#### CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Reports of Services Held in Various Churches in Penns Valley. FA number of Christmas services were rendered in the various churches

tion, as appear below :

The title of a Christmas service rendered by the Sabbath-school of the printed : Methodist Episcopal church, Spring Mills, was " The Christmas Message. To say that the Message was con-

METHODIST-SPRING MILLS.

veyed promptly, uninterruptedly and in a highly pleasing manner, is only modestly expressing a whole truth.

The opening number was promptly started at 7:30 p. m. The rythmic strains of an instrumental rendition of the "Star of the East" reverberated through the room and caught the listening ears of the audience as perfectly rendered by C. C. Bartges, G. C. Gentzel and C. E. Zoigler. The word of welcome came from the lips of Richard Lantz, and was characterized by clearness, forcibleness and earnestness. Roy Brian, so much like a little man, clearly told of Father's Escape." Lester Hanna enthusiastically produced the biggest stocking he could find for the poor boy who never had a Christmas. "In a Manger Low" was beautifully rendered by the Snook sisters and Hassenplug sisters. "A Christmas Sunbeam," by Charles Hackenberg, was acted to perfection in his own inimitable style, rollicking in boyish gladnessas to call forth from the audience a prolonged burst of laughter. "Santa's Visit," by Margaret Zettle, was charmingly, fearlessly and coyly described. " "Santa's Picture," by Virgil Brian. reflected the picture of the " Pater " himself and well may he feel proud of his son. Master Paul Zeigler acquitted himself most creditably by his natural, coar and fearless manner of delivery. " The Song of the Stars, " by Clarabel Bartley, deserves loudest praise and the assembly showed their keen appreciation of her exceptional ability. Martha Smith with winsome, appealing manner, rendered her some, appealing manner, rendered her selection excellently. Paul Wesgley made his initial bow to a public gathmade his initial bow to a public gath- to the working out of the scheme. ering and did it so gracefully, it spThe services in the Evangelical AsIso, holding a lieutenant's commisChristmas eve. Mr. Limbert is a I know that sometimes in these little churches the sense of responsibility is I commispeared to all, as though he had long sociation were highly appreciated by sion. accustomed to public speaking. A solo entitled "Now Don't you tell," by Elizabeth Lantz, was most beautifully rendered and her sweet voice captivated the audience. A recitation entitled " A Mind Reader, " by Harry was rendered in a manner to reflect

"The Snow Shovelers," by three boys was an amusing exercise yet original, receiving very favorable comrendered with marked ability, being a tre Hall. demonstration of the inculcation of

parental training. An exercise entitled "Christmas Tidings "by Misses Bulah Decker, Emma Sones, Mary and Gladys and proved a very entertaining numproved to be the climax as "Santa" answered the call and put in his ap-During the offering "Rizzarot's Cleve Gentzel, trombone; and C. E.

by musically talented hearers. The musical program was rendered at the organ, accompanied with several orchestral instruments and a choir tion of G. Cleve Gentzel.

### REFORMED-SPRING MILLS.

On Sunday evening, December 24th, the Reformed Sunday School had their usual Christmas entertainment, and it proved a very delightful occabeautifully decorated, and artistically out resorting to soil robbing. arranged. The platform for the this institution to accomplish the end sion of plants and vines, presenting a very charming and fairy like scene. singing. All the little folks without prizes were given. The exhibit dislivering their pieces gracefully and acted like borne orators. The recitations of the older scholars were also well executed and like the little people had evidently been under skilled training. Thesinging was of an unusually high order of excellence. At the conclusion of the entertainment each scholar was presented with a package of choice caudy. All are to be complimented on the grand success; the church was crowded to its utmost.

LUTHERAN-SPRING MILLS.

A large audience attentively listened to the Christmas service rendered | And now it is 1912,

in the Lutheran church on Christmas eve. The children were given thelarger part of the program, and they acted, recited and sang very well. The pastor confined his remarks to "Value of our schools to church and State," a in Penns Valley. A few reports of topic assigned him in the program is services were forwarded for publical sued by the Lutheran Publication Board, which program was also used Times says: with many additions by the Sundayschool, and as executed is here re-

Responsive Reading
Address of WelcomeEugene Gramley
Song, Guiding Star No. 1School
DrillClass of Boys
Song, Send the Tidings School
PrayerPastor
Song, First Carol No. 2School
SoloKatie Ream
Recitation Hazel Leitzell Beatrice Emerick
RecitationHelen Ream
Mr. Santa Claus ManCharles Bartges
Responsive ReadingAngelic Appearance
Solo and ChorusGrace Dunkle
RecitationJohn Gramley
Little Ones of Bethlehem Alice Detwiler
RecitationJohn Myers
Song, "Many Years Ago" Primary Class
"The First Christmas" Dialogue Four Girls
"The New Born Babe"Martha Smith
A Christmas CarolLarius Moyer
Song, "Christmas Wishes "Four Girls
Resp. Reading " Wise Men at Bethlehem"
Song "A Song of Praise" No. 4 School
"Christmas Day"Four Girls
SoloCharles Bartges
Pantomime Eight Girls
AddressPastor
Song, "Welcome to Christmas" No. 5School
DuetThe Holy Birth
Offering
Resp. Reading, His Great Love and the Result
Distribution of Gifts
Song, "Glorious Tidings "School
" The Christmas Story "Ruth McCool

#### REBERSBURG

Responsive Reading Crowning Christmas

Class of Girls

Christmas services were rendered in the Lutheran, Reformed and Evanbersburg. The services in the Luth- is now known as Harris township. eran church was that prepared by their board of publication, and while simple, was in keeping with the the public schools for several years he ing. Their associates and friends in national Sunday-school Christmas spirit as viewed from a strictly religious point of view.

The program rendered in the Reformed church was elaborate and well

every one who attended them. Every number had been carefully prepared and was well rendered.

At the Brungart church, six miles east of Rebersburg, a Christmas service Winters, deserves special mention, as great credit on the little band of he recited with a flow of eloquence. church people and Sunday-school scholars.

Christmas services were rendered in ment. A recitation by Larius Moyer, both that Reformed and Lutheran was a very able production and was churches, on Christmas Day, in Cen-

### Banker and Farmer.

All branches of business are beginning to realize more and more that the success of the farmer means success in Weagly, was very beautifully rendered all lines. The farmer produces a vast deal of the wealth of the country, and ber. "The Telephone Message" he is being encouraged on all sides, as never before, to raise better crops, grow better cattle, horses, mules, etc., pearance with a great surprise to all. that not only his profits may be larg-Christmas Overture" was excellently and institutions may also profit more er, but that other branches of industry executed by C. C. Bartges, violin ; G. largely. The railroad companies, notably the Pennsylvania, are devoting Zeigler, organ. This difficult and much effort in this direction, for the classic number was much appreciated purpose of securing larger freight shipments, banks, also, are striving to give in fine style, Mrs. J. Max Lantz, who with the increase of crops they may is an accomplished musician, presided have a larger surplus to add to their of well trained voices under the directitution Andrew H. Wagner, a na- and finally sent for a physician. The tive of Potter township, is one of the vice presidents, issues a monthly magazine, entided "The Banker" which is largely devoted to topics calculated to spur the tiller of the soil to grow not only larger crops, but to do so without checking on the reserve fertilsion. The interior of the church was ity of the soil, or in other words with-

sought is a corn contest. Some seventy farmers participated, and to judge The program was quite lengthy con: the corn an expert was employed, and sisting of recitations, dialogues and a cosh prize of \$25 00 and other minor exception did remarkably well, de- played in one of the rooms in the bank building was photographed and reproduced in "The Banker" in the No-

vember issue. In its "commenta" the Banker gives this bit of advice to the boy : The whole country seems to be waking up to the importance of agriculture. As a matter of fact it is the farmer who has the money and he is probably making progressive strides faster than any of us. Today he is king pin.

Get a little farm, boy, study "soil fertility," get busy with some "intensive" work, and achieve independ-

At the time the last issue of the Reporter in the old year was leaving ly attended than ever heretofore. the Centre Hall postoffice, John W. The larger part of the "students" Stuart, well known in all parts of Cen- were farmers from counties distant tre county passed away. In giving an from the College, the Centre county account of his death, the State College

John W. Stuart, one of the foremost business men of State College died sud- sented, and these representatives were denly at 7:30 yesterday morning at his the best types of farmers in their loresidence on East College avenue.

Mr. Stuart was seen on the street early Wednesday evening and when he called for his mail just before closing time at the postoffice appeared to he felt somewhat indisposed but did the attendance increased to 600. not summon Dr. W.S. Glenn, the family physician, until early yesterday morning, being able, however, to call the doctor himself. Mr. Stuart was alone at the time, his wife being on a referring to young people known to visit to their son, William, in Oklaho-

necessary articles could be found. It evening, when their son, Clayton A, its harmonizing power by any means, was apparent, however, to the physi. and Miss Mae Zettle, of Spring Mills, but weakened where it might be cian that the attack was a serious one, were united in marriage. The cereand his two daughters, Mrs. Harold mony was performed at eight o'clock and his two daughters, Mrs. Harold by Rev. O. J. Coby, pastor of St. Paul's truer description were there but one Mathodist Episcopal church. The church in all communities: "My were hurriedly summoned, but before they were able to reach his bedside he had passed away, although he was bedside to be the description of the solidated Telephone Company and his bedside is the description of the communities: "My friends, worship is the symbol of the community. The church spire out in the fields is the center around which the breathing when Mrs. Shattuck arriv. bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ed. His death was caused by a stroke Jeremiah Zattle, of Spring Mills. of apoplexy.

The deceased was president of the First National bank and the State College Water company. He was also R. Runkle were married at Spring other institutions combined. closely identified with other local busi. Mills, at the Methodist parrouage by ness interests.

prominently connected with Centre eral years, has been living in Centre county history, his grandparents Hall, and is a young lady of personal gelical Association churches in Re- being among the early settlers of what attractiveness and genial disposition.

entered Pine Grove academy, which their respective home towns wish for years was a famous seat of learning | them a long and happy wedded life. in this section of Pennsylvania. He was yet a boy when the Civil War executed. The auditorium was most broke out and in 1862 enlisted in Comtinction until mustered out June 9, J. Max Lantz at 8:45 o'clock on rily be in small schools.

> At the close of the war he returned to Centre county and took up agriculture, which he followed for ten years. He then removed to State College and became a general merchant which he followed for a period of eight years, afterwards engaging in the sale of coal and wood.

He was married to Miss Margaret Ellen Musser, of Boalsburg, December 23, 1869, and to their union five children were born, three of whom are living: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shattuck, William A., and Mrs. Margaret J. Gilliland.

Mr. Stuart served as postmaster of State College for sixteen years, receiving his first appointment under Garfield-Arthur administration. He was a member of Foster post 197, Lemont, Union Veteran Legion of Bellefonte, and a leading member of the State College Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning after Christmas at 10 o'clock. at his late residence. Interment was made at the Branch cemetery.

H. Calvin Vonada died at his home near Zion of cerebral meningitie, after farmers valuable information so that two days iliness. He had worked November 1911, tract of land in very hard of late and two days before his death apparently went to sleep bank accounts. The First National As hours passed and he did not waken Bank of Joliet, Illinois, of which in- his wife and friends became alarmed doctor at once diagnosed the case as cerebral meningitie and though every effort was made to save his life he died. Complete exhaustion from April 1, 1910, tract of land in Spring overwork is thought to have been the twp. \$3800. cause of his sfliction and death. He was a son of H. D. and Augustina Hoy Vonada and was twenty-four Benner twp, \$500. years and four months old. He was a farmer by occupation and a very industrious young man. Mourning his twp. \$50. death are his nineteen year old wife, his parents and a number of brothers and sisters.

> David W. Shivery, one of the prominent citizens of Benner township for many years, died in Buffalo Run Valley on the old homestead farm, where he was born in 1838. He is survived by a widow and five children.

## Dairy Feeds.

The undersigned has just received s par load of Sucrene Dairy Food, Linseed Meal, Buffalo Gluten, Cotton Seed Meal.

The feeds that make milk and butter fat. Prices reasonable. All goods old under guarantee.

> W. M. ALLISON. Spring Mills.

Farmer's Week

The fifth Farmer's Week at Pennsylvania State College was more largefarmers, much to their discredit, not giving the institution much attention Every section of the state was reprecalities, many of them being farm managers, or farmers engaged in some special lines.

At the first session on Wednesday morning there were 200 farmers be in good health. During the night present, but by the close of the week

### Barger-Zettle

The Tiffin (Ohio ) Daily Tribune of December 21st, contained this item, many of the Reporter readers :

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles J When Dr. Glenn arrived Mr. Stuart was able to tell him where certain scene of a pretty home wedding, last force in the world is shorn, not of all

#### Springer-Runkie,

Guy Pierce Springer and Miss Pearl Rev. J. Max Lantz, on Christmas The Stuart family has always been eve, eight o'clock. The bride for sev The groom is a skilled tonsorial artist.

for the future and possessed of a kind, courteous and hustling disposition he always wins. The bride, the only daughter of Henry Mark, is a young ground to their individual loss. engaged in the hotel business and later lady of personal charm and pleasing manners. The young couple have this is by no means a full con been at home to their many friends for their losses, and especially for those since the first of the New Year, on the Limbert farm, in Brush Valley.

### Hubler-Miller.

At the Lutheran parsonage, in Rebersburg, on Sunday evening, Christmas eve, Rev. N. A. Whitman united in marriage Elmer E Hubler, of Rebersburg, and Miss Elsie A. Miller, of Tylersville.

### Transfers of Real Estate.

John D. Bower et al to W. H. Philps, September 29, 1911, tract of land in Asronsburg. \$1 00 W. L. Foster et al to George W.

Campbell, October 17, 1910, tract of land in State College. \$450. Martha M. Johnston's heirs to J.

K. Johnston, November 2, 1911, tract of land in Howard twp. \$2200. W. E Hurley, Sheriff, to Robert E. Kech, December 13, 1911, tract of land

in Snow Shoe. \$400. Centre Brick Co. to A. Y. Young, Howard twp. \$1050.

Edwin Strunk et ux to Harriet Pennington, November 22, 1911, tract of land in State College. \$375. W. E. Hurley, Sheriff, to William

Tressler, December 13, 1911, tract of land in Spring twp. \$715. William Martin to J. A. Meyers,

Joseph Hisey et ux to John Houser, September 1, 1883, tract of land in

Fergus Potter to Lena Calaban. April 1, 1896, tract of land in Benner W. F. Reynolds et ux to T. J. Tress-

ler, August 29, 1911, tract of land in does not de Benner twp. \$80. Charles D. Moore to T. D. Boal, November 24, 1911, tract of land in Harris twp. \$3000.

Since Robert M. LaFollette, the Republican senator from Wiscon has aunounced himself as an aspirant to the presidency, he has made several speeches in the native state of President Taft. Not to be outdone the President has arranged to follow the track of the senator and make a tour of Ohio the latter part of the month and peak in his own behalf.

Last week's issue of the Clearfield Republican contained five large colhief events which occurred during the OO MANY CHURCHES IN THE COUNTRY.

Communication III.

One objection to more than one church in each rural community is that more than one weakens Christianity's power to produce unity and cooperation

The Reporter wishes you all the in a region where they are specially needed. The tendency of the age is more and more towards cooperation, a Christian principle. In business enterprises working together in spirit of mutual helpfulness is found to be more conducive to mutual success and pros perity than competing is. Farmers must accept the same principle if they are to reap the rewards of industry that they deserve and meet the increasing obligations that an advancing civilization is putting upon them. On account of their isolation and the nature of much of their work there are special difficulties in the way of their seeing the need of and accepting, this principle which is doing so much for other em-ployments. They need to know and understand and trust one another more, to see more of one another; but the very institution whose services and teachings could do so much to this end separates them into little groups in one of their most vital interests and this dis-

specially helpful. Dr. Warren H. Wilson draws this whole locality revolves. The common the open spaces of this great land, to organize people in neighborhoods, and to cultivate a country life ideal, and to make country life worth while than all

Another evil result of dividing a comnunity into little religious groups is that none of these churches have the ing at Tusseyville, succeeding Sheriff enthusiasm, the interest, the life, the efficiency, and consequently, the success of numbers The church is too weak to undertake many things that in larger organizations have been found most Mr. Stuart was born August 23, 1844 and conducts a parlor in Millheim, ter and the Kingdom. For example, at the old homestead. After attending where the young couple are now liv- the new Graded Lescons of the Interwhich are meeting with great favor among intelligent, alert Sunday-school workers, and which because of their greater conformity to correct psycholog Agnew Elmer Limbert, of Brush ples must produce better religious train-

young farmer with bright prospects churches the sense of responsibility is Loganton, Indians, after a short uickened and puts to work certain individuals, and a character development results, whereas in a large church they There encouragement in this fact for those emselves thus placed. Still who find the cases where the small churches suffer because no one will take the leadership.

> Again in these divided neighborhoods the cause of the Kingdom lags because the churches do not possess an adequate material equipment—buildings, heating, ligating, and ventilating apparatus, libraries, maps, etc. Perhaps in most neighborhoods there is money enough invested in church plants, but it is not wisely invested in one instead of several plants. Considering church work as now generally understood I do not know purpose. There are some beautiful churches in the valley, and some about as undesirable for their purpose as they well could be. They might do for pioneer days, but certainly are not his lower jaw. what a grat ful devout people should erect in honor of God in this prosperous twentieth century,

It is quite usual that the church has no place for a prayer meeting, or a neeting of its official board or of any of its numerous societies; no place, except the one large auditorium which is expensive to heat in winter and is not the proper place for some of these meetings. All Sunday-school classes are crowded into one or two rooms where the conflicting noises and exercises of various grades make real teaching almost impossible, where, it has been found Adult Organized Bible Classes, one of the popular and promising features of modern Sunday-schools, are very loth to come. There seem to be few really to come. There seem to be few really to come. There seem to be few really to come the Stoner farm, near Tusseyville, and since then John H. Horner is wondering who the cuss was that estrable libraries in these churches, and naps and charts are also rare. I once neard a company of ministers making merry over the presence of a kitchen in connection with a church, asserting that t was making the Father's house a ouse of merchandise. They seemed to ssume that the only need of a kitchen was for the purpose of raising money by fairs and festivals and dinners.

I believe that " when a church has to may be sure that it is running away from Christ;" but when the running does not depend on these things, an occasional "pay" supper may have a genuine religious value. However, a church kitchen and dining room have nobler uses; and can be made useful, even necessary, auxiliaries in the car of Christ. How many of our church of Christ. How many of our churches have them? The new era of the country church which is before us will demand still further equipment. Consideration of this will be taken up in the next article. If these defective, out-of-date church plants were really necess ry and could not be remedied, it would be an ungracious task to speak of them; but the intention is to show that there is a better way for the church than that which has led to these conditions.

W. HENRY SCHOYLER.

Ten thousand dollars is the price paid by Abe Markie, of State College, for the Samuel Gardner farm, near that piece. The farm contains one

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good things in 1912 that you desire.

William Schrader, twice convicted of murder, will be hanged in Mifflin county, January 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter went to Altoons for a few days last week where they were the guests of relatives and friends.

After several weeks' visit to Harrisburgh, Philadelphia and New York, Miss Roxanna Brisbin returned to her home, just before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Bible, of Altoons, came to Penns Valley, and for afew days at Christmas time again enjoyed the homes of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Emerick, of Altoons, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver, of Powelton, were entertained by the mother of the ladies during

Christmas time. The large doll, the prize in the bean guessing contest conducted by Merchant E nery, was won by C. D. Bartholomew, who guessed the number

within six beans. As a result of a visit to Nebrasks, George Casper, of Pine Grove Mills, has decided to make sale in the spring and locate in that state on a ssembly, on Sunday, does more, all over large farm, rented during his brief

visit there. The farm stock, implements, etc., sold by George B. Lee, on the John R. Lee farm, at Colyer, summed up to \$1123.75 Mr. Lee is now blacksmith-

A. B. Lee in that business. Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Black, of Derry, were at State College during Farmers Week. The former attended all the lectures he could crowd in, and on his return was able to talk on many farm topics in a more intelligent manner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nearhood are very much pleased with their work at State College, and find it a pleasure to take care of the fraternity house in which they are located. They were at their old home in Centre Hall for

to his brothers and sister near Centre Hall. Mr. Burkholder, since graduwould probably remain in the back ating from Pennsylvania State College, has been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the signal department.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ocker, of Lewisburg, were guests of friends in Centre Hall, where ten years ago Mr. Ocker was in business. They are of the opinion that Centre Hall is growing more beautiful as each year passes by, and they apparently enjoyed every minute of their stay here.

Prof. and Mrs. C. F. Shaw, of State College, for several days during Christmas week, were guests of Dr. G. W. a church building in Penn's Valley that Hosterman in Centre Hall. Mr. is in the highest degree adapted to its Shaw did not enjoy the Christmas season quite as much as he might have done had it not been for a carbuncle that was doing strenuous business on

> Wednesday of last week Mrs. Rebeccs Scholl and her granddaughter, Rebecca Kreamer, went to Lemont, where they visited David Wagner, and from there they went to Bellefonte and were entertained by Mrs. Harrison Kline. In a few days Mrs. Scholl will go to Altoona, and for some weeks will be at the home of her

stole the hens. Mr. Horner just began farming a short time ago, and he is awfully anxious to form an intimate acquaintance with the man who visite i the roost while he was asleep.

Before the holiday season a number of civil engineers were at work in the vicinity of Mifflinburg, surveying under the direction of the state road department. They were working in the direction of Centre county, and it was thought they would continue until they reached the Old Fort. Whether or not they have again resumed their labors since the beginning of the new year the Reporter does not know.

J. S. Meyer, the Penn township poultry man, had a long desire fulfilled when he attended the Madleon Square Garden poultry show in New York, week before Christmas. Mr. Meyer also paid a visit to his son, Dr. J. Frank Meyer, at Bloomfield, New Jersey, as well as to two of his hters, one of whom is in Philadelphis and the other a student in West Chester Normal. The hustle and bustle of New York City was just a bit too strenuous for the poultry man, who prefers the quiet life about his well appointed home just below