

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The New York Central locomotive shops at Avis have been opened after an idleness for some time.

Miss Miriam Huyett was home for the Easter vacation from Susquehanna University, and Harold Alexander from Penn State.

Mrs. John Mowery and son Robert Kenneth, spent Easter in Altoona with Mr. Mowery, who is employed in the Pennsy shops.

Mrs. F. P. Brandt and two sons, Joseph and Robert, of Altoona, visited the former's sister, Mrs. John Ruble, in Centre Hall, over Easter.

Two teaspoonsful of Tanlac in a little water taken three times a day just before meals will make you eat better, feel better, sleep better and work better.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

C. W. Sweetwood, formerly of Potter township, is now located in Los Angeles, California, and in making a remittance to the Reporter gave expression of appreciation of the home paper.

Special re-opening services will be held in the Methodist church Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at which time Rev. J. E. A. Bucke, of Sunbury, District Superintendent, will be present and preach. All are invited to attend.

A pretty Easter service was rendered in the local Lutheran church on Sunday evening before a large and appreciative audience. The Lutheran choir was assisted in the music by Messrs. E. W. Crawford and N. L. Barges and Mrs. F. M. Fisher.

May 12 has been set by the senior class of the Centre Hall High school as the time for holding their graduation exercises. The Baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Reformed church Sunday evening, May 7th, by Rev. J. F. Bingman.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Reed at the home of the mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tressler, west of Centre Hall, on the J. T. Potter farm, Friday afternoon. The father is the well known Pine Grove Mills auctioneer. Congratulations.

Sixty-five road contract bids were opened by the State Highway Department at Harrisburg, on Tuesday. This is the largest number of bids opened at one time in the history of the department. Twelve or more road contracts have already been let this year.

Among the lucky limit-catch fishermen on Monday was F. P. Geary, the local barber, who caught twenty-five of the speckled beauties, the largest 14 inches in size. The catch was made in the stream below Pleasant Gap. F. M. Fisher, in the same waters, caught eight trout.

F. E. Wieland, of Linden Hall, was one of the Reporter's callers on Monday. The probability is that he will be located at State College in the near future, having taken an option on a dwelling house in the college town. He already owns a dozen building lots in State College, which he holds as a good investment.

The Rustler, published at Basin, Wyoming, mentions that Harry W. Potter, of Seattle, Washington, is to be field superintendent for the Big Horn County Oil Company, now drilling a well near Manderson, Wyoming. The company began drilling last year, losing work when fall set in, having reached a depth of 327 feet.

A very pleasant and delightful social was held by the members of the local Methodist church last Wednesday evening in honor of their pastor, Rev. C. F. Catherman, and Mrs. M. E. Strohm, president of the Ladies' Aid Society. A short literary program was rendered by the young people, consisting of piano solos and duets, recitations, etc., after which elegant refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bitner and daughter, of Millroy, stopped off in Centre Hall on Saturday, on a motor trip to Avis, Clinton county, where they spent Sunday with their brother-in-law, J. W. Wolfe. Mr. Bitner, a Potter township boy, has embarked in the auto repairing business and will be found at his place of business in Millroy ready to auto work in a satisfactory manner. Look him up when in that vicinity.

A personal letter from William G. Hoffer, editor of the Willsire (Ohio) Herald, states that he not only lost his printing establishment by fire, but his home, its contents, even to the clothing, as well. The fire occurred at midnight and this resulted in Mr. and Mrs. Hoffer barely escaping with their lives. Mr. Hoffer carried light insurance, but this will go but a little way in replenishing a print shop, home and personal effects accumulated during twenty-five years of married life. He has not lost heart, however, and will at once begin to re-establish himself in business.

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Call for free seeds. They are yours for the asking.

"Tanlac did what everything else failed to do." Thousands have said it. So will you.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

A district Sunday School convention will be held in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, May 5th, afternoon and evening.

Wm. W. Parker is a his home, west of Centre Hall. He had been working in the Altoona car shops, but was relieved of his duties there.

Rev. E. Roy Corman, of Cressona, was at the F. M. Fisher home beginning of the week, and with Mr. Fisher enjoyed a few days' trout fishing.

Mrs. Clarence Helm and three children, of Harrisburg, spent a few days the past week at the W. F. Colyer home, Mrs. Helm being a sister-in-law of Mrs. Colyer.

Don't forget G. O. Benner's public sale of store articles, also household goods, which will take place on Saturday afternoon of this week, at one o'clock sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefer and two daughters, of Youngwood, were at the home of Mrs. Keefer's parents, 'Squire and Mrs. Cyrus Brungart, over the Easter season.

A number responded to our call last week for payment on subscription due on the Reporter. Thanks. Many others should do likewise. Look at your label and figure it out.

The senior class of the Gregg Township Vocational School will hold a chicken and waffle supper, at the school building, Saturday evening, April 22nd, from 5 to 8 o'clock.

S. S. Horner, of Pleasant Gap, will open the Mountain Restaurant, on the new State road above Pleasant Gap, on Saturday, and have it open every day from that time on. See his ad in this issue.

Miss Cora Luse, teacher in the Altoona public schools, spent her Easter vacation at her parental home near Centre Hall. Miss Luse is an applicant for a school in Centre Hall borough for next term.

Mrs. William Bower, of near Potters Mills, on Sunday, was taken to Bellefonte by auto by her son-in-law and daughter, and from there went to Altoona to be with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Harshbarger.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wagner, who have been residing with Rev. and Mrs. Harkins, (the latter being their daughter), at State College, have removed to Boalsburg, where Rev. Wagner is pastor of the Lutheran Church.

Miss Edwina Wieland is spending her Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wieland, at Linden Hall. Miss Wieland is a graduate of Bloomsburg State Normal and at present is teaching in the city schools in Boundbrook, New Jersey.

The annual convention of the 9th District Sabbath School Association will be held at State College, Saturday afternoon and evening, 22nd instant. Among the speakers scheduled is W. G. Landis, secretary of the State Sunday School Association, at 5:30 and 8:00 P. M.

Two rat killings on the C. B. Neff farm by Charles E. Smith netted just forty-three rodents. The rats had infested the poultry house which was closed up tight except at one or two places where the rats entered and these were also closed after Mr. Smith had in hand a good club.

Residents about Penns Creek, Snyder county, are all excited because coal has been reported to have been unearthed on the Long farm near the village named above. The report of finding coal in Snyder county is becoming something of a joke, as many similar previous reports have proven the stories quite untrue.

A postal received this week at this office from Cleveland Mitterling, from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, says: "You will not need to send the Reporter any more as we are leaving here; will let you know later where we are. We are all feeling fine; weather is very warm; strawberries will soon be ripe here; have been having lots of thunder showers. The ball season is on and I expect to see a big game when I get home."

### GEORGES VALLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lingle and S. R. Lingle made a business trip to Bellefonte on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Illian, of Spring Mills, spent Sunday at the J. B. Ripka home.

E. L. Lingle and family spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. H. M. Lingle.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Decker spent Sunday at the D. D. Decker home.

O. E. Ackerman, of Johnstown, is spending this week at the home of his uncle, F. M. Ackerman.

The Decker school closed on Wednesday and the Polk Hill school closed last Tuesday.

### BOALSBURG NEWS.

Mrs. George E. Meyer entertained Nevin W. Meyer and family and Curtis Meyer and family at dinner on Easter. The table was decorated with Easter colors, and a large rabbit, surrounded with Easter eggs, occupied the center of the table. The day was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Charles Corl entertained her brother, John Myers, and family, of Spring Mills, on Easter. The guests gathered around the table where a big rooster was set, well roasted, and other good things to eat.

F. W. Weber suffered an attack of lumbago Wednesday noon, which kept him from his usual work of cabinet making. At the present time he is able to do a little work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer spent over Easter with their daughter, Mrs. Lee Brooks, at Pleasant Gap.

The Rebekah lodge had a very interesting and enjoyable meeting Wednesday evening. The Bellefonte degree team was over and conferred the Rebekah degree; at the same time the district deputy, Mrs. Elizabeth Hazel, of Bellefonte, installed the officers: Noble Grand, Clayton Eiters; Vice Grand, W. H. Stover. Luncheon was served after the meeting closed.

### POTTERS MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Henshall, of State College, stopped a short time with the latter's parents, on their way to Philadelphia and points in New Jersey.

Emmerson Ennist is housed up with the mumps.

John Armstrong is again able to resume work after being injured thru the kick of a colt.

William McKinney was so badly injured in a fall that the services of a doctor were necessary. In falling he cut a deep gash in his head.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralston spent Easter at the John Wagner home.

Mrs. F. A. Carson was to Bellefonte on Saturday on a shopping tour.

Mr. Hill and family, of Bellefonte, spent a short time Sunday at the J. C. McClenahan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foust made a business trip to Lewistown last Thursday.

Glad to see Mrs. C. S. Thomas and daughter-in-law and grandson back in our town after having spent the winter in Brooklyn, New York.

### SURROVED BY PRAIRIE DOG

'Devil's Corkscrews' Found in Western Mountains and Plains Are No Longer a Mystery.

Of the many fossils which have come out of the mountains and plains of the West, few have excited wider interest than the "devil's corkscrews," found in rocks of the Miocene period, in northwestern Nebraska. They are usually white, and stand out clearly against the buff background of the rock which incloses them, often attaining a length of 15 feet, with many twists and turns, ending at times in a large bulb, with occasional side passages.

When first discovered it was thought that these gigantic "corkscrews" were huge petrified vines or roots of some strange plant. Study of the "corkscrews," however, failed to reveal any traces of plant structure. Later the detection of an animal like the badger was found in a large bulb near the end of the "corkscrew," and bones of a small camel and small deer were found in others. After that it was discovered that many of them contained bones of a small burrowing animal about the size of the western prairie dog. Excavation of actual recent prairie dog burrows, after filling them with thin plaster of paris, showed an interesting fact: the burrows of the prairie dog and the prehistoric "corkscrews" were closely similar. The mystery is considered solved.

### Submarine in Warfare.

In spite of the fact that the British have some steam-driven 2,700-ton submarines, capable of a surface speed of from 20 to 25 knots, the submarine, as a weapon of war, is too slow and too blind when it is submerged to be considered a serious weapon of naval warfare. When it can see electrically, to a distance of ten to fifteen miles, while it is submerged so deeply as to be invisible to the air scout, and when it can steam 20 knots submerged it will dominate the naval situation.—Scientific American.

### Keep Pace With the Child.

When the child is a tiny creature, the parent must exercise self-control, gentleness, tact—never allowing her temper to interfere with judgment or to cause her to speak harshly or in anger, says Mothers' Magazine. As years go on, the most loving child is also a critic. "Mother's way" has heretofore seemed to him the best way. It rests with the mother to make it seem so always. To this end she must keep pace with her boys and girls in thought, in education, in new ideas. Parents cannot go to school again, but they can have their minds alert and open for all new facts. And they can watch their own manners and language so that the children can continue to use these as models.

Tanlac is the result of years of study, experimentation and research by some of the world's greatest chemists. Hence its merit.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

### CHRISTMAS DAY IN AFRICA

Pretty Picture of a Charming Abode in the Hills Above the Old Town of Algier.

Christmas day in Africa! And what a dream of beauty and color, blue sea, blue sky, groves of eucalyptus and olive trees, climbing roses, white-robed Arab women closely veiled, their eyes only showing, bare brown legs and feet, sometimes a silver bracelet on one leg, donkey boys with a nondescript, flowing garment, a red fez on their heads; color everywhere. Our villa is charming, stands in a little wood of eucalyptus trees, with a big garden, balconies, terraces and marble steps, large, high rooms and lovely views on all sides. Mme. Waddington writes from Algiers to Scribner's. It is quite in the country, five or six kilometers from Algiers, very high up in the hills. Very few people live in the town and the whole hillside is studded with villas. Moorish almost all, dazzling white, flat roofs and narrow windows. Quite at the top, where we are, there are some very comfortable Eastern modern houses. I am writing at my window, which gives on a terrace, from which there is a divine view of the sea and the snow mountains of the Djurjura, miles away in Kabylie, and from one corner through the faded drooping leaves of the eucalyptus I have a glimpse of the town of Algiers, lying a long, white streak far below.

The drawing-room is a delightful room—runs all the width of the house, with windows on three sides, so that we always have the sun. The furniture is sketchy, not much of it, and what there is is very ugly, but when the Paris cases arrive, with a few tables and chairs and silver, the room will look very different. There are some carpets in the house, which are absolutely necessary, as all the floors are tiled. However, Charlotte has done wonders with the meager material she has.

### NATION'S DEBT TO PILGRIMS

Their Famous Compact of Government Rightly Treasured as a Great State Document.

In the harbor at the tip of Cape Cod occurred the first birth and the first death among the Pilgrims in America. On board the Mayflower, as she lay at anchor, was born Peregrine, son of William and Susanna White. Here was another child for the ship's nursery, already occupied by little Oceanus Hopkins, who first saw the light of day far out at sea.

The death was that of Dorothy May, wife of William Bradford, future governor of Plymouth colony. She was drowned.

First of importance, however, of all that occurred here, and also in the sequence of events, was the drawing up and signing of the famous compact of government, originally designated by Bradford in his history as "a combination." And so it was, in the most literal sense, a combination.

This agreement, made in writing by a little group of Englishmen who had been dismissed by their mother country as "good riddance to bad rubbish," is now treasured by the nation in America, to which they contributed as much as one of three great documents. The other two are the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

### Eugene Dull Facts.

Two friendly little neighbors, aged respectively 4½ and 5 years, recently seated themselves on the carstone near my windows for a religious discussion. It seemed they had overheard some grown-ups repeating a recent prophecy of a certain sect as to the imminent end of the world and were greatly exercised at the report. The elder child, a fair-haired skeptic from a northern state, scornfully declared that he didn't believe the story; but the swarthy, dark-eyed little Texan solemnly asserted: "Yes, it's true; I know it's true; for this mo'nin' I read it in mah Bible." The middle doan't know one letter of the alphabet from another, but he refuses to be pinned down to vulgar facts when his spirit wishes to soar. Are children of the period brighter than their predecessors? At his age I am sure I could not have fibbed with so solemn and convincing an air.—Los Angeles Times.

### Malignant Ghost.

Last Christmas, a house in Leeds was visited by an amazing ghost.

A woman, returning home, went into the kitchen to warm herself at the fire. Suddenly she was startled to see two long white arms emerge from the flames. Nearer and nearer they came, until they gripped her arms above the elbow.

The touch was like red hot iron, and she fell fainting to the ground. When she recovered she was surprised to find that there had been no fire in the grate. She visited a doctor, who examined her arms and found distinct signs of burns. This was afterward corroborated by another doctor.—London Mail.

### "The Right Kind of Child."

Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back. It loves everything near it, when it is the right kind of child—would hurt nothing, would give the best it has away, always, if you need it—does not lay plans for getting everything in the house for itself, and delights in helping people; you cannot please it so much as by giving it a chance of being useful, in ever so little a way.—John Ruskin.

### WATER "CURES" OLD BELIEF

In Both Ancient and Modern Days Fountains Have Been Considered Pools of Healing.

When you drink mineral water do you do it because you believe in its curative properties or because you are superstitious? Or both? Extraordinary virtue has been attributed to the waters of pools and streams by nearly all peoples of all times. Among the modern Greeks today we find the remnants of the old belief that the water from the Grotto of Macedonia would cure all those who drank it if they entered the cave with a lamp or torch in one hand and a pitcher in the other, filled the pitcher and left some scrap of clothing behind, going silently and not turning back from "being scared by the noises that ensued." And not only in Greece, but in England, there are many spots where the bushes around a certain pool will be hung thick with shreds of clothing left by those who came to be cured.

According to modern Greeks the mineral springs are under the protection of the Nereids, and the virtue of the water depends upon it being drunk in silence and with appropriate sacrifice. Old Church of England canons dating back to 1102 forbid the worship of wells without the bishop's permission, attributing the custom to heathenishness and a survival of the worship of the fountain as a symbol of the source of life. It was pointed out then that the naming of wells was as old as the days of the Patriarchs; that Abraham and Isaac are both spoken of in the Bible as having done so, but that worshipping them was a different matter.

### DESIRED TO TAKE THE VEIL

Oldest Daughter of Thomas Jefferson Attracted by Quiet Life Within Convent Walls.

Martha Jefferson, oldest daughter of Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, came near to being a catholic sister. She was a student at the school of Abbaye de Pantheon at the time the French Revolution was in progress. The daring and flippant infidelity of the French frightened and disgusted her, and she clung to the calm and serene life of the convent with all her strength. Her mother had taught her in the ways of the Church of England, but the surroundings at the school overreached this, and she decided to become a nun.

She wrote to her father asking his permission to adopt the veil. No answer came for several days, and then Jefferson appeared in person. He greeted the girl with a tender smile, interviewed the abbess, and then came out and told the girl to pack her things. Her school life was ended at that moment, and the next day she was introduced to society and made the mistress of her father's household. She declared years afterward that neither she nor her father had ever alluded to the subject by a single word from that day on.

### Historic Stratford-on-Avon.

The history of Stratford-on-Avon may be traced back for a period of 1,100 years, and as the birthplace of Shakespeare is has become a classic center visited annually by some 50,000 people. The Guard house, where Shakespeare was born; Shottery, where he courted Anne Hathaway; Charlotte park, once the seat of Sir Thomas Lucy, whose displeasure Shakespeare incurred by stealing his deer; the Shakespeare Memorial theater, on the banks of the Avon, and Shakespeare's monument, are all places worthy of visiting in the old market town of Stratford-on-Avon.

The Shakespeare hotel, situated in the center of the town and close to the Shakespeare Memorial theater, was erected in the Fourteenth century. A few doors from Shakespeare hotel is the Harvard House, which was the early home of the Harvard family, founders of Harvard university.

### How to Know Poetry.

We literates have been taught to read poetry, and taught also that it is highly commendable to enjoy it. In order to know what kind of poetry ought to be especially enjoyed, we read other books, written by critics. In order to understand what the poetry that ought to be admired means, we read other books by professional grammarians. By the time we have finished this preparatory reading, we are somewhat confused. We are in doubt as to what poetry actually is, and how it differs from prose. In this predicament we fall back on the printer. If every line begins with a capital letter, we assume that it is poetry.—Samuel McChord Crothers in the Atlantic Monthly.

### India's Fertility.

India, more than half the size of Europe, has every variety of surface, climate and production. The contrast between the level monotony of the Great plain and the beautiful contours of the Milgiri and Pulney hills is no greater than that between the arid heat of Jacobabad and the polar frigidity of the Himalayas; or that between the palm groves of Cochin and the wheat fields of Lyallpur. The productivity of India extends over three zones: the tropical, sub-tropical, and temperate; though on account of varying elevations these do not always comply with mere considerations of latitude.

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