begins April 6th.

After the Decker sale in Georges Valley, Miss Ella Decker, so rumor has it, will go to Pittsburg to make her home. There is more to this rumored story, but the Reporter refrains from printing it until the incident has taken place. Miss Jennie Decker will make her home with her brother Thomas, at Spring Mills, and it is her intention to go to school.

Mrs. R. W. Colyer, of Potters Mills, who had been at a Philadelphia hospital for a number of weeks, but returned home again, is gradually gaining strength, but as yet is unable to be on her feet more than a quarter of an hour at a time. Mr. Colyer is anxiously awaiting the resumption of the Burnham works, he having the promise of a position there when the works open.

Harry A. McClellan was a caller Friday, having come to town on a bit of business. He and Wm. M. Swabb are busy brushing up horses, colts and cattle for the McClellan sale, March 26, and from all accounts all stock will be in the pink of condition. Mr. McClellan has been successful on the farm, and one of the reasons of this success is the fact that he has given stock raising a large part of his attention.

Messrs. T. F. Royer, of Potters Mills, and Charles Miller, of Lorain, Ohio were callers Friday. A short time ago Mr. Royer made a trip to Lorain, Niagara Falls, Pittsburg and intermediate points, and was very favorably impressed with the country. Mr. Miller is the son of Eugene Miller, formerly of Centre Hall, and is a contractor, his specialty being lathing and plastering. He just completed lathing one of the largest new buildings in Lorain.

Among others who attended the funeral of James Runkle, at Tusseyville, last week, were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bortor and sons William and James, and Miss Grace Runkle, of Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. James High and Miss Mary Runkle, of Lock Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Osman, of Glen Iron; Mrs. John Sullivan and Mrs. Ada Runkle, of York; Hugh Runkle, of Hyner; W. G. Runkle, Esq., Joseph L. Runkle and J. C. Meyer, Esq., John Brackbill and son William, Bellefonte.

Some people have an idea that newspapers are putting up a bluff in the matter of arrearages on newspaper subscription. But not so. The postoffice department has issued orders, and the publishers must submit. After the first of April, the order says, publishers cannot extend credit longer than for one year—that is, no subscriber will be permitted to let his subscription run longer than for one year. From the way remittances have been coming in, the great majority of Reporter readers understand the conditions, and to such we are very thankful, but there are a few others, who, from neglect, or other reasons, have not responded, and to these the Reporter appeals once more for a remittance.

Rebersburg.

Wm. Douty, of Union county, spent a short time last week in our town.

Two brothers of Rev. Frank Wetzel, the one from Bellefonte and the other from Kansas, visited him this week.

John Page, wife and child, accompanied by Mrs. Sarah Strohecker, spent a few days with the ladies' brother, Frank Moyer, west of Centre Hall, who is ill.

Floyd Gramley, a student at State College, visited his parents.

John Zeigler is at present the guest of friends and relatives at Selinsgrove.

Charles Bierly sold his driving horse to a man in Lock Haven.

John Brindle, of Fiedler, was seen in town Saturday.

Clark Gramley has men engaged in making the foundation on which he will place the building which he formerly used for a printing office. He will convert the building into a dwelling house and Mervin Koons will occupy the same.

Allen Bowersox and wife, of Kansas, are visiting his mother, at this place.

DESIRE OF DISTINCTION.

Quaint Illustration of a Peculiar Phase of Human Nature.

In "Doc Gordon," by Mary E. Wilkins-Freeman, is a quaint illustration of a peculiar phase of human nature. It develops with the visits of the two doctors to their poorer patients:

James drove all the morning with Dr. Gordon about the New Jersey country. The country people were either satirized with an odd shyness, which had something almost hostile in it, or they were effusively hospitable, forcing apple jack upon the two doctors. James was much struck by the curious unconcern shown by the relatives of the patients and even by the patients themselves. In only one case, that of a child suffering from a bad case of measles, was much interest evinced. The majority of the patients were the very old and middle aged, and they discussed and heard discussed their symptoms with much the same attitude as they might have discussed the mechanism of a wooden doll. If any emotion was shown, it was that of a singular inverted pride. "I had a terrible night, doctor," said one old woman, and a smirk of self conceit was over her ancient face. "Yes, mother did have an awful night," said her married daughter, with a triumphant expression. Even the children clustering about the doctor looked unconsciously proud because their old grandmother had had an awful night. The call of the two doctors at the house was positively hilarious. Quantities of old apple jack were forced upon them. The old woman in the adjoining bedroom, although she was evidently suffering, kept calling out a feeble joke in her cackling old voice.

"Those people seem positively elated because that old soul is sick," said James when he and the doctor were again in the buggy.

"They are," said Dr. Gordon; "even the old woman herself, who knows well enough that she has not long to live. Did you ever think that the desire of distinction was one of the most, perhaps the most, intense purely spiritual emotion of the human soul? Look at the way these people live here, grubbing away at the soil like ants. The most of them have in their lives just three ways of attracting notice, the momentary consideration of their kind—birth, marriage, sickness and death. With the first they are hardly actively concerned; even with the second many have nothing to do. There are more women than men, as usual, and, although the women want to marry, all the men do not. There remains only sickness and death for a standby, so to speak. If one of them is really sick and dies, the people are aroused to take notice. The sick person and the corpse have a certain state and dignity which they have never attained before. Why, bless you, man, I have one patient, a middle aged woman, who has been laid up for years with rheumatism, and she is fairly vainglorious, and so is her mother. She brags of her invalid daughter. If she had been merely an old maid on her hands, she would have been ashamed of her, and the woman herself would have been sour and discontented. But she has fairly married rheumatism. It has been to her as a husband and children. I tell you, young man, one has to have his little footstool of elevation among his fellows, even if it is a mighty queer one, or he loses his self respect, and self respect is the best jewel we have."

Much Wanted.

The following advertisement, quoted from a Boston paper of a date early in the nineteenth century by Mr. Janson in "The Stranger in America," shows that the domestic problem is not one of modern manufacture. But what mistress of today would dare to impose such conditions on the hindrance in the kitchen?

Much Wanted: A neat, well behaved female to do kitchen work in a small family in Charlestown, near Boston. She may pray and sing hymns, but not over the dishkettle. She may go to meeting, but not belong to the congregation of midnight worshippers. Inquire at Repertory office, near Boston.

A Natural Fortress.

In the northern part of Madagascar is the most remarkable natural fortress in the world. It is occupied by a wild tribe who call themselves the People of the Rocks. The fortress is a lofty and precipitous rock of enormous size, 1,000 feet high and eight square miles in area. Its sides are so steep that it cannot be climbed without artificial means. Within it is hollow, and the only entrance is by a subterranean passage.—St. James' Gazette.

Thrift.

There is an old fashioned word that ought to come into use again—thrift. There are a distressing number of shiftless people in the world, and, while we shall call no names, we hope every reader will pause at this paragraph and think seriously of thrift and shiftlessness.—Atchison Globe.

The Changed View.

Every man takes care that his neighbor does not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to care that he does not cheat his neighbor. Then all goes well. He has changed his market cart into a chariot of the sun.—Emerson.

A Little Ball.

Cassidy—Ah, well, no wan kin prevint w'at's past an' gone. Casey—Ye could if ye only acted quick enough. Cassidy—Go 'long, man! How could yer? Casey—Stop it before it happens.—Kansas City Independent.

A common danger produces unanimity.—Latin Proverb.

Why not advertise in the Reporter?

DID LEE EXPECT DEFEAT?

The General's Significant Statement After Sailors' Creek.

My last official intercourse with General Lee was on the retreat. I was sent to him with dispatches from President Davis and reached him near midnight of April 6 near Rlice's station. I approached without being challenged by a single sentinel and found him standing near a smoldering fire with one of his hands resting on an ambulance wheel. He was dictating some order to Colonel Marshall, who sat in the ambulance with a lap desk receiving his dictation. As General Lee spoke he gazed into the bed of coals as if weighing every word. There was no staff or escort about, so far as I could see. Touching Sailors Creek, he spoke bitterly and said in answer to Mr. Davis' desire to know his proposed line of retreat that it was beyond his control; that he had intended to retreat by the line of the Danville road, but had been forced off that route by the arrival of Sheridan ahead of him at Burkville; that he was then following the line of the Southside road to Lynchburg, but the enemy was out-marching him and might force him off; that his movements were dependent on the developments of each hour, and then he added: "How can I tell? A few more Sailors Creeks and it will all be over—just where I thought it would end from the beginning." When I first published this statement its truthfulness was questioned. Fortunately I afterward saw two of his staff, both of whom said they had heard him express himself in the same way. There may have been times when General Lee, elated by some of his surprising successes, felt hopeful about the triumph of our cause. From the probabilities based on numbers and resources his judgment may have been warped away now and then by the feeling he expressed when, after Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, he said, "No general ever commanded such troops as those under me." But his mind was too mathematical in its workings, and all its calculations were too habitually based upon what could be done with a given number of men and a certain amount of material to make him forget the vast disparity between the contestants or hope for ultimate triumph.—John S. Wise in Circle Magazine.

A WITTY JUDGE.

His Conclusions on the Evidence of Ditto and True.

The late Hon. Noah Davis, well known throughout the country as the judge who tried and sentenced Boss Tweed, was justly celebrated in many ways. He was of that type of jurist for which western New York was famed during the half century following 1850. Orleans county is proud of him as one of her noblest and most distinguished sons. He was slightly above medium height, full habited, large head, fine, clean cut face—indeed, a striking figure in any community. He was a well read lawyer, an honest, fair minded judge, with a keen sense of humor and withal something of a writer and poet. The following lines from his per, written on the spur of the moment and in the midst of a trial, illustrate the alertness and quality of his mind. They are perhaps the best play upon words of which we have any record in the English language.

It was at the Niagara circuit in the early seventies. Judge Davis presided. An action in ejectment was called. The dispute was over a party wall or a division line. It was purely a question for the civil engineer. The division line established and the case was won. The defendant's attorney, realizing this, called as expert witnesses the Hon. John A. Ditto, city engineer of Buffalo, and the Hon. A. R. True, the engineer who constructed the cantilever bridge over Niagara river at the falls. They were two of the most eminent civil engineers in the state. They made a survey of the premises and established the division line as contended for by the defendant and when called to the witness stand so testified, giving monuments, courses and distances with such minute exactness that they could not be successfully controverted. The moment True, who followed Ditto as a witness, left the stand, Judge Davis wrote these lines and passed them to the clerk to hand to plaintiff's counsel:

Since True swears ditto to Ditto, And Ditto swears ditto to True, If True be true and Ditto be ditto, I think they're too many for you.—Daniel H. McMillan in Buffalo Truth.

Man and His Sweet Tooth.

"If you want to have that tradition upset about women only having a sweet tooth," remarked the stenographer who works downtown, "just go into a quick lunch room occasionally and watch the men who drink coffee or chocolate with their midday meals. I give you my word I have seen not one, but many men, put six lumps of sugar into their one cup of coffee or chocolate and then eat apple pie that is fairly covered with powdered sugar."—New York Press.

Makes a Difference.

A girl who used to make all sorts of fun of those who were poor spellers is now receiving three fat letters a week from a man who can't spell correctly more than forty words altogether. But he has a big, nice house and money in the bank—and that spells something to her.—Howard (Kan.) Courant.

Perhaps She Did.

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