

DEATHS.

Alfred Theodore Corman died at his home near Rebersburg, Monday 28th ult., aged thirty-six years, one month and five days. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon following his death, interment being made at Rebersburg, Rev. G. A. Stauffer, pastor of the Reformed church officiating, and Rev. B. F. Bieber assisting.

The deceased is survived by a wife, nee Mary Agnes Stiver, of Middleburg, and these children: Clair, Victor, Teresa May, Lester Eugene, and an infant babe. He was the son of Aaron and Amelia Corman, and was born at Farmers Mills. He was an industrious and respected citizen, a good neighbor and a faithful and devoted husband. He was a member of the Reformed church, at Rebersburg.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stine, widow of the late Jonas Stine, of Buffalo Run, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David R. Thomas, near Loveville. Her death was caused by a complication of diseases which followed a stroke of paralysis she sustained three years ago.

Her maiden name was Meyers and she was born in Ferguson township eighty-six years ago. Surviving her are the following children: William, of Johnsonburg; Mrs. Harry Gates, of Olean, N. Y.; Mrs. John Hoy, of State College; Mrs. Catharine Sellers, of Warriors Mark; Mrs. Emma Thomas, of Buffalo Run, and Mrs. Mary Thomas, of Halfmoon township.

Mrs. Catharine Yeager Haupt died in Bellefonte Wednesday evening of last week, aged almost eighty-two years. She was married to Simon Haupt, now deceased, in Millheim, in 1859, and was a native of Hartleton. The surviving children are: Mrs. Emanuel Klepfer, Mrs. M. R. Sample and Alvin, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Philip D. Foster, of State College; Mrs. G. Fred Musser and step-son, Henry Haupt, of Bellefonte.

James Passmore, proprietor of the Passmore Hotel, in Phillipsburg, successful coal operator and one of the controlling stockholders of the Centre and Clearfield Street Railway, died on Friday at the age of sixty-four years. Before locating in Phillipsburg, in 1873, he worked in gold, silver, copper and zinc mines in the south and west, and assisted in preparing the first shot of nitroglycerin at Hellgate.

George Edward Sharp died at the Elk's home in Tyrone. He was a son of William S. Sharp, of Bellefonte, and was aged almost twenty-seven years. He was employed in the Tyrone Machine Company plant and was unmarried.

David Spots, aged seventy-seven years, was found dead in the barn by his wife, Sunday a week, in Union township, where he had lived and farmed for many years.

Aaronsburg.

Ralph and Calvin Whitmore, of Salem, Snyder county, paid their annual visit of a few days to their uncle, W. H. Phillips.

Mrs. J. G. Meyer, one of Aaronsburg's aged ladies, was housed up for a few days. Her many friends are glad to learn that she is on a fair way to recovery.

E. G. Mingle, as a jurymen, is spending this week in Bellefonte.

Estella Musser spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Musser, at the Chapel.

Tom Meyers, wife and son John, of Coburn, spent the Sabbath at the home of the former's brother-in-law, George Weaver.

Grover Beaver and William Weaver came home from Plainfield, Illinois, to spend the winter months with their parents.

On Saturday evening Ray Stricker and Elizabeth Acker were quietly married at the home of the groom's parents, by Rev. Dice.

The grain show and egg show at Pennsylvania State College, during Farmers Week, will give Penns Valley farmers an opportunity to show their products and secure ribbons if they are deserving. It is not the "better eggs at home," or the "better grain at home" that will draw a ribbon for merit, but the best eggs and the best grain on exhibition. The Reporter expects to mention some Centre Hall poultrymen as having obtained blue ribbons for eggs.

Saturday, December 17th, is the day on which applications for liquor licenses in Centre county will be heard by the court. Applications have been filed for twenty-eight tavern licenses, five for wholesale liquor, and one for brewers, a total of thirty-four. The custom of the court has been not to grant the license on the same day of hearing the petitions, and this rule will likely prevail again.

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Number of Nails to a Horseshoe.

Centuries ago there lived a farrier, Walter le Brun by name, whose dexterity at the anvil on the occasion of a great tilting meeting on the banks of the Thames was noticed by the then reigning monarch, Edward III., who rewarded the blacksmith by granting him sufficient land adjoining the tilting green for the erection thereon of a forge. As quit rent he had to present annually to the king six horseshoes and sixty-one horseshoe nails. To the modern mind the number of nails would appear to be superfluous, but when it is remembered that the horseshoes of that period required ten nails apiece it will be seen that the calculations of Edward III. merely allowed one over in case of accident. Furthermore, the shoes were all to be for the horse's fore feet, from which fact some historians draw the inference that the animals ridden in the knights' tournaments were encouraged to injure each other with their front hoofs.—London News.

"Correct to a T."

Our earliest quotation for this or for the kindred phrases "to suit one to a T," "to fit to a T," "to know due to a T," is of 1693. Can any one help us to an earlier example? No one of our many instances throws any light upon its origin. A current obvious conjecture would explain "a T" as meaning "a T square," but to this there are various objections. We have no evidence as yet that the name "T square" goes back to the seventeenth century and no example of its being called simply "a T," and in few if any of our instances would the substitution of "a T square" for "a T" make any tolerable sense. The notion seems rather to be that of minute exactness, as it were "to the minutest point." But the evidence is mainly negative. If examples can be found of "T square" before 1700 or of its reduction simply to "T" or of earlier examples of "to a T" they may help to settle the actual origin.—London Notes and Queries.

The First Wire Nail.

Although the wire nail is a small thing, it would be a big thing to do without. Probably no one could estimate the millions or billions or trillions—whatever the number may be—that are used in a single year. Yet the first wire nails in the United States were made no longer ago than 1872. The first machine for their manufacture was brought over from Dusseldorf and set up in Covington, Ky. Later this single machine was multiplied by four and a company was organized. In 1884 the manufacture of wire nails was begun in Beaver Falls, Pa., and the product was already beginning to grow in popularity and usefulness. Just a year later a strike temporarily shut off the manufacture of cut nails, and the wire nail was in such demand that the manufacturers were swamped. From that time dates the supremacy of the wire nail.—Chicago Post.

The First Fireless Cooker.

Soon after the battle of White Plains, N. Y., while the American forces were drifting toward North Castle, the lone occupant of a house, one of the Pierce families, on the Bedford road at Pleasantville, N. Y., looking out of the window, descried a posse of Hessian soldiery coming up the pike. Having just placed a number of loaves of bread in the old Dutch oven, she bethought herself that it would be well to secrete them until the soldier band passed. She at once removed the loaves, which had already become heated, and ran up in the attic and placed them between two feather beds. The soldiers arrived in due time and soon appropriated everything removable. After their departure the housewife remembered the bread exodus, ran up the stairs, and lo, the bread was done to the "queen's taste"—Magazine of American History.

Figure it Out.

A beggar boy asked an old gentleman in the street for sixpence.
"What will you do with it if I give you one?" asked the old gentleman.
"Turn it into ninepence quick," replied the boy.
"How?"
"Give me the sixpence and I'll soon show you."
The boy got the money, darted off to a baker's shop and bought a three penny loaf, with which he returned to the old gentleman and handed him back 3 pennies.
"How's this? You said you would make the sixpence into ninepence."
"So I have. The baker's got threepence, you've got threepence, and I've got a threepenny loaf. That's ninepence."—Pearson's Weekly.

Late Hour Explained.

"What kept you until this late hour?" asked the husband of his suffragette wife.
"Well, my dear," she answered meekly, "you see it took us an hour to greet one another, the meeting lasted thirty minutes, and the rest of the time was spent in saying goodby."—Detroit Free Press.

When Women Run Us.

Friend—So your defective force is a failure? Chief Emma—Yes, we can't find any one who is willing to be a plain clothes woman.—Puck.

Consoling.

"That was tough meat you gave me last night," said the customer.
"Oh, run along!" said the dealer.
"You will forget it by the time you pay for it."—Buffalo Express.

Fame.

Little Willie—What is fame, pa?
Pa—Fame, my son, is a ladder with grease on each rung.—Chicago News.

CAVE ON PINE CREEK

Explored by Mr. Shoemaker, of New York.—Announcement "Antiquity of Baretown."

Henry W. Shoemaker, of the banking firm of Shoemaker & Bates, New York, accompanied by John Chatham, a contractor, of McElhattan, made a trip through Penns Valley a short time ago, their main purpose being to explore a cave on Pine Creek, between Coburn and Woodward. This was done, and Mr. Shoemaker was highly pleased with his discoveries in the subterranean cavern, which he declared to S. Ward Granley to be as beautiful and elaborate in stalactites and stalagmites as Penns Cave. Mr. Shoemaker is an authority on the question, having traveled extensively, and visited many caves in all parts of the world. The gentlemen were traveling on foot and by carriage, having come to Penns Valley from Middleburg, and from here went to Lock Haven.

In this issue will be found a little story, entitled "The Antiquity of Baretown," which, owing to the fact that the scene is in Centre county, will be of special interest to Reporter readers.

"The Hermit of the Knobs," is the title of a second story, that will appear in these columns later. The writer of these pretty little tales has heretofore written several stories for the Reporter and were printed several years ago. One of these was produced while Mr. Shoemaker was in Berlin as secretary to the American Embassy in Germany.

Texas grown oranges are being displayed in the windows of the Millheim Banking Company, in Millheim, Mr. Walters, the cashier of that bank, having received from that far off state by express several limbs of an orange tree loaded with fruit. The display was closely examined by many, the special interest being manifested because of the fact that a number of Penns and Brush Valley farmers are making arrangements to cast their lot in Texas, and perhaps engage in the growing of oranges.

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