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**CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.**  
Reformed—no services.  
Presbyterian—Spring Mills, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon.  
United Evangelical—Tusseyville, morning; Egg Hill, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.  
Reformed—Centre Hall, morning; Tusseyville, afternoon, communion; preparatory services, Saturday, 2:30.  
Methodist—Sprucecreek, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon; Revival services at Spring Mills, evening.  
Lutheran—Union, morning; Georges Valley, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening. Home and Foreign Missionary Society Thank Offering Services.

**LOCALS.**  
D. A. Boozer was confined to the house on account of sickness for several days the beginning of this week.  
Miss Ruth Beck, of Nittany, daughter of John Beck, was the guest of Miss Lella Huyett in Centre Hall for several days.  
Mrs. Minnie Richard and Mrs. Laura Lee returned to Centre Hall after visiting among friends at Altoona for about two months.

The farm stock and implements sold by James B. Stroh, at Centre Hill, at public sale last Friday, brought very fair prices. Cows sold very well. The sale footed up about \$1500.  
In the Orangeville (Illinois) Courier mention is made of two farm stock and implement sales netting \$7,700 and \$7,500, respectively. Those figures are considerably higher than the average similar sales in Centre county.

You would hardly think it, but there are twenty-eight church buildings in Centre Hall borough, Potter and Gregg townships. Of these seventeen belong to Gregg township, six to Potter township and five to Centre Hall.  
A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Shearer, of near Pleasant Gap. They are farming on one of the farms owned by the Gordons, and are getting along nicely, and now since the new arrival they will all the more make an effort to make farming pay.

Rev. Daniel Gress returned home from Greensburg and other points in West Moreland county, where he had gone on the sad mission of laying to rest the remains of Mrs. Gress. He was accompanied to his home by his three children, who will remain here. Under the regulation heading, Rev. Gress announces services at Tusseyville and Centre Hall.

There are some big hogs in Centre Hall, but they are of the breed that will hang on gambrels during this month, later to become gammon. Messrs. W. H. Meyer, W. B. Mingle, Byron Garis and Mrs. Rebecca Murray have porkers that will weigh between four and five hundred pounds, and perhaps some of them will reach over five hundred; and this is not all gammon.

After practicing his profession at Portland Mills for eight years, Dr. P. W. Leitzel has located in Benton, Wisconsin. Dr. Leitzel is a native of Pennsylvania, a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and during the past years has had considerable experience in hospital work. His many friends and acquaintances in this valley will join the Reporter in wishing him the deserved continued success in his profession.

Through an oversight the report of the Hart lecture was abbreviated, the latter pages of the article having been omitted in putting it in type. Reference was made to the music, furnished by a quartette of ladies, namely, Mrs. L. G. Rearick, Mrs. John H. Puff, Mrs. F. L. Moore, Mrs. S. B. Kreamer, who very well rendered two numbers. Miss Roxanna Bristol also sang a solo in a charming manner. Prof. F. H. Meyer acted in the capacity of organist.

According to the roster of congress just published, the Democratic representation in the next house will be 227 as against 163 Republicans and one Socialist. These figures give the Democrats a majority of sixty-three and a plurality of sixty-four. Colorado is solidly Democratic, while Indiana has twelve Democrats out of thirteen members. Even Pennsylvania has a respectable showing, for there are nine Democrats out of the thirty-two members.

Mrs. F. F. Wetzel, of Millheim was seriously injured at Coburn on her returning from a visit to her sons at Shamokin. When the train arrived near Coburn it stopped to take a siding for a passing freight train, and Mrs. Wetzel thought the train had arrived at the station and left the car. In alighting she fell down a steep incline along the track, sustaining severe bruises on her body. She was taken to her home and placed in a doctor's care.

**Harris township**

A number of Odd Fellows, from this place, attended the funeral of Jacob Jordan at Tusseyville on Tuesday.

A very pleasing entertainment was given by the Boalsburg primary school Wednesday afternoon of last week.

The Modoc hunting party returned on Saturday and the Rileys on Wednesday, each party have two deer.

Miss Mary Woods, of Spring Mills, visited in Boalsburg from Wednesday until Saturday.

Misses Helen and Larue Ishler, of Linden Hall, spent Saturday and Sunday at Boalsburg.

Miss Emily Alexander, of Centre Hall, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Murray.

Daniel Mothersbaugh visited at Pittsburg over Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Rose Grove, with her little son Edgar, of Scotia, visited in Boalsburg from Thursday until Tuesday.

Miss Beryl Brouse planned a surprise post card shower for her father's birthday, Monday the 29th of November.

Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin, of Millersburg, were visitors at the home of Adam Krumline.

Mrs. George Fisher, with her little boys visited with the Charles Fisher family at Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keller, of Houserville, were among the guests at the Thanksgiving dinner at the L. Mothersbaugh home.

Mrs. William Goben and daughter, Miss Margaretta, visited with relatives and former associates, at Altoona and Tyrone during the Thanksgiving season.

Mrs. Margaret Riley, mother of Mrs. J. P. Weber, and her niece, Mrs. Jasper Shontz, of Millersburg, attended the funeral of Mr. Weber on Thanksgiving day.

A union service was held in the Lutheran church in the forenoon of Thanksgiving day. Rev. J. I. Stonecypher delivered the address.

The recital by Miss Hasenplug in the Bohl hall last Thursday evening was well attended and very interesting. Several fine musical selections were rendered.

Clement Kuhn, of Rock View, and Miss Nora M. Miller, of Boalsburg, were married on Saturday afternoon at the home of the grooms parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kuhn.

Rev. Charles E. Stover, the pastor elect for the Boalsburg Reformed charge, is expected to arrive here some time during this week. Services will be held in the Reformed church next Sunday at 10 a. m.

P. M. Weber with his family, who came from their home at Huntingdon for the funeral of his brother, tarried for a few days with their immediate relatives at Boalsburg, Centre Hall and State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook Hubler, of Centre Hall, and James Musser, of Snow Shoe, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frederick, Mrs. Frederick is quite feeble, and Mrs. William Brouse, of Pine Grove Mills, is engaged as house keeper.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williams entertained H. M. Hosterman and family at supper on Saturday, 19th of November, the event being a celebration of the birthdays of Mr. Hosterman and Mr. Williams.

Sunday evening the church was comfortably filled. The service consisted of scripture reading, some statistics of missionary work, music, recitations by a number of the children of the Sunday-school and a short address by the pastor. The annual offering was given.

Harry C. Bailey and Miss Viola Segner, were united in marriage on the evening of Thanksgiving day at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Jared Mayes, at Milton. They spent a week with relatives at Williamsport and Pittsburg, and will now be at home at the Bailey home near Boalsburg.

**Spring Mills.**

Mrs. (Rev.) William Bierly, of Millersburg, spent a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palmer, of Lewisburg, were to see Mrs. Palmer's father, James Hanna, who is ill.

Clarence Musser and wife, of Chambersburg, are visiting at the home of B. D. Musser and family.

James Hanna, father of Mrs. C. E. Royer, is confined to bed. Mr. Hanna is an aged man and is getting very feeble.

Miss Grace Weaver returned home from Bellefonte where she had been in the hospital for six weeks.

Eugene Allison, of Bellefonte, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Allison.

Prof. W. A. Moyer and wife returned from a visit to Altoona on Thursday.

Daniel Heckman, of Coburn, is visiting his many friends.

Mabel Long, of Lock Haven Normal, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Long.

Quite a number of people from Coburn, Centre Hall and other places, attended the funeral of Mrs. Shook, on Saturday morning.

Mrs. Sarah Beatty was called to Avis to nurse a sick grandson.

**Too Risky.**

In boring for oil when the drill reaches the depth where it allows gas to escape every precaution is taken against igniting it lest there should be a destructive explosion. This necessary precaution gives point to the following story, told by a writer in the Pittsburg News:

"I can deal with men," growled a grizzled oil driller, "but a woman can outdo the best of us.

"I brought in a well in Virginy right close to the kitchen door of a little farmhouse. Just as we were getting to the ticklish point, where smoking wasn't allowed within forty rods, out comes the farmer's wife and goes to building a big fire in a Dutch oven.

"Mebby I didn't kick, but she just showed me a batch of dough an' said if she didn't bake it 'twould spoil. If I wanted the fire out I had got to pay for the dough—ten dollars too. She just dared me to touch that Dutch oven, an' I didn't touch it either. I just gave her the ten.

"Mebby we didn't get that fire out quick. If the well had broken loose it would have blown me an' the whole farmhouse out of sight.

"No, sir; I don't want any more dealings with women. They're too risky."

**Spider Web as a Styptic.**

A spider's web, an old cure for bleeding, is an uncleanly application, as it is generally procured from the most neglected corner in a room and is consequently laden with dust. The earliest reference to this remedy in our language seems to be in a translation of that curious encyclopedic work of the middle ages "De Proprietatibus Rerum," where we read, "Coppe webbe that is white and clene staunchyrb blood." But as I have seen it applied to a cut finger it has been anything but white and clene. There is another reference in Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," when Bottom, the weaver, says to the fairy Cobweb, "I shall desire of you more acquaintance, good master Cobweb; if I cut my finger I shall make bold with you."

As a styptic, however, it must be acknowledged a spider's web as some-what effective. In a case of excessive hemorrhage after the extraction of a tooth a dentist applied a cobweb with most satisfactory results.—Hospital.

**Military Rats.**

An old military dictionary tells us that rats were sometimes used in war for the purpose of firing powder magazines by means of lighted matches tied to their tails. We cannot offhand recall any historical instance of this, but presumably it did occur, seeing that Marshal Vauban laid down special rules for counteracting it. Anyhow, the dodge is as old as Samson, who, you may recall, used foxes in a similar way for a somewhat similar purpose.

As to the royal rat catcher, we may add that he had a special official livery. According to Pennant's "British Zoology," it consisted of a scarlet costume, embroidered with yellow worsted, in which were figures of mice destroying wheat sheaves. By the way, rats were not the only animals honored with special catches. Leicester, for instance, used to pay a yearly salary of £11-6d. to its municipal mole catcher.—London Standard.

**The Man-of-war Bird.**

The frigate pelican, or man-of-war bird, is usually met with by travelers in the tropics. Although when stripped of its feathers it is hardly larger than a pigeon, yet no man can touch at the same time the tips of its extended wings. The long wing bones are exceedingly light, and the whole apparatus of air cells is extremely developed, so that its real weight is very trifling. It flies at a great height above the water and from that elevation pounces down on fish, especially preferring the poor, persecuted flying fish for its prey. According to some authors, the name of man-of-war bird was given to it because its appearance was said to foretell the coming of a ship, probably because the frigate pelican and real frigates are equally adverse to storms, and both like to come into harbor if the weather threatens.

**Drinking and Smoking in Korea.**

The Koreans are inveterate smokers of green tobacco, which they use in pipes with tiny bowls and stems two or three feet long. They stick their pipes down the back of the neck when not using them.

There is a deal of drinking, too, though they have many proverbs against it—"Heaven and earth are too small for a drunken man," "White whisky makes a red face," "There is no bottom to the appetite for drink."

**Broke.**

They were drinking soda in the Gentlewoman's club.

"I wish," said the fat one with gray hair, "that you could break my daughter Nell of bridge."

The young one in pink smiled faintly. "I did break her last night," she said.—Brooklyn Citizen.

**Judicial.**

"Prosy old Judge Talkit got hold of Smythe the other day and treated the poor fellow to a regular judicial proceeding."

"What was it?"

"First he arrested his progress and then he tried his patience."—Baltimore American.

**A Riotous Pack.**

Uncle Eben—I tell ye that it's excessive indulgence in pleasure that kills so many men. Uncle Ezra—You're right on that, Eben. Those fellows that stay up till 9 o'clock pitchin' quilts by lantern light won't realize it till their eyes begin to fall 'em.—Puck.

**Peculiar Optical Effects.**

If one places a pinhead up close to the eye and directly in front of it the head of the pin appears transparent and things may be seen as easily through it as through a sheet of glass. The head appearing simply as a large round cloud. If it is placed somewhat closer no pin or head can be seen at all.

If one goes into a very dark room and puts a lighted candle near the side of one eye very pretty and peculiar effects are observed. A tracery, forming a regular network, can be easily detected, and this is merely the shadow thrown by the candle on the retina of the eye of the small capillary blood vessels between the retina and the candle.

If one looks to the side of a dim star in the heavens the star appears a great deal brighter than direct vision makes it appear. This is because the light in the indirect view falls on what is known as the "yellow spot" or point of keenest vision. As this is not put directly behind the front of the eye the side glance is necessary. Some people can see stars that way that they cannot perceive at all on direct vision.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

**A Sacred Bath.**

The number of queer things the various peoples do in the name of religion are legion, but no sight is more odd than that which may be witnessed on Radrinath, a peak of the Himalayan range in northwestern India. The peak looms 22,901 feet above the sea, and at an altitude of 10,400 feet there is built a shrine of Vishnu overhanging a great tank fed by water from the sacred thermal spring. Annually about 15,000 pilgrims climb the weary path to the shrine, and every twelfth year, when the Kumbh Melah is celebrated, the number increases to at least 50,000. Arriving at the shrine, the pilgrims adore the great idol, liberally fee the Brahmin priests and bathe in the sacred tank. This latter performance is slightly startling, as men and women, absolutely nude, plunge into the water with cries of joy until the entire tank is a seething mass of humanity, resembling very much the familiar "wiggle-tails" of an infrequently emptied rain barrel.—New York Times.

**Why He Hadn't Tried It.**

A party was encamped on the Bear river in eastern Utah, when a prospector came along one morning on a mule. He had his jaw tied up and at first seemed inclined to pass on without a word. On second thought, however, he halted and gruffly queried: "How fur to Salt Lake?"

"Three hundred miles," "Humph."

"Traveled far?"

"About 200 miles."

"Get your jaw hurt?"

"No; it's just an infernal toothache, and I'm a-riding five hundred miles to get it pulled."

We invited him down, and one of the crowd got a piece of string round the tooth and jerked it out as quick as you please. After the overjoyed man had ceased dancing about I queried:

"Why didn't you try the string before starting out on such a long ride?"

"Best kind of reason, sir. I hadn't nary a string."

**The Chief's Error.**

Goron was chief of the Paris police when the following incident took place: Lombroso had written a book in 1888 on criminality among women, so runs the story, and when it was finished wrote to Goron to send him "forthwith" some portraits of Parisian woman criminals. Anxious to please the writer, the package was made up and started on its tour to Italy. When the book came out Lombroso sent a copy, handsomely bound, to Goron, who saw his gift acknowledged on the first page. "It was a scholarly book," said the chief, "and would have had a large sale but for an error on my part. The pictures came out of the wrong drawer of my desk. They were not criminals at all, but women who had applied for hucksters' licenses, and a new edition had to be printed to make good a polite mistake."

**An Exchange of Courtesies.**

A couple of men got into a warm argument and finally came to blows. After the fracas a spectator remarked: "A soft answer turneth away wrath, and vice versa. We should all keep polite tongues in our heads. Only last night I heard a very fat man say with a loud laugh to a bowlegged friend:

"Jim, old man, you look as if you'd been riding a barrel."

"And you," snapped Jim sourly, "look as if you'd swallowed one."

**Lets Him Out.**

Mrs. Nagger—Oh, James, how law-kward! Mr. Smith has come, and now we shall be thirteen at table. Mr. Nagger—What then? Mrs. Nagger (with a shriek)—Why, one of us will die before the year is out! Mr. Nagger (brutally)—Never mind; I'm tough.—London Pick-Me-Up.

**A Cute Child.**

"Every time the baby looks into my face he smiles," said Mr. Meekins.

"Well," answered his wife, "it may not be exactly polite, but it shows he has a sense of humor."

**Gallant.**

Beautiful Widow—Do you know, I am forty years old today. Gallant Bachelor—Madam, you are just twenty. I never believe more than half of what I hear.

**Reckless Driving.**

"What is the matter with your wife? I see she's got her hand in a sling."

"Reckless driving."

"Horse?"

"No; nail."

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