

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The Various Churches and Sunday-Schools in Penna Valley Will Hold Special Services.

Many of the churches and Sunday-schools in Penna Valley will hold Christmas services.

The times appointed for these services greatly enjoyed by all—young and old—are these:

- BOALSBURG.**  
Reformed, December 24, evening.
- LINDEN HALL.**  
United Evangelical, December 26, evening.
- CENTRE HALL.**  
Reformed, December 24, evening.
- TUSSEYVILLE.**  
Reformed, December 25, evening.  
Lutheran, December 25, evening.
- SPRING MILLS.**  
Reformed, December 22, evening.  
Lutheran, December 22, evening.
- GEORGES VALLEY.**  
Lutheran, December 24, evening.
- WOODWARD.**  
Evangelical Association, December 22, evening.
- MILLHEIM.**  
Reformed, December 22, evening.
- AARNSBURG.**  
Lutheran, December 24, evening.
- FIEDLER.**  
Reformed, December 23, evening.
- PENN HALL.**  
Reformed, December 25, evening.
- REBERSBURG.**  
Evangelical, December 24, evening.

CROPS AND LIVESTOCK—\$9,532,000,000

Department of Agriculture Issues Final Estimate of 1912 Harvest.

Final estimates of the production and value of the nation's principal farm crops in 1912 were made public by the department of agriculture.

The wealth produced on farms through the soil and farmers' live stock reaches the enormous total of \$9,532,000,000. Of this, \$6,137,000,000 is derived from crops and \$3,395,000,000 from livestock.

The value of the thirteen principal crops of the country are as follows:

Crop	Value
Corn	\$1,520,454,000
W. Wheat	232,572,000
S. Wheat	231,708,000
All Wheat	555,280,000
Oats	452,469,000
Barley	112,957,000
Rye	23,636,000
Buckwheat	12,720,000
Flaxseed	32,202,000
Rice	23,423,000
Potatoes	212,550,000
Hay	856,695,000
Tobacco	104,063,000

Aaronsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver spent a day at Coburn with Thomas Meyer. Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, is spending a few days among his many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Weaver were up to Klondike to assist their son, Arthur to kill a nice lot of hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Acker came home from Plainfield, Illinois, where they were employed for the last three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guisevite, of Fiedler, were the welcome guests, one day last week, of Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver.

Congratulations to J. F. Krape, as the stork left a fine baby boy at his home recently. Both mother and son are doing fine.

Miss Mertie Forster, of Reading, is at present with her cousins Mary and John Forster, and will remain for an indefinite time.

Miss Maud Hoeterman, one of the fine seamstresses in this section, is at present spending a few weeks with her brother-in-law, John Zerby, at Farmers Mills.

On Saturday morning A. S. Stover, Esq., William Krape, and Mrs. James Roush took Mrs. Maggie Krape to the Danville Hospital. All her friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Harvey Crouse, the buckster, made a business trip to Renovo. Henry Liogle accompanied him as far as Lock Haven, where he is visiting his uncle Albert Stambach. He will meet there his brother Albert, who is coming from Buffalo, N. Y.

On Sunday, the 15th of November, Mr. and Mrs. William Guisevite celebrated their 25th anniversary of their marriage. Those who were invited to the grand turkey dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Crouse, Misses Mary and Matie Forster, Miss Sara Guisevite, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bower and daughter May, Mrs. Thomas Harper, Mrs. Caroline Maza. Congratulations to the family.

Some time during March John Homan, who for two years farmed the Henry Homan farm, east of town, will become a resident of Centre Hall, and will occupy a portion of the Fielesher home. He will be employed on the Reporter's acres.

Judge Smith, sitting on the bench at Clearfield, Monday morning refused the motion for a new trial in the case of Jack Keeler, convicted of the crime of killing Joseph Roemer, the Clearfield brewer, and was immediately after sentenced to be hanged.

The Democracy of Death.

In the democracy of the dead all men at last are equal. There is neither rank nor standing nor prerogative in the republic of the grave. At this fatal threshold the philosopher ceases to be wise, and the song of the poet is silent. Dives relinquishes his millions and Lazarus his rags. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man is as poor as the pauper. The creditor loses his usury, and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation. There the proud man surrenders his dignities, the politician his honors, the worldling his pleasures. The invalid needs no physician, and the laborer rests from unrequited toil. Here at last is nature's final decree in equity. The wrongs of time are redressed, injustice is expiated, the irony of fate is refuted, the unequal distribution of wealth, honor, capacity, pleasure and opportunity which makes life so cruel and inexplicable ceases in the realm of death. The strongest there has no supremacy, and the weakest needs no defense. The mightiest captain succumbs to that invincible adversary, who disarms alike the victor and the vanquished.—John J. Ingalls.

Beauty Five Centuries Ago.

They have dug up an old beauty book in Italy, published 500 years ago, which laid down the following rules of the game: "To be beautiful," says the work, "the women must have the following: Three white things—skin, hands and teeth. Three black things—eyes, eyelashes and eyebrows. Three pink things—lips, gums and nails. Three long things—life, hands and hair. Three short things—teeth, ears and tongue. Three wide things—forehead, shoulders and intelligence. Three narrow things—waist, mouth and ankle. Three delicate things—fingers, lips and mind. Three round things—arm, leg and dowry."

Things haven't changed so much in five centuries, have they? Or, let us say, that woman's beauty is immortal and immutable.—Albany Times-Union.

A Thoughtful French Wife.

Weary of life, a farmer went out to his barn and hanged himself. A little later his wife, entering the barn to feed some animals, saw her husband swinging from the rafters. Arguing that if, as it was natural to think, her husband intended to commit suicide he would be exasperated by the frustration of his intention, she left the body as it was and went on with the work of the farm. Several hours later in the evening, when her daughter came back from the fields, the woman told her what had happened. Mother and daughter deliberated for some time as to what ought to be done and finally decided to inform the mayor. When that official came in haste and cut down the body life had been extinct for several hours.—London Telegraph.

A Bird Performer.

Cannaries and other tame birds are sometimes taught to perform tricks, but it always has been regarded almost an impossibility to train a wild bird. Andrew Hume, the famous Scotch bird lover, trained one of the wildest of Scotch birds to perform all sorts of remarkable tricks—to jump and keep time with the skipping rope, to perform on the slack and tight rope, climb an upright rope, stand on top of a running carriage, draw cards out of a box, mount a ladder and ring a bell, go round a wheeling stair step by step and fly to its owner's head when called upon.

Ingratitude.

When Lord B. died a person met an old man who was one of his most intimate friends. He was pale, confused, awe stricken. Every one was trying to console him, but in vain. "His loss," he exclaimed, "does not affect me so much as his horrible ingratitude. Would you believe it? He died without leaving me anything in his will—I, who have dined with him at his own house three times a week for thirty years!"—Life.

Sad Case.

Son—I came across a very sad case this morning, father. I pitied the man with all my heart. Father—What was it, my son? I am pleased to know you show so much sympathy for the poor. Son—There was a deaf and dumb man begging in the High street who had an impediment in his speech. Father (crossly)—Impossible. Do not expect me to believe such nonsense. Son—It is the truth, father—he had a finger off.

In Boston.

"No doubt she's very charming in her way, but I can't remember when I've seen a person of pretensions so lacking in culture."

"Dear me, what has she done?" "Why, she persistently and invariably neglects to sound the 'd' in 'iced tea.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Good and Evil.

Accustom yourself to submit on every occasion to a small present evil to obtain a greater distant good. This will give decision, tone and energy to the mind, which thus disciplined will often reap victory from defeat and honor from repulse.—Colton.

The Mind.

Little Elmo—What is the mind, Elmer? Little Elmer—The mind is something that turns round and round in your head and makes up stories.—Chicago News.

Too Modest.

Mrs. Jinks—Bingor says their baby is the smartest in the United States. Jinks—Why doesn't he claim the European rights too?—Outlook.

A desirable gift to a friend—The Centre Reporter for one year.

Red Bridal Gowns.

It is of interest to note that the choice of white for wedding gowns is comparatively of modern origin. The Roman brides wore yellow, and in most eastern countries pink is the bridal color. During the middle ages and in the renaissance period brides wore crimson to the exclusion of all other colors. Most of the Plantagenet and Tudor queens were married in that vivid hue, which is still popular in parts of Brittany, where the bride is usually dressed in crimson brocade. It was Mary Stuart who first changed the color of the bridal garments. At her marriage with Francis I. of France in 1558, which took place not before the altar, but before the great doors of Notre Dame, she was gowned in white brocade, with a train of pale blue Persian velvet six yards in length. This innovation caused a great stir in the fashionable world of that time. It was not, however, until quite the end of the seventeenth century that pure white, the color worn by royal widows, became popular for bridal garments.

Bruin Was Fishing.

I was walking up the river shore one evening about sunset watching for a deer. Rounding a bend, I saw perched upon a flat rock some few feet from shore a large black bear. I could not tell at first what he was doing. He was stooping down, with one paw in the water, waving it gently to and fro. I watched closely and saw, just beyond his reach, a large male salmon, so nearly dead that he could not swim. The bear was using his paw to create an eddy which would draw the fish within his grasp. Slowly the salmon drifted toward the rock. It was amusing to watch how carefully the bear moved his paw, so as not to frighten his prey. At last the fish came within reach. Bruin reached over, gave it a quick slap, seized it in his jaws and leaped ashore. The whole performance tickled me so that I let him go off, the salmon dangling in his mouth, without even taking a shot at him.—Charles Stuart Moody in Outlook.

Pleasant Lessons in History.

Improved historical plays form part of the history lesson in a London school. Children nine and ten years old act the battle of Hastings, boys representing William the Conqueror and King Harold leading parties of Normans and Saxons, respectively. Rulers serve as swords, and the armies advance and withdraw realistically. When the children take their seats after the combat the teacher asks them historical questions about the battle and the characters they portrayed. Among other plays presented are "The Siege of Calais" and "The Introduction of Printing into England." In the latter play the king visits Caxton to see the printing press and have the process explained. Interest is maintained at high pitch despite the fact that there is no costuming and no stage setting, the printing press being represented by a plain wooden box.

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Through cars are operated over the lines between all important centers of population, and an excellent dining car service is available at the usual hours for meals on the through trains. The all-steel equipment of the trains adds greatly to the security and comfort of passengers.

The spirit of the holiday season stimulates the wish to travel, and the facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad and its connections appeal with equal force to the home-coming young folks and the migrating people of maturer years.

The comprehensive train service, apart from the local trains well known in each community, covers a wide extent of territory.

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TO THE SOUTH.

Those contemplating a trip South, to the resorts of the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, and the Gulf Coast, will find a number of fine trains between the important cities of the Pennsylvania Railroad; and cars to the more important cities of the South, running through from and to New York via Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. On January 6, 1913, the through Limited Trains between New York and Florida and will be placed in service.

COMMERCIAL CENTERS LINKED.

An examination of the time tables of the Pennsylvania Railroad will show that practically all important commercial centers on its lines and connections are linked by through trains, through cars, or convenient connections, affording accommodating service.

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