

LOCALS

A narrow strip across the valley lying between Gregg station and Linden Hall was favored with a fine shower Monday afternoon.

New concrete walks have been constructed to the front of the residences of Hon. L. Rhone, Mrs. Mary J. Odenkirk, and W. Frank Bradford. The work was done by Messrs. Mingle and Boozer, who have constructed nearly all the concrete work done in Centre Hall.

If you have never tried a New Idea manure spreader you are unable to appreciate its superior qualities over other spreaders. Its light draft is a strong point, and then it spreads more evenly than any other manure spreader made.—J. H. and S. E. Weber, Centre Hall and Oak Hall Station.

Albert Bradford, proprietor of the Red Mill, was one of the Reporter's callers Monday evening. He is building up a good milling trade, in both flour and feed. During the past few days the water has been falling, cutting his power below normal, but he like all others in this section is hopeful that relief will soon come.

John F. Mullen, of Pittsburg, is in town among friends and relatives. He is almost a stranger here, although he lived here for many years during the early part of his life. His visits to the old home are not at all frequent, but this is due to his close attention to business, and not to the lack of appreciation of the old home scenes.

A Miles Arney, who is connected with one of the largest electric light and power plants in the world, of Niagara Falls, is expected in Centre Hall on Friday and will remain for two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Arney. Mrs. Arney and children have been here during the past three months, but will return to their New York home at the expiration of Mr. Arney's vacation.

Mrs. Jessie Whiteside, accompanied by her two bright and interesting sons, John and Alfred, of Harrisburg, has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. C. W. Swartz, at Tusseyville. Mrs. Whiteside is a native of Harrisburg, but Centre county, the home of her father during his youthful days, has many attractions for her, and it is seldom she misses spending a part of the summer here and in the southwestern portion of old Centre.

Telegraph operators employed on all divisions of the Pennsylvania railroad, both east and west of Pittsburg, Friday received word that wage increases had been made by the road without any solicitation by the key men. This move of the company makes \$60 per month the minimum wage paid to operators. All operators who have been in the service of the road for two years or more will also be given ten-day vacations with pay.

The legislature failed to appropriate money for the salaries of assistant superintendent of schools provided for in the new school code. Some superintendents, no doubt, will make appointments, and the appointees will begin their duties, depending on the legislature to appropriate money for their salaries at a later date. From the best information at hand Superintendent Ertter will not appoint his assistant until the money for the salary is provided.

The growth of the rural free delivery system becomes apparent when it is remembered that it started only fifteen years ago with 83 carriers at a salary of \$200 a year. On July 1 it is reported that there were 41,562 carriers with an aggregate salary of \$35,793,000. A raise of \$100 a year for carriers on standard routes has just been ordered. Postmaster General Hitchcock proposes to make up for the \$4,000,000 extra expenditures on account of this raise in salary by recommending a parcels post for rural routes.

Thursday was the annual "harvest home gathering" at Patrick Garrity's, in the Seven Mountains, for the Millin county people who frequently stop at that resort. The attendance was quite large, from home and abroad. The Reporter does not have a complete list of the participants on this occasion, but it has knowledge of the presence of the following: Messrs. Hackenberry, Riden and Tate, from Lewistown; Wm. Fleming, Reedsville; J. W. Brown, Bing Stover, W. C. Bunnell, S. S. Brown, James Nagley, S. D. Brown, Brownie McNitt, J. Howard McFarlane, A. F. McClinton and George Smeigh, of Milroy.

Last year was one of the most successful years in the history of the Lock Haven State Normal School. It is gratifying to note that this school is fully abreast of the times in buildings, equipment, and faculty. Its teachers are specialists who have had wide experience. It is chiefly a Normal School but it maintains Art, Music, Elocution, Business and College Preparatory Departments. It will provide during the year an adequate course in Domestic Science and Agriculture. Students who are looking for a good school in order to fit themselves either for teaching or for life will make no mistake in attending this splendid institution of learning. Write for its handsome catalog.

BATTLES WITH LOCUSTS.

In 1780 an Army Was Arrayed Against the Ravaging Pests.

Since the days of the pharaohs the locust has been an unmitigated plague. Pliny relates that in many places in Greece a law obliged the inhabitants to wage war against the insects three times a year—i. e., in their various states of egg, larvae and adult.

In 1749 locusts stopped the army of Charles XII. king of Sweden, as it was retreating from Bessarabia after its defeat at Poltava. The king at first imagined that he was being assailed by a terrific hailstorm.

In Transylvania in 1780 the ravages of the locusts assumed such disastrous proportions that the army had actually to be called out to deal with the pests, and whole regiments of soldiers were employed gathering them up and putting them into sacks.

A weird, uncanny looking customer is the locust. The general color scheme of his body is a kind of indefinite green, relieved by pink legs and wings of a whitish color. Two huge, blank, unmeaning eyes give an expression of utter imbecility to the insect's countenance.

To none in a measure for their destructive proclivities the locusts are edible. The Arabs are particularly fond of them. Camels, to which they are given after being dried and roasted between two layers of ashes, look upon locusts as great delicacies.

The flavor resembles that of crabs, and in Bagdad they are consumed so extensively as to affect the price of meat.—Stray Stories.

RIVERS OF ALASKA.

The Waterway Wonders of This Immense Territory.

Were the rivers not navigable there would be little done in the interior of Alaska today. First used by the prospector in his poiling boat and the trader with his little steamer, they have become the means of opening up every camp that has been struck in the interior of Alaska.

The Yukon is very shallow at its mouth, which is about seventy miles in width across its delta. There are places 400 miles from the mouth of the river where the biggest Atlantic liners could navigate with ease, for there are soundings which show a ninety foot channel in a mile wide river.

The Yukon is navigable for 2,100 miles. The Kuskokwim, a sister stream, has been navigated only on the lower reaches, but with its navigable branches is believed to have 1,000 miles of navigable water. The Tanana has been ascended for 500 miles and the Koryukuk in excess of that figure. Scores of other streams can be used by small steamers for from twenty-five to 200 miles. Altogether it is safe to say there are 5,000 miles of navigable streams in Alaska. The Yukon opens for navigation the latter part of May and closes the latter part of October.

But with all its wealth of gold, its unheard call to toilers of the soil, its mountains studded with gems of riches—the lodes of veins of copper and other materials—this empire starves for the one thing that would make it thrive.—Collier's.

The Name Noah.

Not many persons are sufficiently acquainted with the Bible to know that Noah was the name of a woman as well as of the patriarch. At an inquest in England a female witness gave her Christian name as "Noah." The coroner remarked that he had never before known a woman to bear the name, whereupon the witness, who was well posted in the origin of her singular premonition, said:

"It is a Bible name, sir; you'll find it in the last chapter of the book of Numbers." Reference was duly made, and in the eleventh verse of the thirty-sixth chapter the coroner found mention made of "Mahlah, Tirzah and Hoglah and Milcah and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad."

Betrothals in Germany.

In Germany an elaborate method of announcing the betrothal practically puts an end to all breach of promise cases. As soon as a couple become engaged the pair visit the town hall and declare their willingness to marry and sign, with witnesses, a series of documents which render a change of mind on the man's part practically out of the question. When either party wishes to withdraw from this agreement the pair again visit the town hall and additional documents are formally signed, witnessed and sealed. The authorities then determine the question of compensation for injured feelings, etc.

Ready For the Storm.

"I intend," the poet wrote, "to continue to storm the citadel of your affections." "Storm away," she wrote back, "but I've just succeeded in getting in out of the wet by becoming engaged to a dear old man who has \$9,000,000."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Smaller One.

Many stories are told of Tom Reed's sudden flashes of wit—as, for instance, when Miss Reed struck the earth instead of the golf ball and he said, "Hit the other ball, Kitty."—Portland (Me.) Express.

An Instance.

"We don't realize how much a thing's worth till we've lost it." "That's right. For instance, my life is insured for \$10,000."—Exchange.

No man is such a conqueror as the man who has defeated himself.—Beecher.

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REFRIGERATOR CARS.

Evolution of the Idea of "an Icebox on Wheels."

The refrigerator car was never invented, but just "fixed up." It was the idea of a New England railway man who needed some such thing as far back as 1851.

In June of that year the first refrigerator car is said to have made its trip from Ogdensburg, N. Y., to Boston. The car owed its origin principally to the fact that the farmers near Ogdensburg, who made a great deal of butter, were unable to ship it except in cold weather.

A railroad man named Wilder, at that time in charge of the through freight, thought it would be a good idea to rig up "an icebox on wheels," and he told this to the president of the road, who gave orders that the master mechanic should plan several of them.

At this time farmers were receiving only 12 cents a pound for their butter. The ice car was loaded with eight tons of it, sent through and allowed to stand in Boston till the product was sold. It brought 17 cents a pound after paying all expenses and commissions, and the plan was voted a success. In a short time the road had a regular service on, using a number of cars, and the idea spread rapidly.

Wilder did not patent his idea, but allowed it to be used by whoever so desired.—St. Louis Republic.

ODD VOLUMES.

They Are Members of a Unique Dining Club in London.

One of the most unique dining clubs in London is that known as the Sette of Odd Volumes, which was founded in 1878 and meets once a month from October to June. It consists of twenty-one volumes, or members, that being the number of the volumes of the Variorum Shakespeare published in 1821. There are also twenty-one supplementary members, who succeed to full membership as vacancies occur. The twenty-one rules of the club include the following:

Any Odd Volume losing his temper and falling to recover it shall be fined by the president the sum of 5 shillings.

Discussions about anthropology, religion and politics shall be put down by the president.

Any Odd Volume giving to another Odd Volume unasked advice shall be fined by the president.

No Odd Volume shall talk unasked on any subject he understands.

No Odd Volume's speech shall last longer than three minutes. If, however, the inspired Odd Volume has any more to say he may proceed until his voice is drowned in the general applause.

Volumes have to address each other as "Your Oddship."—Argonaut.

The Major's Tip.

When Major Banks was the best known figure around the race tracks of Cincinnati and the middle west he was extremely generous in tipping off his friends to "sure winners." One man who enjoyed his confidence and played the horses according to the major's advice lost all his ready money and finally succeeded in reducing himself to the point where he had to sell out his grocery business.

One afternoon, following the placing of his last ten dollar note as the major advised, he caught Banks by the arm and said tragically:

"Major, you've made me lose my last cent. I'm a pauper, and my wife and family are practically starving. I am now about to go down to the river and drown myself. It's all over for me."

"All right," answered Banks, "but in the event you change your mind meet me here at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. I think I'll have something good for you."—Exchange.

Kongo Tattooing.

In the Kongo colonies of Belgium both men and women are tattooed according to their status in society. A woman of high caste will have a design not unlike a zouave jacket worked upon her back, and it would seem that the native is as content with this mode of covering as if it were a substitute for clothing. By injecting the juice of certain herbs the scars left by the tattooing process retain a swollen appearance, giving the effect of bas-relief work. The thorns of the acacia are generally used as a needle, while a certain black clay is used as a coloring medium.

Cuts and bruises may be healed in about one-third the time required by the usual treatment by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. It is an antiseptic and causes such injuries to heal without maturation. This liniment also relieves soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

Colyer.

Bruce Weaver visited friends at Centre Mills over Sunday. The stork visited this place last week and left a baby boy at the home of James Swabb.

Rev. B. F. Bleber will preach his farewell sermon at Tusseyville on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cooney and son George spent one day last week at the home of Thomas Stover, near Millheim.

Mrs. Kline and daughter Ruth, of Ohio, and Mrs. Davis, of Lewistown, are visiting at the home of William Rokey.

A surprise was given Miss Ada Meese in honor of her birthday by her many friends. She received post cards, handkerchiefs and numerous other gifts.

The meetings held in Moyer's Grove and conducted by Miss Kline were largely attended. She will again conduct services on the 12th and 13th of August.

Eye Specialist in Centre Hall.

George F. Norton, O. D., of New York City, is spending this month in Centre Hall.

The ability of Dr. Norton in correcting defective sight is well known to many in and around Centre Hall.

Any who may be in need of his skillful service would do well to have his attention at once so that everything may be satisfactory before he leaves.

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