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CENTRE HALL, . . . PENN'A.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1912

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Protestant—Centre Hall, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon.
United Evangelical—Lemont, morning; Linden Hall, afternoon.
Lutheran—Tusseyville, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.
Reformed—Spring Mills, morning; Unkai, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.
Evangelical—Linden Hall, Saturday evening; Tusseyville, Sunday morning; Mountain church, afternoon; Spring Mills, evening. Communion at all points. Sermon by Rev. D. C. Carls, of Madisonburg.

DEATHS

Nonagenarian Dead.

William Auman, aged almost ninety-four years, died Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Blauser, at Potters Mills. Funeral Saturday morning, nine o'clock at the house; interment in Georges Valley. A more extended notice will appear next week.

William Dreifelbis, born near Millheim, July 18, 1850, died near Orangeville, Illinois, at the age of almost sixty-two years. He went west with his parents forty-six years ago.

The Orangeville Courier says: Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his demise the following sisters and brother: Mrs. Hettie Kleckner, of Monroe, Wisconsin; Mrs. Mary Steese, of Lena, Illinois; Mrs. Rebecca Musser, of Orangeville; Mrs. Sarah Musser, of Jewell City, Kansas; Mrs. Hannah DeHaven, of Monroe, Wisconsin; Joseph, of Orangeville.

William Reifsnnyder died at his home in Millheim, in which town he was born and lived all his life, on Tuesday morning, after an illness of several weeks. He was a carpenter by trade, and was well-known throughout the lower portion of Penns Valley.

The deceased is survived by a wife, whose maiden name was Hoover, and three sons and one daughter, namely, Harper, at home; John W., Linden Hall; Evans, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. J. W. Tressler, of near Centre Hill. His age was sixty-eight years, ten months and seventeen days.

Rev. John M. King, pastor of the United Evangelical church in Centre Hall from 1886 to 1888, died in Williamsport, Sunday afternoon. Interment was made Wednesday afternoon, at New Berry. His age was sixty-three years. There survive the wife and two daughters. Rev. King was in active service from 1869 until the last conference.

Mrs. Rose Mamolen, wife of Morris Mamolen, and mother of Mrs. D. J. Nieman, of Millheim, died at her home in Lock Haven. She was aged sixty-nine years.

Deaths Throughout County.

Mrs. Charles Gulsewite, in Bellefonte, aged thirty-seven years.

Mrs. Jemima Parsons, in Milesburg, aged seventy-seven years.

Mrs. George Swisher, in Phillipsburg, aged sixty-four years.

John L. Shaffer, of Jacksonville, born in Spring township, aged fifty-seven years. One brother, S. H. Shaffer, of Pleasant Gap, as well as the widow, nee Miss Emma Vouads, survive.

Linden Hall.

Miss Taylor, of Altoona, spent Friday in this place.

Mrs. Bertha Walker returned from a visit among friends at Penn Hall.

Mrs. John Reifsnnyder and daughter Irene are visiting friends in Millheim.

Mrs. J. H. Ross is spending a few weeks with her sister Mrs. S. E. Goss in Reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarlane spent Sunday at the John Mitchell home at Lemont.

Among the recent arrivals was a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace White.

Miss Lavon Ferree accompanied by her friend Miss Mary Gross came up from Lock Haven Normal to spend Sunday with her parents.

We beat again.

If the automobilists don't like the kind of mud and depressions on Main street, they can go one block west and travel Huffer street. It's just fine—not a thank-you-ma'am in it.

Attorney General Bell has decided that Centre county is in the "western" part of Pennsylvania, and that the selection of Centre county for the pen site is not contrary to the provision of the law which says that the pen shall be in the western part of the state.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

AGAINST PERPETUAL FRANCHISES.

A Privilege Restrained by Constitutional Provision or General Law.

The report is that certain parties are seeking from the council a perpetual franchise granting them the legal right to furnish to Centre Hall and its citizens electric light. This is a matter in which it will be well to go slow. About twenty years ago I made a special study of the public utility question, and ever since have followed more or less closely its progress. The trend of public sentiment, especially of that part of the public more interested in the general welfare than in advancing their own interests at the expense of others, is decidedly against granting to private parties or corporations privileges that never end. It is felt that it is not just to future citizens for borough or city authorities to give away, even for a price, that which may be of great value in the future. If our civilization moves on in its present direction it will be only a comparatively short time till all municipalities will wish to own their water works, lighting plants, etc., so great are the advantages in cheaper service and greater freedom from corruption. To do this many boroughs will find it necessary to buy at great cost that which perhaps was once given as a free gift. Public undertakings sometimes fail because of bad management, as do private enterprises sometimes; and the occasional failures are widely advertised by those who make great profits by getting franchises from the public; while the many that succeed are not heard of, since no body has a financial interest in making them known.

Prof. R. L. Ely, formerly of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, who has given years of disinterested study to this question, and who is a generally recognized authority on it, declares that these public undertakings much more frequently succeed than fail, that they save consumers great sums of money and remove a most frequent cause of political corruption. "An attorney for one of the large companies engaged in supplying towns with water-works told me [Prof. Ely] that his skill had been taxed in assisting them to pump water enough into their stock. It had been watered again and again, and it was still necessary to add to it to conceal the enormous profits." Electric lighting is likely to be more profitable than furnishing water.

Centre Hall is probably not yet ready to build and own its own electric lighting plant; but no one knows what it may find desirable in the future and wish to do and we should not now bind it hand and foot with a perpetual franchise which may become a great burden to our children. And why should we do so? No company will continue to furnish light unless it pays, and pays well; and if it pays the company will not refuse to undertake the job because the borough keeps control over its streets and guards carefully its own welfare. It will be better to wait a while rather than do what may be very much regretted when too late. In fact this idea of granting an everlasting franchise is so far behind the times that many corporations no longer ask for it in wide-awake communities; and our most advanced states forbid it in their constitutions or by a general law.

Let the franchise be limited—say to twenty-five years—or let the people vote on the question. Whatever franchise may be granted one thing should be carefully guarded against, and that is, the disfigurement of our beautiful village by cutting shade trees, erecting unsightly poles, and so forth. The borough's experience with the telephone companies should teach a lesson. These companies are not so great an eye sore here as in some other towns, yet some parts of Centre Hall would be greatly improved in appearance if their poles were properly located.

W. HENRY SCHUYLER.

A Birthday Party.

A birthday surprise party was given on Saturday evening in honor of Miss Ida Hettinger by her mother, and brother and sister, Harry and Lottie. Refreshments served were ice cream, cake, candy, and bananas. Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Hettinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hettinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Roush and family, Ester Hennick, Grace Ripka, Viola Harter, Ester Foreman, Margretta Tressler, Bessie Harshberger, Mary and Nettie Lingle, Bertha and Nellie Bible, Ruth Royer, Mary Carson, Lloyd Houser, Grover Weaver, Charles and Clarence Miller, Andrew Garver, Bruce Corman, Robert Birchfield, James and Elmer Lingle, Plummer Hoar, George Harter, Charles Nevil, Clyde and Charles Lingle, Guy Foreman, John Bitner, Phillip Confer, Bloomer Weaver.

The Famous Brady War Photos.

The famous Brady War Photos may be secured through the North American, beginning Sunday, May 12. Our plan is to issue each week, a complete section, containing from 40 to 150 photographs, representing important scenes, such as Bull Run, Shiloh, Corinth, Frederickburg, Appomattox. These sections are printed on heavy white coated paper, and will continue for sixteen weeks, and can be obtained by securing a coupon issued with the Sunday North American and 15c by mail.

Each section will be complete in itself. You can obtain one or all, just as you desire.

County Grange Meeting.

The Centre County Pomona Grange will meet at Port Matilda, Thursday, May 23rd. There will be two sessions in the afternoon and evening.

Auction at Colyer.

George R. Meise, the Colyer merchant, will hold an auction sale Saturday evening of this week.

Spring Mills.

Miss Maggie Weaver spent Sunday at her home at Robersburg.

Mrs. Foster Walker, of State College, visited in this vicinity last week.

Rufus Finkle, of State College, spent Sunday with his parents, A. W. Finkle.

Mrs. (Dr.) H. S. Braucht and Mrs. W. O. Gramley were to Madisonburg on Saturday.

Miss Miriam Long, a student of Selinsgrove University, spent Sunday at her home.

A meeting was held on Thursday evening at the postoffice to arrange for Memorial services.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Zibler were to Jacksonsville on Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Martin, who died at State College.

The members of the Masonic Lodge who attended the funeral of M. L. Rishel, of Farmers Mills, were Hon. W. M. Allison, Dr. H. S. Braucht, Rev. Max Lautz, C. P. Long, H. F. Rossman, and James Condo.

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PASTURE FOR CATTLE—The undersigned has charge of the Reitz pasture lands, and solicits the patronage of farmers having young cattle. Terms on application. GEORGE C. HOSTERMAN, Manager, Boalsburg, Pa. 11.

DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE—The undersigned offers for sale the dwelling house adjoining the Penna Valley Banking Company property, on Church street, the property known as Spicher home. The house is in good repair, large and commodious, and well located. For further particulars apply to W. R. MINGLE, Centre Hall, Pa. Jun. 22/12.

FOR SALE—2-horsepower portable engine. No. 1 Frick saw mill with three head blocks, 50 inch chisel tooth saw, United States double edge with chisel tooth saw, cut-off and line shafting, and good belting throughout. This mill is a late model and in first class condition. Also, 12-horsepower Frick traction engine with suction hose and ten-barrel wagon tank. Also, No. 1 Ireland shingle mill and joiner; 6x20-inch sweep; stake planer and matcher. J. F. TREAT, Centre Hall, Pa. 15-21.

LEGAL NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested that the following inventories of the goods and chatties set apart to widows under the provisions of the Act of April 14th, 1862, have been confirmed nisi by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Centre County, and if no exceptions be filed on or about the first day of the next term the same will be confirmed absolutely.

1. The inventory and appraisal of personal property of John A. Swartz, late of Walker township deceased, as the same was set apart to his widow, Amelia Swartz.

The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Samuel Wiser, late of Millheim borough, deceased, as the same was set apart to his widow, Clara J. Wiser.

J. FRANK SMITH, Register's Office, Bellefonte, Pa., April 23, 1912.

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Bilious attacks, sick-headaches, indigestion, constipation, dizzy spells—these are some of the results of an inactive liver. Ask your doctor if he endorses Ayer's Pills in these cases. The dose is small, one pill at bedtime.

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