

DEATHS.

Robert A. Hoover died very suddenly at his home in Philadelphia, of acute indigestion. He was born in Bellefonte and was forty-six years old. In 1880 he went to Altoona where he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, rising to the position of lumber inspector. In 1903 he was transferred to the purchasing agent's department and took up his residence in Philadelphia, where he had since resided. His wife and two sons survive. He is also survived by three brothers and one sister, David K. and Frank, of Altoona; William, of Axe Mann, and Mrs. Jennie Hazel, of Pleasant Gap.

Perry Gates, a native and former resident of Centre county, died at his home at Warrriorsmark, after a protracted illness. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Gates, he was born at Tadpole, in Ferguson township, over sixty-five years ago. He was a farmer and followed that occupation until two years ago. His wife, who was Miss Anna Heberling, a daughter of Joseph Heberling, of Ferguson township, survives. They had no children, but raised Miss May McClellan, who also survives.

Joseph R. Muffley, father of Mrs. Joseph L. Montgomery, of Bellefonte, died at his home in Philadelphia, aged seventy-one years. He was born in Howard, and was married to Miss Gordon, a member of the well known Gordon family who lived on the old homestead near Hecla park. Two children was the result of this union, Mrs. Montgomery, of Bellefonte, and Miss Lillian, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Hannah Brickley, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Curtin township, died quite suddenly at her home at Romola. She had been in the best of health, but was stricken with heart disease and expired in a few minutes. She was born in Curtin township and had spent her entire life in that locality, being sixty-eight years of age. Four sons and three daughters survive.

Miss Hannah Edith Hoover, a daughter of G. D. Hoover, died at the State hospital, Kings Park, Long Island, of tuberculosis. Her age was eighteen years, and she was born at Snow Shoe Intersection, where she lived until she went to the hospital a few months ago. Her parents, several brothers and sisters survive.

Mrs. Hiram Lee, a well known widow lady, died at her home at Buffalo Run, after a ten days' illness. She was aged sixty-five years and had lived in that vicinity all her life. Her husband died several years ago, since which time she had lived alone.

David Lohr died at the home of his son, John Lohr, at Buffalo Run, of paralysis of the heart, aged eighty-one years. Two daughters and five sons survive.

Rebersburg.

Daniel Hoy, who resides a short distance from this place, is on the sick list.

William Hackman sold his farm, situated two miles west of this place, to Wallace Walker for \$6000. Mr. Hackman will move onto the farm which Mr. Walker will vacate, and which was recently bought by Charles Small.

Prof. Edwin Brungart, wife and child, of Selingsgrove, are spending their Christmas vacation among relatives here.

There will be a wedding in town soon. Now boys get your tin horns and rosin fiddles ready for the occasion.

C. C. Long and Herbert Small spent several days during the past week in Lock Haven.

J. W. Harter made a large shipment this week of dressed turkeys and chickens.

Henry Meyer, one of the instructors at Bucknell College, is spending his vacation with his parents at this place.

William Bierly is just recovering from a severe attack of neuralgia.

Miss Mabel Brungart, who is teaching school at State College, is spending her Christmas with her parents.

Charles Bierly is confined to the house, suffering from a very bad cold.

Clayton Weber and wife, of Renovo, are spending the week among relatives at this place.

Samuel Strayer, who went west from Wolf's Store, thirty-eight years ago, locating in Nebraska, is at present in this locality shaking hands with old acquaintances.

If you would like to have the figures on your label added before the next Pink Label appears, send the funds before January 1st, as the label figures will be changed at that time.

Red Cross Christmas Stamps are on sale at this office. All for charity.

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THE PRISON BIRD.

Tyrannical and Jealous Feathered Beauty of Africa.

The peculiarity of the prison bird, a feathered beauty of Africa, is that he is the most tyrannical and jealous of husbands, imprisoning his mate throughout her nesting time. Livingstone watched the bird's habits while in Monpour, and in his subsequent observations referred to the nest as a prison and the female bird as a slave.

The nest is built in the hollow of a tree through an opening in the bark. As soon as it is completed the mother bird enters carefully and fearfully and settles down in it. Then papa walls up the opening, leaving only just space enough for air and food to pass through. He keeps faithful guard and brings food at regular intervals without fail. The female thrives under her enforced retirement. But if the prison bird is killed or in any other way prevented from fulfilling his duties the mother and her little ones must die of starvation, for she cannot free herself from bondage.

Normally the imprisonment lasts until the chicks are old enough to fly. Then the male bird destroys the barrier with his beak and liberates his family. "It is charming," writes Livingstone, "to see the joy with which the little prisoners greet the light and the unknown world."

THE NORMAN "OYEZ."

A Legacy of William the Conqueror to the Courts.

Everybody who has ever been in a United States courtroom knows that when the judge walks out of his chambers and ascends the bench the crier drones out:

"Oyez, oyez, oyez, the honorable court of the (whatever district it may be) is now in session."

Not many persons, however, realize that the crier says "oyez, oyez, oyez," instead of "harken, harken, harken," because of a chance visit that William the Conqueror made to an English court almost 900 years ago.

William had overrun England, seized the government and placed himself at its head. Happening to enter a courtroom, he heard the crier call the assemblage to order in English. William rebuked him and on the spot decreed that the business of all English courts should be transacted in Norman French, his native tongue. Afterward the courts went back to English, but to this day "oyez, oyez, oyez," clings to court customs wherever the English language is spoken as a reminder of the great Norman who whipped King Harold in the battle of Hastings—Scrap Book.

One of Life's Tragedies.

He had expected a tender embrace from his sweetheart, but her greeting of him was cold. He could not understand it.

"Darling," he exclaimed in agony, "what is the matter?"

But she remained silent, her lips tightly closed, and motioned him from her.

He fell upon his knees. "My love," he cried, "tell me what I have done to offend you? I swear I have done nothing wrong! I confess I kissed the Simpson girl last night at the party, but on my oath I-I thought she was you."

Her lips closed even tighter, but she uttered not a syllable, and, in despair of her unbending demeanor, he fled from the place, he knew not whither.

Would you know, oh reader, the reason of the conduct by which a woman blighted two young lives? 'Twas simply this: She had left her false teeth in the bathroom.

Probably She Meant It.

Lucie, a carefully brought up little girl of five years, returned from her first party in great glee.

"I was a good girl, mamma," she announced and talked nice all the time."

"Did you remember to say something pleasant to say something just before leaving?" her mother asked.

"Oh, yes, I did," was the enthusiastic reply. "I smiled and said: 'I enjoyed myself, Mrs. Townsend. I had a lot better dinner than I thought I'd have.'"—Delineator.

One on the Judge.

"Here you are," said the judge to the colored prisoner, "complaining that you can't get along with one wife, and yet Solomon had hundreds of 'em."

"Yes, yer honor," was the reply, "but you must rickollect dat de last testimony he give in wuz dat dey wuz all vanity an' vexation of spirit!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Still Holds Good.

"There was a time," exclaimed young Sponders, who had gone through a fortune, "when people used to say I had more money than brains. They can't say it now."

"No?" queried the caustic cad. "No, I'm down to my last penny." "Ah, but you have the penny."—Philadelphia Press.

Awkward.

A pretty schoolteacher, noticing one of her little charges idle, said sharply: "John, the devil always finds something for idle hands to do. Come up here and let me give you some work."—Judge's Library.

A New Sensation.

Mrs. Bullon—I wish I knew something to do that would provide me with an absolutely new sensation. Mr. Bullon—Go out and pay cash for something.—Life.

Windmills.

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BATHING AT DIEPPE.

When the Contesse de Dieppe Tried it in the Year 1865.

The Contesse de Dieppe, in her memoirs, gives an account of a visit she paid in 1865, which is interesting in view of the position Dieppe now holds among French watering places.

"The poverty of the inhabitants," she says, "was frightful. The Englishman, as they called him (and for them he was worse than the devil), was cruising incessant before their empty harbor. With much difficulty a boat was able to escape from time to time and go fishing, always at the risk of being captured by the foreigner or confiscated upon the return journey if the telescopers of the watchers had seen it approach a vessel.

"As for the comforts arranged for the convenience of bathers, which Dieppe has since organized, they were nonexistent at that time. My brother was able to find a little covered cart, and with great trouble and great expense, notwithstanding the universal poverty, a man was hired to lead the horses down to the sea and two women to go into the sea with me.

"These preparations raised the public surprise and curiosity to such a pitch that my first bath was watched by a crowd on the shore. My servants were asked if I had been bitten by a mad dog.

"I aroused extreme pity as I went by, and it was thought that I was being taken down to be drowned. An old gentleman called on my father to point out to him that he was assuming a great responsibility in permitting so rash an act. It can hardly be imagined that the inhabitants of a seashore could be so afraid of the sea.

"But at that time the people of Dieppe were chiefly occupied in keeping out of sight of it and in protecting themselves from the disasters which they feared the sea might bring, so that it was for them nothing more than a means of annoyance and suffering. It is curious to think that ten years later bathers were arriving in hundreds, that special arrangements were made for their convenience and that sea bathing of every kind went on without producing any astonishment in the neighborhood.

"I have thus attempted to point out that the custom of sea bathing, which is now so universal, is comparatively recent in France, for Dieppe was the first place where it began."

TREE DWELLING ANTS.

South American Insect That Acts as Plant Guardian.

Ant defenders of plants and trees are some of nature's pretty marvels. The Cecropia adenopus is a remarkable tree of south Brazil, widely distributed through the tropics. Its slender trunk is crowned with long leaves at the ends of the branches.

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The defenders rarely leave their retreat, where they live on small whitish egg shaped bodies about one-twelfth of an inch long, known as Mueller's corpuscles. These are formed of delicate tissue, rich in proteins and oils, as rations for the garrison of defender ants to feed upon. The curious arrangement by which entrance is made to the hollow stem has been studied by W. Schimper.

Just above the point of insertion of each leaf extends nearly to the superior node a superficial groove, at whose end is a rounded depression. There the tissue is thin, like a diaphragm in a tube, and it also is soft. The hole by which the ant enters is always pierced at this spot. The ants seem to have made their entrance through the groove originally because it was at the top. In the course of this plant's further development natural selection augmented these natural advantages, so that finally the thin, frail diaphragm as it exists today was developed.—Chicago Tribune.

Married the Day They Met.

Horace Greeley and Mary Young Cheney were married the first day they met. They had corresponded for some time, a common friend who was something of a matchmaker having brought this about. She was all his fancy painted her, but she was much disappointed in his appearance, so much so that when he appeared before her, having proposed and been accepted by letter, she frankly told him that, although she married him, she was not in love with him. Their married life was long and happy, and the loss of his wife was a blow which Greeley did not long survive.

Tommy's Lunch.

Uncle (who left his nephew "refreshing")—Well, Tommy, you see I'm back. Are you ready? What have I to pay, miss? Waitress—Three buns, four sponge cakes, two sandwiches, one jelly, five tarts and—Uncle—Good gracious, boy! Are you not ill? Tommy—No, uncle, but I'm very thirsty.—London Tit-Bits.

British Pride.

British hypocrisy is gradually disappearing. Until a few years ago most Englishmen fancied that to be born in the United Kingdom was to be a paragon of all the virtues.—Brussels Solr.

Envy.

"Don't be covetous," said Uncle Eben. "Envyin' what yoh neighbor has is mighty apt to put de opportunity in yoh neighbor's way foh handin' yoh a gold brick."—Washington Star.

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