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## TOO MANY CHURCHES IN THE COUNTRY.

Here a few words may be in place as to what seems an ideal condition as to churches in the country. Suppose that in every section having a radius of three or four miles, according to the density of the population and the contour of the land, there was a building rigidly devoted to worship, the church; then near by a welfare or neighborhood building, or parish house—the name is not essential—which would contain rooms of various sizes and shapes for the accommodation of the Sunday-school, the midweek devotional meeting, missionary and aid societies, bands, clubs, lectures, institutes, social and recreational meetings, library, reading room, and all those things which a church may properly countenance as contributing something "to make the world a fit habitation for the children of God." Whether there should be one or two buildings would depend on the wealth and desires of the community. Near by should be a house for the pastor, and if in the open country this would be a good place for the schoolhouse. The pastor should have an assistant, a young man or woman, tactful with the young, and specially trained for the work.

At this central church there should be a service of worship and preaching every Sabbath morning. Whether a second service should be held here, or whether the pastor should go out to various parts of his field in alternation and hold a service in grove or schoolhouse or farmhouse would depend upon local conditions. Such an arrangement would probably cost no more than the present method, and would certainly make possible much more efficient work for the Kingdom of Christ.

Such a church, giving to its members "the liberty wherewith Christ has made them free" could be maintained without any sacrifice of essential truth. A church should admit to its membership any that it believes Christ will admit to heaven. It is not necessary that all the members of a church should agree in points of doctrine or practice so long as they maintain a vital union through faith with Christ and manifest a sincere desire to walk as he walked.

After all how many of us can clearly state the differences in doctrine that separate us? A little company were discussing this recently. One woman above the average of church members in intelligence thought she could describe the difference between two denominations mentioned. One followed the Confession, the other the Confession, naming two familiar church symbols; but when asked to state the difference between the two confessions she was discretely silent. Can the average church member do better? Is it not a fact that in the great majority of cases what makes us love and cling to our particular church is associations and customs of race, family, place, and worship which do no touch the essentials of religion; and which we ought to be willing to sacrifice for the greater glory of God and the good of man? In the early church of Corinth some said they were of Paul, some of Apollus, some of Cephas, and some of Christ (1 Cor. 1:12) just as we today say we are of various Christian heroes; but they did not separate into so many little companies each with its own independent organization and outfit. Why cannot we keep together in the same way, agreeing to differ about the non-essentials, but co-operating in the great things of the Kingdom? If a little group of us, finding ourselves one in these same non-essentials, wished to have a good time discussing or practicing them we might be allowed to have an occasional meeting apart from the general congregation.

Many will say that this ideal or any other that contemplates only one church where there is room for only one is chimerical, and will never be realized. In the business world love of gain has united men and interests more hostile and jealous than are our churches. Is the love of Christ less powerful than the love of money? It may act more slowly but I would not like to think that it has less power. Perhaps after all we may be nearer something of the kind than we think. Events in God's world have often taken a course and moved with a rapidity surprising to men. It may be so again, although the writer is looking for no miracle.

In another paper, the last of the series, reference will be made to some things already accomplished in the way of reducing the number of churches in the country, also some suggestions as to what should be done under present conditions.

If you are in need of a sled, or sleigh, consult J. H. and S. E. Weber, at Centre Hall and Oak Hall Station.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effectual for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all dealers.

## 1912 ELECTION INFORMATION

**Auditors General and State Treasurer to be Chosen.**

Geo. D. Thora, chief clerk in the state department, has compiled his annual pamphlet of election information for the present year. It is full of valuable information, covering the following matters:

The February elections having been abolished, the election business pertains to the spring primaries and no county, city, borough or township officers may be elected this year.

In the state at large there are to be elected thirty-eight presidential electors, an auditor general and state treasurer. In each congressional district there is to be elected one representative in congress; in each odd numbered senatorial district, which includes Centre-Clearfield district, one state senator; and in all counties or representative districts, members of the state house of representatives. There can be no other elections this year, unless a vacancy should occur in the supreme or superior court two months before the election.

Because this is a presidential year, the spring primaries will be held early so as to provide for the election of delegates to the national convention of the parties. Saturday, April 13, is the date for the primaries. At these primaries delegates and alternates to the national conventions will be elected in each Congressional district.

Last day for filing petitions for nomination, for spring primary, with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Saturday, March 16.

Last day for filing petitions for nomination for party offices and for delegates to national and state conventions, for spring primary, with the county commissioners, Saturday, March 23.

Last day for filing certificates of nomination by state convention, Tuesday, September 24.

Last day for filing nomination papers for the November election, with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Tuesday, October 1.

Last day to pay tax to qualify for the November election, Saturday, October 5.

Last day for the filing statement of expenses for spring primary, Saturday, April 27.

Last day for filing statement of expenses for November election, Thursday, December 5.

Because of the widespread confusion with regard to the effect of the constitutional amendments on the terms of 30,000 or more public officers throughout the state, a table is given, made up from the schedule of the amendments and from the act of March 2, 1911, which act fixed the terms of those not fixed by the schedule. The summary is as follows:

Justices of the peace, aldermen and magistrates elected in 1907 and 1908 will serve until the first Monday of January, 1914; those elected in 1909, until the first Monday in January, 1916; those elected in 1910, until the first Monday in December, 1915. Those elected in 1911, will serve from the first Monday of December, 1911, until the first Monday in January, 1918.

Because of the fact that terms of some of the above-named officers were, by the schedule of the amendments, specifically fixed to expire on the first Monday in December, in the years 1913 and 1915, their terms could not be further extended by the Act of Assembly. Those whose terms would expire in 1912 and 1914 were not fixed by the schedule, and their terms were extended to the first Monday of January of the proper year. The successors to those whose terms expire in either 1913 or 1915 will serve six years and one month, so that in the future all terms will begin on the first Monday in January.

All municipal officers elected to four-year terms in 1908 will serve until the first Monday in January, 1914.

All officers elected in 1909 to either three or four-year terms will serve until the first Monday in January, 1914.

All officers elected at the February election, 1910, to terms that were heretofore either three or four years, will serve until the first Monday in December, 1913. Their successors' terms will run for four years and one month, or until the first Monday in January, 1918.

The terms of all public officers which have heretofore been fixed at odd numbered years, are each lengthened one year.

**Business Stand For Sale.**

The undersigned offers for sale his entire stock of general merchandise and business. Goods are also being offered at greatly reduced prices to customers buying in large or small quantities. Do not miss this opportunity to get staple goods of all kinds at the lowest possible figures.

J. FRANK SMITH,  
Centre Hall.

## LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

**Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.**

The following letter is from a man well known to many of the Reporter readers, and while it is addressed to a personal friend, it is of such a character that it is gladly given space under this head:

**CLOUSER & GILLILLAND**  
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in  
HARDWARE  
NEW BLOOMFIELD, PA.  
January 8, 1912.

G. L. GOODHART,  
Centre Hall, Pa.

Dear Friend:

I read with interest last fall an article in the Centre Reporter, from the pen of your brother, James M. Goodhart, relative to Timothy Ladd, a pioneer educator of Penna Valley; also other communications following his, and later that some action had been taken tending towards the erection of a monument of some kind to his memory. I have felt for some time that I ought to make public my knowledge of Timothy Ladd as I recall it from my father and mother and especially from my uncle, John Gilliland.

My grandfather, Joseph Gilliland, came from Lewisburg to Spring Mills about the year 1800, and continued to live there until the construction of the Lewistown and Bellefonte turnpike began—just what year that was I am unable to say. He then moved to near Centre Hill, onto the property now owned by Adam Ripka, and boarded the men employed on the turnpike.

In 1806, while grandfather lived at Spring Mills, uncle John Gilliland was born with only one lower limb, as many of the older residents of Penna Valley will remember. Sometime during his boyhood days, and while grandfather continued to live at Spring Mills, Timothy Ladd came to the home of grandfather from New England. Ladd, being a helpless cripple himself, was interested at once in uncle John, a fellow cripple. A bond of sympathy was the beginning of a life-long friendship.

Grandfather arranged for Ladd to remain in his home and take charge of the education of his boys, but more especially John, the cripple. How long Ladd remained in the home at Spring Mills, I cannot say, but my recollection connects the removal of grandfather from Spring Mills to near Centre Hill, with the founding of Timothy Ladd's famous Long Bridge school, on the banks of Sinking Creek, near the old home of David Kimpfort.

While Ladd conducted the Long Bridge school and boarded with the patrons, yet his home was with my grandfather. Sometime during his stay in the home he inscribed in the family Bible (which I now have in my possession) the family record. The style of his penmanship is remarkable for beauty and plainness. The record is well preserved and highly prized because it is the work of this noted man.

I heartily approve the action taken to establish a memorial, and would suggest that you communicate with Dr. William S. Gilliland, of Karthaus, Clearfield county, a son of uncle John. It is possible that amongst uncle's papers something may be found that will be of interest.

If at any time I can help further this worthy project I will gladly do it. Hoping yourself and family are well, I remain your old friend,

JOSEPH M. GILLILLAND.

Former Commissioners' Clerk E. J. Williams, of Fleming, sends the Reporter these few lines:

I hope you will prosper and I want to say that I appreciate it that you have never been a bitter partisan, but published a clean newsy paper that is fit to be read by all the family and a credit to the publisher.

**Keith's Philadelphia Theatre.**

The chief attraction at Keith's theatre this week is Harry Houdini, who circumnavigated the earth three times giving his handout and straight jacket exhibitions, and is now known as the "Handout King." He is a miracle worker in new daring feats.

Other attractions at this popular play house are "Rube" Dickinson; Lay Toy Brothers; "Trovato" creator of the violin; Byron and Langdon; Dale and Boyle; "Dick," the hand-writing dog. Photo-plane motion pictures at the close of every performance. Matinee every afternoon except Saturdays and holidays; prices, 25c to 50c; evening, 25c to \$1.00.

Scovene Dairy Feed has proven to be an all round economical, practical feed, and one that brings satisfactory results—R. D. Foreman, Centre Hall.

On February 19, Company L will hold an election to select a captain to succeed Col. H. S. Taylor, resigned.

## TELEPHONE COMPANY MEETS.

**Officers for 1912 Elected—Large Attendance of Directors and Stockholders.**

The fifth annual meeting of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company was held in the Grand Jury room, in the new court house, Bellefonte. It was the largest gathering of directors and stockholders held since its organization. Those present were:

CENTRE HALL.  
Leonard Rhone          W. E. Tate  
J. T. Potter              S. W. Smith  
Bellefonte.  
Willard Dale          J. T. Zeliger  
A. C. Grove              W. W. Tate  
H. K. Zimmerman       P. W. Mosser  
Sheriff A. B. Lee        Thadous Cross  
Samuel Zettie            J. W. Houser  
D. M. Campbell, J. C. Gilliland, Oak Hall; Ira P. Conner, Henry Heaton, Yarnell; Amos Kauffman, H. T. Struble, John H. Cole, Zion; Robert Glasgow, Tusseyville; H. J. Markle, Harry Ishler, Samuel Kelsch, John Griffith, Pleasant Gap; J. B. Ishler, State College.

The Patrons Rural Telephone Company was organized February 12, 1906, there being at that time eight rural lines owned by branch companies, doing business as a co-partnership company. In April, 1903, the company became incorporated and has since been working under the state charter issued at that time. The company now is comprised of sixteen Branch Companies, known under the following titles:

No. 1 and 2, Dale Summit  
No. 3, Pleasant Gap  
No. 4, Pleasant Gap  
No. 5, Zion  
No. 7 and 8, Centre Hall—Linden Hall  
No. 9, Tusseyville  
No. 12, March Creek  
No. 14, Linden Hall—State College  
No. 18, Farmers Mills  
No. 19, Colyer  
No. 20, Pine Stump  
No. 21, Penna Cave  
No. 25, Spring Mills—Madisonburg  
No. 29, Colyer No. 2  
No. 30, Pine Crypt  
No. 31, Spring Mills Pike, West

The majority of these companies have in use more than one circuit of wire, and some of them four and five circuits. There are on these lines, which lead to the Bell exchanges at Bellefonte, State College, Centre Hall and Spring Mills, at the present time, two hundred and seventy-five telephones, about one-third of which are furnished by the various companies to persons not stockholders.

The officers of the company are: President, Leonard Rhone; Vice President, Willard Dale; Treasurer, D. M. Campbell; Secretary, S. W. Smith. The business of the company is transacted by a board of directors, one of whom is elected from each branch company. The officers serve without compensation, not even receiving their actual expenses.

Since July, 1910, the company has distributed to its stockholders over three hundred and twenty dollars, and next month it will again distribute about two hundred and fifty dollars.

**LOCALS.**

If you have anything to sell advertise it.

The state is getting to be almost too good to Centre county. It has the promise of the pen, and now comes the promise that a large game reserve is to be established in the Seven Mountains, including the Bear Meadow territory.

On Wednesday Attorney Cuberson and Rev. T. E. Rhoads made a final appeal to the board of pardon in behalf of William Schrader, condemned to death for the murder of his sweetheart, Myrtle Singley, at Yeagerstown. If sentence is not commuted he will be hanged on the 25th.

In the Reformed church, in Centre Hall, on Sunday evening, a representative of the Anti-Saloon League will speak. The speaker is a new man in Centre Hall, and the pastor is anxious to have a large audience greet him. A special invitation is extended to all to come to the services.

Israel Spayd, of near Madisonburg, will quit the farm, having rented the same to Mr. Swartz, and about April 1st, will move to near Penna Cave, and will occupy the Ream property for many years owned by J. B. Ream. The latter will make his home with his son-in-law, Mr. Spayd, who by the way purchased the property he will move onto some few weeks ago.

The Ford automobiles continue to be popular in the country districts, and wherever they are used the cars are giving the best of satisfaction. C. H. Breen & Co., of Millheim, who sold a number of cars in Penna Valley and in other territory during 1911, have again contracted with the Ford company for the current year. The local firm expects to do a better business this year than last, not only because their territory has been extended, but because of the well-behavior of the 1911 machines sold.

We are all for Wilson and reorganization in the state. It is a merit to be for Wilson and opposed to reorganization. Wilson does not stand for the methods of the old rulers in the Democratic party in Pennsylvania.

## TRAIN KILLS HORSE.

Miss Bertha Bibb, of Potters Mills, escapes being run down by leaping from sled as train approaches.

Thursday evening, at about five o'clock, James Stover, of Penna Cave, and Miss Bertha Bibb, of Potters Mills, made a narrow escape of their lives while on their way to Yeagerstown in a two horse sled.

The sled was loaded with household goods belonging to Benjamin Stover, of Potters Mills, who on that day was moving to Yeagerstown.

At the sharp curve near the high trolley bridge which spans Kishacoquillas Creek, near Reedsville, the public road crosses the railroad, and on reaching this crossing one of the horses driven by Mr. Stover slipped and fell. The other horse was quickly unhitched and taken to a place of safety, but before the young man was able to get the fallen horse onto its feet, a passenger train swung around the curve and hit the animal, wounding it fatally. The animal after being struck ran a distance of two hundred feet, and then dropped dead.

Miss Bibb, who remained on the sled while the horses were being unhitched, made a miraculous escape by leaping from the seat a moment before the engine, which was running backwards, struck the prostrate horse.

The household goods and sled were buried in all directions, and a part of the wreckage landed in the creek. The sled is a complete wreck. Mr. Stover is a son of Samuel Stover, tenant on the Ream farm at Penna Cave, and nephew of Benjamin Stover, whose goods were being transported.

**Bill Boasting Agricultural College.**

Wednesday a measure was introduced into both the house of representatives and the senate providing for larger appropriations to agricultural colleges in the several states, on condition that the states appropriate a like sum. The bill, if enacted, in about three years will give the agricultural colleges six million dollars more than they now receive.

According to the general plan out of which this measure springs, it is proposed that the procedure shall consist of getting into general practice the best methods known of scientific agriculture by employing trained agriculturists, or practical farm demonstrators, skilled in the most approved methods of farm practice, to take to the farmer on his own farm the information or knowledge that will enable him, the latter, to interpret and adapt to his local conditions the best methods of farming. In plain terms, it will as rapidly as possible, place a trained, practical man, selected and directed by the respective State Agricultural Colleges, permanently in each agricultural county of the United States, and enables the farmer to become master of his calling aided by the best services the country can furnish, and supported by Federal and State funds.

**Funds for American Bible Society.**

The net proceeds of the Week of Prayer was \$14 10, which sum was forwarded to the American Bible Society, New York, as contributions from the five congregations in Centre Hall.

The extremely cold weather throughout last week was responsible for small audiences at several services. Sunday night the attendance in the Lutheran church was quite large, that being the only night the weather conditions permitted out of town people to attend.

The ministers and lay forces who were on the program filled the time assigned them discussing the topics selected by the general committee. The sermons and papers were highly instructive and edifying.

**GOOD WAY TO DO BUSINESS.**

**Murray & Bitner Sell Reliable Remedy at Half Price and Guarantee a Cure.**

When one can buy gold dollars for fifty cents, it is a good time to purchase.

In ordering a 50 cent bottle of Dr. Howard's celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia at 25 cents, Murray & Bitner are giving one of the greatest trade chances ever offered to the people of Centre Hall.

If food does not digest well, if there is gas or pain in the stomach, if the tongue is coated and the breath bad, if there is constipation and straining, Dr. Howard's specific will cure. If it does not, you have druggist Murray & Bitner's personal guarantee to return your money.

Dr. Howard's specific gives quick relief and makes permanent cures of constipation, dyspepsia, and all liver troubles.

There are strong statements, but Murray & Bitner are giving their customers a chance to prove their truth at just half the regular price—sixty doses for 25 cents. If they are not found true, all you have to do is ask for your money.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Sleds—Webers.

Perry H. Luse, representing Huyett and Luse, purchased three horses at the Millheim sale, last week.

A veterinary surgeon license has been granted Dr. J. F. D. Bowersox, of Aaronsburg, by the state examining board. Dr. Bowersox intends practicing his profession at Aaronsburg.

Providing she can find suitable rooms, Mrs. John Conley will move to Centre Hall next spring. Her son, James Conley, of Freeport, Illinois, will remain with her until some time in April.

And now comes along Sidney Poorman, who announces that Mr. Moore and Mr. Keller are not the only farmers having twin calves in their barns, for a short time ago one of his cows also gave birth to twins, which are doing well.

In the United Evangelical church, at Millheim, Sunday morning and evening, Rev. I. N. Blair, formerly pastor there, conducted a cash rally service. The funds will be used to pay for the steam heating plant installed some time ago.

The latter part of last week former sheriff Cyrus Brungart went to Pittsburg to attend the dairy and fruit show, which is the largest ever held in Pennsylvania. Mr. Brungart, being president of the Centre County Fruit Growers' Association, is especially interested in the fruit exhibit.

E. H. Huyett, of Centre Hall, was elected a director in the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, more commonly known as the Centre Hall company. He succeeds the late James B. Strohm. The selection is a good one, as Mr. Huyett is a man of good judgment and business ability.

As a means of collecting funds with which to enlarge the library in the Millheim High School, a number of entertainments have been given during the past, and to further aid this cause, Humphrey C. Diebert, a humorist, will appear on Friday evening in that town. Admission twenty-five cents.

For the first time in four years Daniel E. Gutelius visited his old haunts at Millheim. He was the guest of Dr. F. E. Gutelius, and was called east on account of the death of his mother, wife of Dr. Charles A. Gutelius, of Millburg. Mr. Gutelius is now located at Warren, Ohio, and is engaged in business.

In one of the mails the latter part of last week, E. S. Ripka, of Centre Hall, received a check for one hundred dollars that is highly prized by him. It means more to him than its actual value, for it is a prize check presented by the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company, and means that Mr. Ripka's work for the year on all around showing was the best of any of their agents. Mr. Ripka is to be congratulated.

With potatoes worth a dollar and more per bushel, the farmer who has his cellar supplied with a stock he expects to pass off next spring at even a higher price than that prevailing now, is taking every precaution to keep the tubers from freezing. In passing through the country, if you observe a light shining from the cellar window, just make up your mind that an oil stove or large lamp is burning to keep the frost from turning the starch into sugar.

J. A. Williams, who for a number of years has been a school teacher, and recently principal of the Port Matilda High School, has given up the profession of teaching and is devoting all his time to the sale of school books. Heretofore Mr. Williams was with the American Book Company, doing work for them during the vacation period, but he is now with the J. B. Lippincott Company, of Philadelphia, and has in his territory about one-half the counties in the state. Mr. Williams is particularly well fitted for a "school book agent," and his employees will find him a valuable acquisition.

John Johnston, of Maringo, is happy because he has recovered the sight of both his eyes, but not without undergoing an operation at the Willis Eye and Ear hospital, Philadelphia, of which institution Dr. McCune Radcliffe is the chief operating surgeon. Ten years ago Mr. Johnston injured his left eye to such an extent that the sight was destroyed. A month or more ago he suffered an injury to the right eye, and also lost the sight of it. Totally blind the fellow members of the Knights of Malta to which order Mr. Johnston belonged, prevailed upon him to go to a hospital. He yielded, and the result is as stated above, he now again has the use of both his eyes, the scum which formed over them after the injuries having been removed.