

LOCALS.

Robert Meyer was home from Altoona the latter part of last week.

Two fun-producing plays in the Grange Hall Thursday night, January 11. Don't miss them.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hubler, of Lock Haven, enjoyed a short vacation in Centre Hall.

Misses Virginia Young and Margaret McClenshan visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Royer at York, last week.

A sled load of young people journeyed to Millheim on Thursday evening, spending the time very enjoyably at the National hotel.

Farmers are being paid 18 cents per pound for beef hides, which is nearly double the figure they are receiving for the dressed meat.

Miss Marie Kurtz, eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Kurtz, spent a week with her parents, returning on Monday to Northampton where she is teaching.

Felix Burkholder, who is studying dentistry at Detroit, Michigan, spent the Christmas vacation period with his brother, John Burkholder, at Centre Hill.

The signs on the various liquor license applications in Centre county have had their names printed on a large circular which has been scattered broadcast by the county W. C. T. U.

Mail Carrier W. F. Keller purchased a new mail wagon, which may be supplied with runners so it can be used as either wagon or sled. The equipment used heretofore became too small for the business.

A band of New Year's shooters, thirty or more in number, from the south-side invaded Centre Hall on the first day of 1917 and provoked lots of laughter on account of their bizarre dress, mimics and funny antics.

The automobile dealers in Mifflin and Juniata counties have formed an organization and propose holding a pretentious auto show in Lewistown sometime toward the latter part of this month.

The Mail-order houses are flooding the mails with advertising matter, and it is through this medium that trade over the entire country is drawn to the great centres. A dollar spent judiciously for advertising can be made quite as effective by the local merchant.

Those acquainted with the habits of a particular class in Mifflin county, after April first, expect to see them in Centre Hall more frequently. This guess is made, of course, on the assumption that Judge Quigley will permit his signature to be framed for display in the Centre Hall hotel.

Capt. George P. Bunkle, formerly of a school ship, is now captain of the steamship Suffolk running between Philadelphia, New York and Rio de Janeiro, South America, carrying coal on the outgoing trips and manganese and goat skins homeward. The ship has a capacity of about five thousand tons and is under contract to the Berwin-White Coal company.

L. Maynard Baerger, tenant on the Gobbie farm in Georges Valley, made a trip to Centre Hall one day last week, and to keep up his good reputation as a paid-in-advance Reporter reader, called at this office. He reported two items of news, the first relating to the wonderful success of painter F. M. Ackerman as a fox hunter and trapper, and the second to the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Zittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O. Horner, and the latter's two brothers, all of McKeesport, spent the Christmas season with Mr. Horner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Horner at Pleasant Gap, and while at home did the annual butchering. Returning with Mrs. Horner, on Tuesday, was Miss Floesie Gross, of Waddans Grove, Ill., who had spent several weeks at the Horner home.

Prof. L. O. Packer spent the holiday season with his family in this place. For the past several years Prof. Packer has successfully taught mathematics and athletics in one of Pittsburgh's high schools and recently was placed in charge of the evening high school work in that city, having under his supervision 1125 scholars. Next spring the Packer family will remove from Centre Hall to the Pittsburgh district.

Hon. Leonard Rhone, on Christmas night, had the misfortune to fall on the icy walks on his way home from the Christmas service in the Lutheran church, and sustained injuries that kept him in bed for a week. No bones were broken, but it was first thought his skull might have been fractured. After a few days this fear was dispelled. His condition is very much improved at this time, and his full recovery is expected.

Guy W. Jacobs, accompanied by his friend, C. B. Morrison, were arrivals from New York City a few days preceding Christmas and spent a brief vacation at the former's home in this place. Both young men are employed by the York Manufacturing Company, Mr. Jacobs as an erecting engineer and the latter as sales engineer with the Shipley Construction and Supply Co., the New York representatives of the above named York concern. Both are clear-cut young men and are making good in their line of work.

Local Lodges Change Quarters.

Three local lodges changed quarters with the beginning of the new year. The oldest in point of organization as well as in the number of years to be located in one meeting place is the Odd Fellows. For thirty-nine years this order occupied a part of the third floor of the bank building. Three years following the organization of the order, which was in January, 1875, at which time the meetings were held on the second floor of the drug store, a new home was established in the then newly built bank building, and continuously since January, 1878, they have been tenants there. The removal on Monday was to the second floor of the store property, purchased a short time ago by the three-link men. The Knights of the Golden Eagle, former tenants of this hall, now occupy the third floor of the Republic building, which has been put in first-class shape for lodge meetings. The P. O. E. of A., the youngest fraternity in town, has rented the rooms vacated by the Odd Fellows and will hold all future meetings there.

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The date of the Tressler farm stock and implement sale will be March 5th instead of the 9th.

Members of the local Presbyterian church enjoyed a social at the home of Miss Grace Smith, last Thursday evening.

The officers of Progress Grange will be publicly installed Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Light refreshments will be served after Deputy John S. Dale completes the ceremony.

"When Dreams Come," the first musical comedy written by Phillip Bartholomew, will be produced at the Garman opera house, Bellefonte, on Tuesday evening, January 9th. The three acts of "When Dreams Come" are entirely different in outline, and the play contains no less than seventeen musical numbers. Prices, 25, 50, 75 and \$1.00. The theatre will be thoroughly heated from its own plant and is sure to be warm. adv.

Harry S. Meyer, formerly of Centre Hall, now vice mayor and superintendent of finance and accounts of Williamsport, is in the lime light. His former political ally, Mayor Fleischer, who resigned in making an effort to put through the council a measure providing for an investigation of the city's accounts in general and the accounts of the poor board in particular, Mr. Meyer for many years has held a strong political hand in Williamsport.

PENN HALL.

Harry and Ralph Kresmer visited their parents over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Musser from State College visited relatives here last week.

Jennie Bartges from West Chester normal school spent her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Robert Bartges.

John and Roy Corman from Lancaster visited their parents over the Christmas vacation.

Irma Shook visited friends at Millheim over Christmas.

Florence Bartges spent Sunday with her friend, Irma Shook.

Charles Musser spent Sunday with his friends, Charles and Christie Shook.

Charles Bartges purchased a piano for his daughter, Florence, as a Christmas present and had it put in the house while she was at school.

Frank Musser and Harry Weaver, both of near Penn Hall, will move their families to Middletown, in the spring, where they purchased a butcher shop and will go in business together.

James Foust and Elizabeth Graden were united in marriage on Sunday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Graden, at Spring Mills, by Rev. L. A. Miller. The groom is an industrious young man who has been working at Burnham for several months, and they will begin housekeeping at that place in the spring.

Mr. Ellis Snyder and son Charles, from Sunbury, visited the former's brother and sister, Frank and Mrs. Mary Fisher, over Sunday.

Gross Shook attended the farmers' institute at State College Monday.

Samuel Hosterman and wife are spending a short time with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hosterman.

Tusseyville

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horner, on New Year day.

Mrs. Charles Horner and children, of Reading, spent the holidays at the William Martz home.

Miss Bertha Lingle, who has been employed in Altoona, spent two weeks with her parents here.

George and Bernice Swartz, both students at Selingsgrove, spent the holiday season with their parents.

Miss Viola Harter, a public school teacher in State College, spent Christmas at her home.

Mrs. Maria Wagner and Miss Esther Bitner are spending some time in Centre Hall.

Mrs. Calvin Eddorf and Miss Helen Bodorf, the latter from Millroy, spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. Mary Ishier.

DEATHS.

Miss Almira Goben passed away at her home in Bosqueburg on Saturday, December 23rd, her illness dating back to several years ago when she suffered a partial paralytic stroke. She was a daughter of Robert and Margaret Murray Goben and was born at Rock Springs December 15, 1843. She later moved to Oak Hill and from there to Harris township, where for a time she and her sister Lucretia conducted the old farm following the death of their parents. Two brothers, William M. and John S., and one sister, Miss Lucretia, survive.

Burial was made in the Branch cemetery, December 26th, Revs. Barber and Stover officiating.

Mrs. Harriet Sybilis Smull, wife of Thomas Jefferson Smull, died at her home at Mackeyville, Sunday evening of last week, of heart trouble, superinduced by dropsy and complications, aged seventy-four years, one month and twenty days. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

Mr. Smull was born at Hublerburg, Centre county, but while yet a girl moved with her parents to Potter township, Clinton county, where the family engaged in farming.

Her funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, services being conducted in the M. E. church of Mackeyville at 1:30 o'clock, by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Cook, of Salona. Interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Robert A. Way, a well known retired farmer residing at State College, died at his home Sunday morning, of old age. The deceased was a son of the late R. Bert and Martha Clever Way, and was born near Stormstown 72 years ago. He was married to Miss Lucretia Fisher who survives with the following children: Mrs. Hanna Wood, of Nottingham, Pa., Darlington and William S. Way, of near Stormstown, and Miss Margaretta Way at home. He is the last member of his family to die. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Friends Meeting House near Stormstown, burial was made in the Friends' cemetery.

At the close of 1916, the state had already received \$1,000,000 for automobile licenses for 1917.

August Brightbill, of Yeagerstown, was charged with selling liquor illegally, last week, and his case will be up for trial at the January term in Mifflin county.

Bullet Wounds in Stomach.

In some experiments with bullet wounds it was determined that when a hollow organ, such as the stomach, is perforated by a bullet, it sustains more damage if it contains fluid than if empty. The author fired a .263 bullet at a sheep's stomach, in the one case when it was full of water, and in the other case when it was empty, with following results: The aperture in each wall of the empty organ was 0.2 inches; the aperture in the first wall of the full stomach was also 0.2 inches, but that in the second wall was 0.7 inches. From this it follows that a man hit after a full meal would have less chance of recovery than had this occurred when the organ was empty. Bullet wounds of the lung, provided no large vessels are touched, are seldom fatal in man or beast.

By Proxy.

A matron was confiding her domestic troubles to a friend.

"I find," said she, "that my husband has charged someone in his office with the duty of calling me up every afternoon to mumble terms of endearment. That's a pretty way to treat one's wife, isn't it? He's been spending his afternoons at the club."

"How was it," asked the friend, "that you didn't at once notice that it wasn't his voice that called?"

"Well," explained the aggrieved wife, "I've been pretty busy with bridge every day, and I've been having the maid answer the telephone."—New York Times.

Dead Joke.

There is a station on an English railway called "Bury-St-Edmunds." Toole, the actor, who took many pains for a joke, dressed in deep black, went to the station master and asked for a ticket for "the funeral train." The station master looked at the little actor, who was wiping tearful eyes, and who carried a large wreath. "Wot funeral, there ain't no funeral," the station master said. "Then it's a swindle, an imposition," Toole said, with fiery indignation. "I have come miles to be at the funeral. Why do you announce that you are going to bury St. Edmunds?"

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"Oh, isn't she a mean thing?" gasped Katherine. "Why, I told her not to tell you!"

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There is a tree in Athens, Ga., which owns itself. It has a deed to eight feet of ground on all sides of its trunk.

The tree formerly was owned by W. H. Jackson. To prevent its ever being cut down, Mr. Jackson executed a deed making the tree owner of the ground around it.

This deed is on file in Athens. It is the only one of its sort in the world.

HARD TO ESTIMATE CROWD

Few Civilians Are Able to Give Numbers of a Gathering—Army Officers Tell Secret.

It is remarkable how the average civilian overestimates the number of persons in a big procession. Take, for example, the recent demonstration in London. It was said that there were 15,000 men in line and some enthusiasts put it even at 20,000. But it is easy to estimate such numbers approximately, says London The-Bits. Here is the rule as laid down in the "Field Service Regulations" of the United States army:

"The strength of a body of troops may be estimated from the length of time it takes to pass a given point. Assuming that infantry in column of fours occupies half a yard per man, cavalry one yard per trooper and artillery in single column per gun or caisson, a given point would be passed in one minute by about 175 infantry, 110 cavalry at a walk, 200 cavalry at a trot and five guns or caissons."

Allowing for spacing between companies, battalions and regiments, all of which is according to mathematical rule, it takes a regiment of 1,000 men divided into battalions just ten minutes to pass, or at the rate of 6,000 an hour. And this supposes no breaks in the line.

These rules, it must be remembered, are for trained soldiers used to a long step and to keeping up without straggling. No civilians, even militant suffragettes, ever kept or could keep up this pace.

PROLONG LIFE OF FLOWERS

French Florists Are Particularly Clever in Their Methods of Preservation of Freshness.

The instruments used by the French florists to prolong the life of cut flowers and remove imperfections are as numerous and delicate as those on a well-equipped dressing-table. They include scissors of all sizes and shapes, small cutting pliers and pinners of many kinds, brushes, atomizers, sprays and bottles containing various gums. A withered leaf or even one poorly developed ruins the appearance of a bouquet, consequently the one is cut off, and the other, if possible, is reshaped. The buds are also pierced near the base of the flower as possible, with minute wires which keep the leaves in place. An instrument very similar to a curling iron is used to dress a faulty leaf.

One of the means employed to prolong the life of the flower is to remove the anthers, so as to prevent the spreading of the pollen, for, if fertilization is allowed to take place, the flower has fulfilled its mission and soon fades. In flowers of the lily order the anthers are removed for still another reason. They develop such an abundance of yellow pollen that it falls and taints the leaves, thus marring the spotless white beauty of the flower. The stems of flowers that begin to hang their heads are placed in very hot water for about five minutes, and then are placed in a dark and cool place for about an hour.

Where Her Thoughts Were.

Upon the attainment of my seventy-second birthday one of my daughters gave me a complimentary dinner in the evening at her residence, inviting all the members of our family. Her two bright children were allowed to "sit up" in honor of the occasion.

The children, evidently coached by their parents, met me on my arrival, the little boy saying gleefully, "Many happy returns of the day, grandpa."

The little girl, with a backward glance toward her pretty table, her big blue eyes dancing in happy anticipation of the coming feast, said: "I think we should say many happy returns of the night, grandpa."—Exchange.

Compulsory.

A certain amateur aviator talked recently about a flying trip with a professional, when he fell 1,200 feet into the water without knowing it.

"I wasn't frightened," he said with a smile. "I thought that my swift descent was a piece of fancy flying. I am, in fact, as ignorant of aviation as the little boy was ignorant of history."

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MADE BY HIS ENVIRONMENT

Contact With the Sea Has Imparted Sternness to the New England Character.

Whether the sea is no joke, remarks the Boston Globe. It quickly knocks sentimentalizations over it out of the sentimentalizer. He had better stop ashore. It is bleak, angry and cruel. Yet one wonders if the men of New England would have been the breed they have been without that stern discipline.

On a day when the wind roars out of the east through skies of clear blue; when spray spouts half the height of lighthouse towers; when fishing schooners scurry under jib and trysail—then to stand on the deck of a coasting steamer and watch the huge rolls of solid green water bulge and fling the vessel up over their shoulders; to feel the vessel plunge and bury bows in a smother of foam; rise again; aim at the clouds; tremble, wallow and lift to meet the next; to see the shores dimly, dashed into a golden haze of flying spray; to hear the hiss of foam and swash of bow wave—that is to get a glimpse into something which has gone into the making of New England what New England is.

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Blissful Depravity.

In a border southern town lives an elderly negro carpenter who is locally distinguished for his use of large words and his abiding fear of his wife, who is big, impressive and domineering. In this town a trio of young professional men keep bachelor quarters.

Not long ago one of the three called the darkey in to do some small repairing.

"Boss," inquired the old man, in the midst of his work, "does you white gent'mens live beach in total depravity of de feminine sex?"

"We do," was the answer.

From the bottom of his henpecked soul the old darkey fetched up a long, deep, sincere sigh.

"Well, suh," he said, "ef I wuz ez you is, I should suttinly remain so."

Artificial Pearls.

Large artificial pearls have been made by filling thin glass bulbs with a solution of fish scale nacre and they are very clever imitations. An easy way to detect them is to note the spot where the bulb was sealed. Liesegang has now made artificial pearls by another method. The glass bulb is coated on the inside with ten per cent gelatin solution, allowed to dry only partially and then a small amount of sodium phosphate added and the coating dried very slowly. The iridescence is an optical phenomenon caused by minute wrinkles, parallel, formed on the gelatin.—Scientific American.

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