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CORRESPONDENTS DEPARTMENT.

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PLEASANT GAP.

Mr. Wm. Barnes, one of our most prominent citizens, together with his family, left for New Castle, where he expects to make his future home.

PLENTY:—Public sales seems to be the attraction of the season; there will be a large number in this vicinity.

A SURPRISE:—Miss Marion, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Riddle, was given a pleasant surprise the other Monday evening, in the way of a birthday party.

Mr. Al Schreffler and wife, of Mill Hall were visiting friends in this section during the past week.

NEVER TOO OLD:—It is said, that a young lady of this place, recently sent for a book entitled "How to make love," of course we have no objections, as this is leap year. She no doubt thinks one is never too old to learn.

REVIVAL:—The revival is still in progress at the Methodist church, the meetings have been well attended, and much good has been accomplished.

NORMAL:—The prospects for having a summer normal there are bright; Prof. Gilbert's service could be secured at a very reasonable rate, and his reputation as an instructor is unsurpassed.

MADISONBURG ITEMS.

SURPRISE PARTY:—There was a surprise birthday party at Andrew Ocker's, on Friday evening. It was the birthday of their youngest daughter, Della.

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STATE COLLEGE NOTES.

OLD NAME:—At a public meeting of the freeholders, held at the school house on last Saturday eve, to consider the advisability of changing the name of the place.

A SUCCESS:—The birthday fete given in honor of Mrs. C. Harkness, at Mrs. Atherton's by the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, on the eve of Feb. 27, was a decided social and financial success.

AT ALTOONA:—The mechanical juniors spent Saturday inspecting the Altoona shops, under the direction of Prof. Heisler.

Esq. Harter, D. D. S., has moved into the Jos. Hoy property, on College ave.

Wm. Glenn, of Fillmore, was about town on Monday looking up old friends.

FRESHMEN WIN:—The Freshman class left at 11:30 on Saturday morning by special train for Williamsport, to hold their class banquet, having cleverly eluded the Soph's by locking them into their recitation rooms.

GOOD WALKS:—Dr. W. T. Glenn has laid generous walks in front of his properties, and adjoining property owners should do the same.

T. Scott Baily has secured Jeff Hubler to blacksmith for him. Mr. Hubler has rented the property of Mr. E. O. Houseman, now occupied by Mr. C. B. Strunk.

Mr. Enos H. Hess, of the experiment station, has just returned from a trip through western Pennsylvania lecturing at Farmers Institutes.

Mrs. E. E. Sparks, after a protracted visit here with her many friends, has returned to her home in Chicago.

Miss Nell Patterson has just returned from College Park, Md., where she has been visiting her brother Harry Patterson.

AARONSBURG CULLINGS.

Mrs. Schuure, of New Berlin, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Yearick.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Homan, of Centre Hall, were visiting some of their many friends in this, their former place of residence.

H. E. Crouse's have moved on Main St. Miss Jennie Cassler, from Holsopple, expects to spend the summer with them.

Mrs. Sadie Wolfe, of Madisonburg spent a day with her mother Mrs. Rev. Stambach last week. Sadie has many warm friends in our burg.

Mrs. Em. Cronmiller has returned from a trip to Philipsburg.

Mr. Miffin Meyer of Tusseyville was seen on our streets on Saturday evening after singing, but we dare not say with whom—dare we Theodor?

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The Irrigation Problem.

Eastern people have little idea of the difficulties that beset the question of supplying water to the 453,000,000 acres of arid lands in the west. The trouble is with conflicting state laws as well as with state lines that run exactly contrary to the direction in which they would have been run had consideration been paid to the natural lay of the ground.

There is a natural irrigation district between the Cascade range and the Rocky mountains, yet three states, Montana, Colorado and Wyoming are cut in two by the Rocky mountains, while Washington and Oregon are in like manner cut by the Cascades. Mr. Donaldson's idea would be to class the population west of the Cascades by themselves, the basin needing irrigation east of the Rockies also into a district to itself, changing state names and boundaries to suit.

The rivers from which the waters for irrigation must be obtained flow through three or four states sometimes. The Bear river, as instanced by the San Francisco Examiner, takes its rise in Utah, flows northward to Wyoming, dips west into Utah again, then back into Wyoming, and finally comes around by way of Idaho once more, and finally into Utah, flowing into Great Salt Lake.

There have been bitter contests over water rights. The laws of the different states and territories are at variance, and there is hopeless confusion. The only way to get out of it apparently would be for the United States to take the whole matter into its own hands, making uniform irrigation laws, just as it made uniform land laws.

The middleman has a side. Those who abuse him do not believe so, but it is a fact. A man who has had considerable experience in selling agricultural implements to farmers gives the point of view of the agent.

He says it will be a long time, if the time ever comes, when farmers will buy direct of manufacturers and thus save the middleman's profit for themselves. The dealers are allowed 25 per cent profit on the goods they dispose of. The farmer often engages to buy a machine, promising to pay cash. Cash means 30 days. Time goes by, and the money is not there. Then the farmer gives his note for the amount. And the bad middleman says of these notes, "I have some now that are worth little more than waste paper." To get his money back and save himself from ruin the dealer must put up the price of machines so as to make the honest farmers pay the debts of the unreliable ones.

The trouble seems to lie in the insidious and seductive credit system. If people, farmers included, would train themselves into the habit of buying only such personal property as they have cash in pocket to pay for, then the middleman would not seem half so wicked.

By sheer force of pluck and shrewdness the Japanese are driving the Chinese merchants out of the Hawaiian Islands and taking their places. These Japanese are not barbarians. They are more civilized than we are in some respects. If Japan secures that supremacy in the Hawaiian Islands which the United States so far does not seem to care to assume, it will mean, first, the transfer of a great trade from the United States to Japan. Next, with Japan looming up larger and larger among the world's great nations, nothing is more certain than when she thinks the time is ripe, she will reach out and take possession of Hawaii. At least she will try to.

Preparations are making to construct a tunnel road under the East river between New York and Brooklyn. The road will be two miles long. If built as it should be, it will greatly facilitate travel between New York city and Brooklyn. At present it is considerably harder to go from the upper part of New York to the upper part of Brooklyn than from Jersey City to Philadelphia, and it takes nearly as long a time. If New York had been a live western city, her clumsy modes of transfer would have been replaced by modern facilities long ago.

Some years ago the manufacturing firm of Proctor & Gamble at Ivorydale, near Cincinnati, established the system of dividing with their employees a certain share of the profits of the business. During six months recently, in the midst of the depression all around them, the workmen received 6 per cent of their wages in dividends.

Little Billee of Germany has confidence enough in himself to undertake even to settle the American financial question if we would only give him a whack at it.

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An instance of how one of these swindles works is that of a workman who sent 3 shillings abroad to a contest. A few days later he received in reply a letter marked "Private," ostensibly from an employee of the foreign concern, which offered in "revenge" to supply the missing word secretly for 20 shillings, or about \$5. The deluded mechanic sent on the money and received the word. Shortly afterward he got a letter from the company, saying that he had won, and that there were several hundred dollars standing to his credit. The only trouble was, so the letter ran, that another competitor had lodged a complaint and claimed £2. If he was willing to buy the man out, sending £2 by postal, the prize money would be forwarded to him in full.

The workingman started to pawn clothing in order to raise the money, when a friend suggested to him to have the company send the prize money minus the £2. He wrote to that effect. In answer came a letter stating that he need not send the money, as it had all been settled. But they had a charge on their books against him for "notarial and other costs of currency," amounting to 5 shillings. Would he send that over immediately for expenses? Confidently he did so and never heard from the company afterward.—New York World.

Sixteenth Century Monks. In all seasons alike the monks rose from their beds at midnight and went into a cold church—think how terribly cold it must have been in the depth of winter!—and there went through a service, or rather two services, matins and lauds, which were mostly sung and lasted about 1 1/2 hours. They then crept back to bed again. At 7 a. m. they again assembled in their church for prime, and at its close there was a short meeting in the chapter house for the ordinary business of the house, and specially its discipline. After that one of the monks, in priest's orders, would, in his turn, celebrate our lady's mass, while others would be reading or talking in the cloister. At 9 a. m. came tierce, which was followed by high mass and sext. Dinner time was, in the fourteenth century, probably 11 or 11:30 o'clock, and during the meal some lesson would be read aloud.

After dinner came none, and while most of the monks were engaged in that service the conversis, or lay brethren, and the monks who had in their turn served the others at dinner sat down to their meal. Then came a short time set apart, if desired, for sleep, which was followed by active employment of different kinds, by study or recreation.

Vespers were sung at 3 p. m. Supper was at 6 and was followed by a reading from some book of edification. At 7:30 came compline, and then at 8 the brethren went to the dormitory to sleep until they were aroused for matins. It was in the intervals of these stated studies that the officers of a Benedictine house transacted their manifold business and the other brethren studied in the "carrels" or wrote and illuminated in the Scriptorium.—Quarterly Review.

The "Big McKinneys." Marion county, Ia., of which Knoxville is the county seat, the home of the "Long Three Robinson Brothers," the giants who starred several seasons with Barnum as the three tallest brothers in the world, is also the native county of the "Big McKinneys," four mammoth specimens of humanity who claim to be the only four brothers in Iowa whose combined weight is more than 1,000 pounds. Only two of the brothers, Doc and Jim, now reside in Marion county. The former of these weighs 253 pounds and the latter 240. Frank, the second largest, weight 267, is somewhere out west, and John, the giant of the four, weight 286, is a Chicago policeman. Not one of the four is what would be termed a "fleshy" man. Each is a trim specimen of perfect manhood, standing from 6 feet 4 to 6 feet 7 inches in height. John makes the boast that he "can stand flat footed and turn a back somersault any day," and Jim can mash a man's hand in his giant grasp, or can take a dime and twist it all out of shape between his thumb and fingers.—St. Louis Republic.

English American News. This is the way a writer in the London Telegraph refers to recent American laws against pool selling and betting at race tracks: "The antebetting ukase passed last autumn at the instance of the Puritans, who would fain introduce the 'blue laws of Connecticut' into the city of New York, the most cosmopolitan capital in the world."

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OAK HALL NOTES.

Mrs. Chas. Decker and wife, of Slab Cabin Branch, were pleasant callers at the home of W. Sellers, last week.

Mr. Robb. Patterson, of Boalsburg, was visiting relatives here last.

Mr. D. C. Gingerich and son transacted business in Bellefonte last Saturday.

Our huckster is at present having some repairs made to his home, after completed it will be quite an improvement.

Mr. C. Dale attended the social at the home of Mr. Lytle, near Shiloh, on Friday evening.

Miss Jennie Myer, a handsome young lady of Boalsburg, visited at the home of Edward Sellers, last week. Come again Jennie.

We had quite a flood here last Friday night from the rain. The water was higher in Springcreek, than it has been for some time.

Mr. Lincoln Masser, of Fillmore, transacted business here last week.

Chollie makes a trip to Lemont quite often. He says Getz is a pretty good tinner.

Our friend and jolly saddler, Mr. J. H. Williams, is still sewing away at the harness trade. He is a good workman; if you want a good job well done give him a call.

Our blacksmith, Mr. William Rishel, is pounding away at his anvil from early morn till late at night. There is nothing like energy to make things move along. From appearances at present he will soon have to build a larger shop.

Mr. Lowden, the purchaser of Rev. Hammis farm here, has moved quite a lot of wood and machinery here already, he expects to farm the place himself this year.

We had quite an exciting runaway Monday evening. Dr. Glenn's horse came down the road from Boalsburg at a 2.30 gait, but fortunately no damage was done.

BARNEY AND THE DUNNY:—Our jolly friend made a trip to Philipsburg last week, with the huckster of this place, and on the street in Philipsburg he walked up to a dunny and says: "Can you tell me where the Potter House is." Of course Dunny did not answer and Barney says "All right I am just as good as you, if I am a country Jake."

The Peans of Rordyism. I have just been wading through several printed collections of music hall songs and find it impossible to convey, without pages of quotation, any adequate idea of the rank imbecility that characterizes them, almost without exception. It would perhaps be unfair to dwell on their metrical deficiencies. There seems to be no reason why verses for music should not be written in meter. But the rhymers may retort that there is no reason why they should. What is most striking is the utter poverty and monotony of their topics, the sordidness of their view of life, the baseness of their ideals, the insincerity of their enthusiasm, the total absence of healthy passion or indignation and even of genuine, unforced gaiety or sentiment. The humor is that of the mock valentine, their pathos that of the pavement artist.

They pass from praises of debauchery and peans of rordyism to grimy caricatures of the sordidness of lower middle class life, inapt jocosities on love and marriage, birth and death and patently insincere criticisms on public events. Their philosophy is a mean and shallow knowingsness, their patriotism is cheap and empty bluster. The worship of the ugly, which leads the most popular "comedians" to assume a red nose when they have it not and trick themselves out, with neither rhyme nor reason, in garments many sizes too large for them, inspires the literature of the music hall no less than its physical presentations.—Contemporary Review.

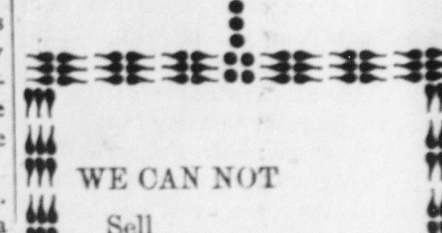
The Stairs an Afterthought. The old story about building a house and forgetting the staircase, which has probably been worked off at the expense of every young architect who has been born since staircases were invented, was actually realized in the case of Montagu House, which the late dowager Duchess of Buccleuch made famous by her entertainments. When the house was nearly finished, it was discovered that no means of reaching the upper floors had been provided, and the grand staircase which had to be added considerably marred the arrangements of the mansion.—London Figaro.

Can You Solve It.

Here is an example in arithmetic which the school boys may keep their wheels turning during the evening: "A young man went to a preacher to get married, and the preacher asked: How old is your father? He is two years older than my mother. My oldest sister is two years older than my youngest sister. My youngest sister is four years older than my younger brother. How old are they altogether?" asked the preacher. The young man replied that five of the children are 17 years older than his father and mother together. How old is John and each of the children and his father and mother?



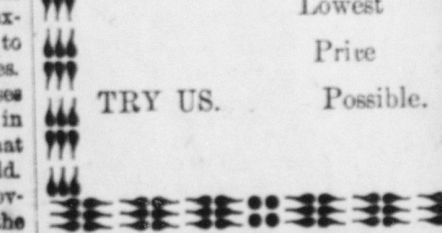
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