

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

There is a case of measles at Farmers Mills.

There is much suffering from colds and sore throat.

Centre County Pomona Grange will meet at Lemont on Saturday, May 21st.

Don't forget the band concert in Grange hall, Saturday evening, by the Milroy band. Benefit of local Odd Fellows.

George W. Rowe, and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhn, of Boalsburg, spent Sunday at the J. S. Rowe home.

Brick, sand and salt, in carload lots, just unloaded by Bradford & Co., at the Centre Hall station. Prices are right. Supply your needs now.

A Children's Day program, entitled "These Little Ones," will be rendered in the Lutheran church, Centre Hall, on Sunday evening, May 29.

Mrs. James B. Lingle, of Bethany, West Virginia, spent a few days the past week at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lingle, in Centre Hall.

The Centre Hall auxiliary of the Farmer's Co-operative Association will hold a meeting in the Grange hall on Friday evening, May 20th, to which all farmers are invited.

Prof. Frank Kerlin and sister, Miss Tessie Kerlin, of New Cumberland, and Miss Anna Hammelbaugh, of Lemoyne, are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Jordan, at Colyer.

The Academy minstrels will show at Bellefonte to-night and to-morrow night, and will give the same high-class show at Centre Hall next Tuesday evening in the Grange hall. Don't miss it.

The flower committee for Memorial Day request that all flowers be brought to the school at 2.00 p. m. on May 30th. As in former years, the names of all children contributing flowers, will be published.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Bradford expect to leave on Saturday for Charleston, West Virginia, where they will spend a week or more with friends. Mr. Bradford will look after some business interests while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Homan and baby daughter, of Cleveland, Ohio, were arrivals in town the early part of the week and will spend a short time with Mrs. Homan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Strohmeier.

The Academy minstrels will be sure to please you. Don't miss their entertainment in the Grange hall next Tuesday evening. The receipts will be used to defray the Memorial Day expenses, so buy a couple of tickets.

The Milroy correspondent to the Lewistown Gazette says: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramer, of Tusseyville, were among those who attended the funeral of Jennie Beaver in Milroy on Monday. Charles is prospering as a general merchant in the Centre county town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Fisher left for China Grove, North Carolina, on Wednesday, to visit the latter's brother, Rev. J. H. Keller, and will be gone for several weeks. There is a possibility of their accompanying Rev. Keller to Florida on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. J. C. Dale and Miss Mollie Hofer, who are making their home with the former's son, Dr. P. H. Dale, at State College, are spending a week in Centre Hall as guests of Mrs. P. H. Meyer. Dr. Dale brought the ladies down in his car on Monday.

Miss Helen Wolfe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Wolfe, former residents of Centre Hall, but now of New Berlin, was a guest of the Misses Rowe, over Sunday. Miss Wolfe is employed by Armour & Co., the big packing concern, in their branch offices in Altoona.

The "Helping Hand" class of the Lutheran Sunday school will hold a festival in the Grange Hall on the evening of Memorial Day for the benefit of church work, and will serve chicken and corn soup, salad, sandwiches, pickles, ice-cream, cake and coffee. Will also have fishing pond. adv. 2t.

Mrs. R. R. Jones, and daughter, Miss Gladys, expect to leave Centre Hall tomorrow (Friday) for Altoona, where they will remain for a short time with the former's son, Rev. Victor R. Jones, before departing for their new home in Lutzville. Rev. Jones will follow a week or ten days later.

Miss Carrie Bartges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bartges, of near Farmers Mills, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Bellefonte hospital last Thursday. Mrs. William Breen, of the same place, on the same day submitted to an operation for the removal of a tumor. Both ladies are reported to be recovering nicely.

It is only a month more until Centre Hall will have its Chautauqua. Start now to be a Chautauqua booster. Talk Chautauqua to your neighbor. Do you know that it is a credit to any town to have it said of it that it supports a Chautauqua? Look over the list of towns where Chautauquas are held and you will find them all to be wide-awake, progressive towns, eager to gain new ideas and new inspiration. The Chautauqua does this. It might be called a summer school, where old and young alike are fitted for better citizenship. Begin now to boost Centre Hall and community's Chautauqua.

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Mrs. Harriet Best, of Nittany, is visiting at the home of her brother, A. P. Krape.

There was evidence of a light frost on Tuesday morning. Mercury dropped to 34 degrees.

Bradford & Co., at the Centre Hall station, have just unloaded a car of brick, car of sand and car of salt. Get prices.

Mrs. A. P. Krape, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Harvey, of State College, left for Elmira, N. Y., on Wednesday, to visit a sick sister—Mrs. Stanley Bartlett—of Mrs. Harvey.

In an interesting twilight baseball game on Tuesday evening, Centre Hall defeated Potters Mills by the score of 8 to 4. Harry Gross and Floyd Jordan were the opposing pitchers.

John S. Rishel, sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Rishel, of Farmers Mills, on Friday, was operated upon in the Williamsport Private Hospital for the removal of his tonsils as well as for nasal trouble.

Messrs. Harrison Faust and Blair Palmer, both of Potters Mills, were among the Reporter's business callers Tuesday. The gentlemen are carpenters and at present are erecting an addition to the residence of Edward Jamison, the insurance man, at Spring Mills.

A special meeting of the local Board of Health was called on Tuesday afternoon at the instance of Dr. J. L. Seibert, of Bellefonte, county health officer, in the matter of a hog pen on the J. W. Runkle premises, which stands on the street line and has been declared a menace to good health. Mr. Runkle will be asked to remove the pen.

The aurora borealis display, visible in the skies on Saturday night and Sunday morning, was one of the most brilliant ever seen in this latitude. It attracted the attention of very many of our people and those who did not see the display, missed a rare sight. The appearance of the Northern Lights was due to agitated spots on the sun, according to prominent astronomers.

For the third time George Robertson was obliged to enter a hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, and on Tuesday of last week, according to a letter from Mrs. Robertson to her father, B. D. Brisbin, of Centre Hall, an operation was performed which removed a large quantity of puss from his lungs. At the time of writing, a few days after the operation, Mr. Robertson was resting better, and it is thought the operation was quite successful.

The Reporter is not mentioning the question now uppermost in the minds of a number of persons in and about Centre Hall for the reason that one of its editors is very directly interested in the consummation of the plans. Just to give you a bit of a hint, the statement is made that there are something like twenty-three thousand persons throughout the United States interested in a similar manner. Not another word until President Harding speaks.

Ford Milk Truck Burns Up.

About noon on Tuesday, Russel Confer, who drives a milk route for the Spring Mills condensary, was coming up the steep hill near the Union cemetery at Farmers Mills, when the Ford truck which he was driving suddenly burst into flames, and having no means with which to fight the fire, had but to watch the entire destruction of the truck. So complete was the damage that it prevented the appearance of a pile of junk after the flames had gone out. The engine was much damaged, but parts of it might be salvaged. The only explanation Mr. Confer can give for the fire is that there must have been a leak in the gas line and the exhaust ignited the gas.

A number of poles for an electric light line were lying close to the truck when it took fire, and they were badly burned.

The fortunate part of the destruction was that Mr. Confer was driving an empty truck. He had forgotten to visit the Wilbur Lucas home that morning to get the milk and was making a special trip, so that he was carrying no milk cans whatever.

Last Auction Sale.

The last auction sale for the spring season will be held at Meiss's store, Colyer, on Saturday evening. Everybody is invited.

Duties of Queen Ant.

When the queen ant lays her eggs the workers gather about and pick up each egg as it is laid and carry it away to the underground nurseries, where it is watched and cared for by other workers. Sometimes the queen will escape her attendants. Away she hurries, evidently bent on playing a bit, but the moment her disappearance is noted the workers scurry out in every direction to find her, and once she is located she is dragged back to the home by force and gets many a sharp nip on the way as punishment. The queen is three or four times as large as the worker ant. Her first brood finds her busy cleaning up her house, digging a new room for a nursery, washing and cleaning her babies with her tongue, and feeding them from her store. After the first brood, however, this work is done by the working ants, and the queen has nothing to do but attend to the functions of motherhood.

LYDIANS HAD FIRST COINAGE

Treasure Deposited in the Temples Was Impressed With Badge or Symbol of Divinity.

As far as is known, the Lydians, Herodotus, first introduced gold and silver coin. The invention was not far to seek. Treasure came to be deposited for safety in the temples, where it was consecrated to the care of the divinity by being impressed with a badge or symbol. The sacred symbol being accepted as guarantee of value, the pieces of metal so impressed found easy circulation. The earliest Lydian coins extant, deriving probably from the reign of Gyges (about 700 B. C.), are bean-shaped lumps of native Lydian gold, blenched with silver. Each coin bears on its obverse the figure of a lion and on its reverse the impress of the bull-head serving to keep the metal in place, while being struck. From Lydia the one-sided coin spread throughout the coasts and islands of the Aegean sea, each city issuing coins bearing the symbol of its divinity. In Greece the earliest coins of silver, with the figure of the tortoise on the obverse, are said to have been struck by Pheldon of Argos. To Solon, about 500 B. C., is ascribed the introduction into Athens of the tetradrachm, on its obverse the head of Athene, on its reverse an owl. Sparta enjoyed all to itself the luxury of a purely iron coinage. The Greek coins from 450 to 300 B. C. marked a great advancement in the way of art, and Athenian money was the chief medium of exchange during this period. Other nations later adopted their own coinage, which has continued to improve with the advance of civilization.

HAVE BEER ALWAYS ON "TAP"

Beverage Free to All Members of African Tribe, but Little Drunkenness is Reported.

Among the Madi or Moru tribes of the White Nile in Africa, there exists a form of municipal brewery that would make a great hit among the thirsty in America. A special house is set aside for it, and all the women of the tribe spend part of their time in making beer from millet seed. White men who have tasted it declare it to be a first-rate drink of fine flavor and heady results. The beer is kept in enormous jars, and to each jar is attached a number of gourd dippers. The beer is free to anyone or everyone, the only restriction being that it be drunk in the brewery and not with meals. In spite of this freedom the tribe members seldom get drunk.

To make sure their women will stay on as brew-masters and not go running off with other men from nearby tribes, the girls are taken when ten or twelve years old and laid on the ground while a sharp stone is used to pry and knock out the four upper and lower incisors. The resulting effect is anything but beautiful—as the intention was. The clothing of the women consists of a string worn around the waist, and changed only when it gets so dirty that it cannot be seen against the dark skin.—Detroit News.

The Human Species.

The human species, according to the best theory I can form of it, is composed of two distinct races, the men who borrow and the men who lend. To these original diversities may be reduced all these impertinent classifications of Gothic and Celtic tribes, white men, black men, red men. All the dwellers upon the earth, Parthians, Medes and Elanites, flock hither and do fall in naturally with one or the other distinction. The infinite superiority of the former, which I choose to designate as the great race, is discernible in figure, port and a certain instinctive sovereignty. The latter are born degraded. He shall serve his brethren. There is something in the air of one of this cast, lean and suspicious; contrasting with the open, generous manners of the other.—Charles Lamb.

Credit Belongs to Franklin.

Everybody knows that the versatile Franklin was the originator of many things. But few realize that he was the first American cartoonist. "Join or Die," the familiar sketch of the chopped-up serpent, with each piece representing one of the Colonies, was entirely the work of Franklin. Even the cutting of the type-metal was done by his own hands. This first newspaper cartoon appeared in the Pennsylvania Gazette, May 9, 1754, and was a device for urging united action upon the Colonies at the time of the French and Indian wars. It may be noted also that he engraved a map of the siege of Louisburg and published it in the Gazette. This is said to have been the earliest attempt at illustrating news.—Asa Don Dickinson in New York Times.

Weight of Air.

Until very recently nobody knew how much air weighed. We cannot see the air, and, except when the wind blows, we do not feel it. Hence it seems to us to have almost no substance. Yet it is a rather substantial fluid. When it moves at a rate of one hundred miles an hour it uproots great forest trees and throws the waters of the ocean into turmoil. If our bodies were empty of air the pressure of the atmosphere surrounding us would crush us to an immediate pulp. A room ten feet long, ten feet wide, and ten feet high contains 75 pounds of air.

SOME OLD LONDON THEATERS

District of Shoreditch Had the First Building Erected for Purely Dramatic Purposes.

There was a time, shortly after the first theater was opened in London, when the opposition to the new form of entertainment was so great that an ordinance was passed by parliament for the compulsory closing of these "palaces of amusement," and making it a crime to be present as a spectator at a play.

This was in 1642, when only two theaters existed in London. The first building specially erected for dramatic purposes was built by an actor, James Burbage, at Shoreditch, in 1576, and called the Theater. A year or so later a second theater known as the Swan was opened, also at Shoreditch, and these two playhouses catered to London audiences until the suppression of the theaters.

When plays were once more permitted several new theaters opened, including the Globe, at Southwark, which was built by James Burbage, the Rose and the Blackfriars and Whitefriars theaters. Probably the most luxurious of these early theaters was the Fortune, built by Edward Alleyn, an actor, in 1599, and so christened because it cost its owner the then fabulous sum, including the ground it stood on, of £1,200. The only illumination during the performance was that afforded by candlelight, gas being unknown until 1817, when the first performance by gas-light was given at Drury Lane.

DOCTOR SERVED COSTLY DISH

Unexpected Guests Caused Sacrifice of Blooded Pigeons to Set Forth Required Meal.

The favorite avocation of a widely known surgeon is his model farm near Chicago. It pays no profit except great pleasure. He is hospitable, always asking friends to dinner. One Sunday about noon 14 unexpected guests arrived. His wife was aghast. "My goodness," she said, "we haven't a thing to give them."

"Oh, anything will do," said the doctor.

So the lady of the house consulted the cook.

"What about that crate of pigeons out in the barn?" asked the cook.

"How many are there?" asked the lady.

"About eighteen," was the answer.

"Well, wring their necks and fix them up."

"Dinner was served and the large platter of squabs was brought to the table."

"What's that?" exclaimed the doctor.

"Now, Fred, just go ahead and serve," said his wife.

"But what are these?" he expostulated.

"Just some pigeons we found in the barn," she answered.

"Great Scott!" he exclaimed, "those pigeons cost \$25 apiece!"—Journal of the American Medical Association.

Ben Franklin Took Poker Into Paris.

In Paris poker was first introduced by Benjamin Franklin, first United States ambassador, who taught members of the court that poker had dominated a mile. To this day a group of white-haired Frenchmen, descendants of the club Franklin founded, meet every night at six o'clock on the first floor of the Tavern Royale and play poker, with many ejaculations and the most absorbed seriousness until it is time for dinner. They number among them two millionaires, the head of a famous dressmaking firm, a senator and a famous Socialist author, and they play with sous as chips and a limit of 50 centimes—about 7 cents at present rate of exchange—on the game.

One of Franklin's peculiarities was a contention that a flush beat a full house, and even now the majority of Frenchmen play that way.

Wood That Does Not Rot.

The wood of the mangrove tree, which is found in French Guiana, is considered by the French as a wood that will not rot. All exposure and efforts to break down its fiber in four years' experiments by the French railway service have been useless.

The grain of the wood is so close as practically to exclude all moisture. Its density is placed at 110, as against 40 for fir and 70 for oak. In addition to this closeness of fiber the mangrove has a large amount of tanning in its composition. This protects it from insects and such blights as mold and damp. While not as brittle as oak, it has twice the resistance to flexion and has about the same potency against crushing and twisting.

No Exchange.

"There's one thing about selling postage stamps," said the tired druggist.

"What is it?" asked the customer.

"There's no profit in the deal, of course, but it's one thing I sell that my customers don't bring back and want to exchange for something else."

—Detroit Free Press.

Embarrassment.

"Of course," remarked Senator Sorghum, "I was proud to have a vote so overwhelmingly in my favor. And yet it has its disadvantages."

"In what way?"

"I am compelled to feel a sense of obligation toward everybody who votes for me; and a landslide makes the number so great that I can scarcely keep up with the responsibilities."

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