

LOCALS

William A. Erdley, of Pennsylvania, Snyder county, is a candidate for jury commissioner in that county. He is a Democrat.

Miss Hilda Wagner, of Howard, was entertained by the Misses Rowe for several days, returning to her home the beginning of this week.

Miss Christine Shumaker, of Lancaster, is a very welcome visitor at the Reformed parsonage in Centre Hall. She will remain for a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Burkholder will go to California to spend the month of July with relatives of Mrs. Burkholder and with friends at Panama.

The Milroy baseball team defeated State College last Saturday on the latter's grounds. The score was 6 to 1. Calvin Smith did the twirling for State College.

Prof. D. P. Stapleton, of Millinburg, was elected principal of the Millheim High School. He taught a school of a similar grade in Rebersburg for one or more years.

A camping party of five from Sunbury have squatted along Sinking Creek, near Corman's, at Penn Hall. The gentlemen are Messrs. Snyder, Drumm, Knouse, Leaster and Fisher, all graduates of the Sunbury High School.

The next annual session of the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania will be held in the City of Lancaster, on the second Tuesday of May, 1914, and already the Lancaster County brethren are at work making preparations to entertain the visitors.

Saturday afternoon is the time for the Centre county association of Philadelphia to hold its annual picnic at Belmont Mansion, Fairmont Park. The writer regrets that he is not able to accept the invitation forwarded by the association officers.

Dr. W. H. Kohler, Mrs. B. F. Reish and daughter Vida, and Mrs. J. W. Brown and son Jefferson, of Milroy, came to Centre Hall to see Prof. W. A. Krise, the latter part of last week. Dr. Kohler was here on professional business, and the ladies are daughters of Mr. Krise.

The Reformed and Lutheran cemetery association met in the Reformed church on Monday evening in annual session. No business of importance was transacted. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read, and a committee was appointed to secure additional land.

The Hartleton correspondent to the Lewisburg Journal made this reference to Penns Valley people: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Catherman on Tuesday entertained Mr. and Mrs. Evans and children, and Mrs. Jacob Meyers, of Spring Mills. They made the trip to this place in their auto.

A bill has been passed permitting county commissioners to purchase voting machines. The types of machines must be approved by a state board of examiners composed of the governor, secretary of the commonwealth and attorney general. The adoption of voting machines is optional with the county commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Potter, last week, attended commencement exercises at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, where their only daughter, Miss Mary Delinda Potter, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. They were accompanied home by their daughter and a niece, Miss Anna Hays, a school teacher in Watsonstown, who on Monday entered Pennsylvania State College to take the six weeks teacher's course.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Geiss and daughter Miss Hazel, and Mrs. Daniel K. Geiss, the latter the mother of the former, all of Girard, Kansas, are in the east, and while in Centre Hall are being entertained by their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fliok and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerlin. Mr. Geiss holds a position in the Girard State bank. Conditions generally are very good in Kansas, Mr. Geiss says, but growing crops were suffering for lack of rain when he left the state.

A week ago mention was made in these columns that Rev. J. Max Lantz had been selected pastor of the Methodist church at Curwensville, and that there only remained the sanctioning of the selection by the Bishop Cranston. The Reporter is now informed that official has granted the request of the Curwensville congregation, and that Rev. Lantz will assume active charge of his new field by the first of July. This means, of course, that the Penns Valley charge after that date will be vacant.

The Howard Hustler hears that it is rumored that a branch railroad was to be built from that place to Jacksonville, and further says: Recent developments seem to indicate that the new road is about to be constructed. One of the steam shovels used on the B. E. V. improvements was retained here and on Tuesday Engineer F. A. Fields and his men began a survey of the route through the narrows. The road if built will be used to transport the products of the American Lime and Stone Co. from their recently acquired quarry at Jacksonville.

Irvin Schreckengost, of Tylerville, was a business caller in town last Friday.

Quite a number of our people attended the festival at Wolfs Store held on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Floyd Gramley, of Lewisburg, is spending this week at this place under the parental roof.

Mrs. George Wolford has just returned from a week's visit with her two daughters at Lewisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Weaver, of Coburn, spent last Sunday at this place at the home of Scott Stover.

Mrs. R. B. Wolf, of Colorado Springs, Col., spent several days the past week in town visiting relatives.

During the past week the large barn on T. W. Walker's farm was reroofed. The Bierly carpenter crew did the work.

Quite recently the stork visited the home of Clayton Winters and left a little baby. This makes Clayton all smiles.

Our road supervisor is at present having a lot of stone crushed and placed on the public road where most needed.

Harry Musser, who was employed at Philadelphia the past eight months, has returned to this place and will spend the summer with his family.

Paul Lambert, who is a member of the St. Paul's Orphan Home, of Greenville, is at present visiting his grandmother Mrs. J. K. Meyer at this place.

Rev. and Mrs. Houtz, of Orangeville, are visiting in town. On Sunday morning Rev. Houtz preached a very interesting sermon in the Reformed church.

Mrs. Landis, widow of the late Rev. Landis, who was once pastor of the Reformed church of this place, is at present visiting old acquaintances in this vicinity.

Miss Florence Hazel and Beatrice Kridler, both students of the State Normal School at Lock Haven, have returned home and will spend their summer vacation under the parental roof.

John Stoner is just recovering from a severe burn on his face caused by an explosion of gun powder which he was using to make a preparation to put in the corn field to scare the crows away.

BUILT TO STAND.

The Supreme Confidence One Engineer Had in His Work.

There is something inspiring about the self confidence of the men who do big things. A number of years ago the country was horrified by the news that Galveston had been swept by a flood. But the mud was hardly dry in the city's streets before plans were made for building a great sea wall to keep out the waters. George W. Boschke was the engineer to whom this gigantic undertaking was intrusted.

He finished his work while the world looked on with interest. Later he went up into inland Oregon to look after the engineering work of one of the great railroad companies that were opening up that vast undeveloped country. Boschke was in camp, forty miles from the railroad, says the Technical World. One day an exhausted messenger rode in and handed a telegram to Boschke's assistant. The message said that the Galveston wall had been washed away by a second furious hurricane. The assistant was very much disturbed, but there was nothing to do but to lay the telegram before his chief.

Boschke glanced up from it, smiling. "This telegram is a lie," he said calmly. "I built that wall to stand." Then he turned to the work in hand. His confidence was justified. The message was based on a false report. There had been a storm as severe as that which had flooded the city, but the wall stood firm.

AMENDED SHAKESPEARE.

The Actor Was Shy on His Lines, but Ross to the Occasion.

William Gillette in the course of an address made to the graduates of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts told this story:

"When I was in Booth's company years ago," the actor said, "we had to be up in many parts. Frequently the actors would have to double in a performance when the roles outnumbered the people. I remember one time we were playing 'Hamlet.' When the time came in the players' scene for the man to poison the king it was found that the particular actor selected for the part was on the stage in another role.

"Immediately the stage manager grabbed an actor who was getting ready to continue in another role. The actor was wrapped in a big mantle, handed a bottle and told to hurry on the stage and do the poisoning. Nobody would recognize him, said the stage manager.

"But," protested the actor, "what are my lines?" "Oh, you know," replied the stage manager. "That poetry stuff?" "Sure!" "All right," said the actor. Then he strode on the stage with his bottle, and, bending over the king, said: "Nobody here, nobody near! I'll pour the poison in his ear!"

—New York American.  
Advice.  
"My cup of joy is very full," sings a poet. Well, let it be, gentle one. Don't try to change places with the cup.—New Orleans Pitayune.

PREVENTION OF PNEUMONIA.

It is Largely a Question of Personal Precaution.

Pneumonia is particularly a disease of city life and crowded living. With our present knowledge the prospects are hopeful for the control of pneumonia in the future through prevention. This is of special importance to the individual. The avoidance of pneumonia is largely a question of personal precautions that prevent the development of the disease by lessening the predisposition to it.

Men in middle life, particularly those about fifty, must learn during unsettled weather to avoid crowds, especially when fatigued and when they have been for a number of hours without eating. Late at night, when for any reason a meal had been missed, crowds are dangerous. If this lesson could be generally learned there would be less pneumonia among the well to do classes. The principal danger comes in crowded street cars, which, if possible, should be avoided at rush hours. It needs to be emphasized that the danger from overcrowding is greatly enhanced by fatigue and going without food.

In a word, prevention of pneumonia is now much clearer than it was. Like all the other infectious diseases, instead of being a more or less inevitable dispensation, it has come to be recognized as due to certain definite factors which can be greatly lessened by public and individual hygienic regulations.—Journal of the American Medical Association.

THE GREAT PYRAMIDS.

Methods of Building and Wonderful Accuracy of Measurement.

Herodotus thus describes the building of the pyramid of Cheops, and his deductions are probably as correct as those of any archaeologist of today, for the modern investigators have had to depend very much on the ancients for their interpretations of inscriptions, etc.:

"This pyramid was first built in the form of a flight of steps. After the workmen had completed the pyramid in this form they raised the other stones by means of machines, made of short beams, from the ground to the first tier of steps. After the stone was placed there it was raised to the second tier by another machine, for there were as many machines as there were tiers of steps, or perhaps the same machine, if it was easily moved. The highest part of the pyramid was thus finished first, the parts adjoining it were taken next, and the lowest part, that nearest the earth, was taken last."

One thing that has been especially noted in the pyramids is the wonderful accuracy of measurement. In the great pyramid of Gizeh the four sides have a mean error of only six-tenths of an inch and twelve seconds in angle from a perfect square. The construction of this pyramid is thought to have employed 100,000 men for thirty years or more, probably half a century.—Atlanta Constitution.

How the Pulse Varies.

The human pulse has rather a wide range, but the general average may be put about as follows: At birth, 140; at two years, 100; at from sixteen to nineteen years, 80; at manhood, 75; old age, 60. There are, however, great variations consistent with health. Napoleon's pulse is said to have been only forty-four in the minute. A case is also related of a healthy man of eighty-seven whose pulse was seldom over thirty during the last two years of his life and sometimes not more than twenty-eight. Another man of eighty-seven years of age enjoyed good health and spirits with a pulse of twenty-nine, and there is also on record the curious instance of a man whose pulse in health was never more than forty-five, and, to be consistent in his inconsistency, when he had fever his pulse fell to forty instead of rising, as is usual.

"Talesman" in English Law.

A talesman, according to English law, is a juror summoned to fill a gap, and formerly, at any rate, this was often done by taking any suitable person who was present in court. "Tales de circumstantibus" ("such of the bystanders") were the first words of the order directing this process. Good Pickwickians may remember that, as only ten special jurymen were present on a memorable occasion, Mr. Serjeant Buzfuz "prayed" tales, whereupon two of the common jurymen, one of whom was the unfortunate chemist, were pressed into the service.—London Standard.

A Pertinent Query.

The old gentleman looked Perley in the eye.  
"Can you support my daughter in the style to which she is accustomed?" he demanded.  
"No, colonel, I can't," replied Perley. "but let me ask you, sir, could you have done so at my age?"—Harper's Weekly.

The Lure.

"You're wanted at home, father."  
"Who says so?"  
"Mother."  
"Did she say anything else?"  
"She said if you didn't come at once she'd come and fetch you."  
"Come on, boy, let's go home."—Fleegende Blätter.

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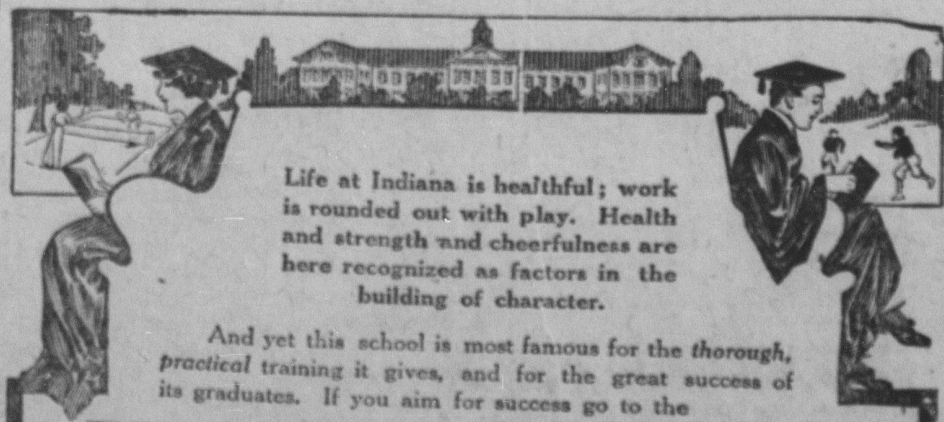
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