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BELLEFONTE, PENN'A

CORRESPONDENTS DEPARTMENT

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Roland.

Harry Johnson and family will move to Mt. Eagle next week.

Miss Cora Neff spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Heberling, of Eagleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gertig became the proud possessors of a fine big boy last Friday.

H. Laird Curtin spent Sunday at State College with his brother Jno., who is attending that institution.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Morrison were callers at the home of Mrs. Morrison's parents, No. 4, W. Broadway.

Our school will close next Wednesday, March 22d. An exhibition will be held in the evening at the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Barnhart, of Punksutawney, spent the week with Mr. Barnhart's two sisters, of this place.

Mrs. Hirlinger, of Philipsburg, and Ralph McCormick, of Lock Haven, visited at the home of Mrs. Jas. B. Curtin, last week.

Mr. Schreffler and S. P. Bathurst attended a party at the home of Mrs. J. B. Leathers, of Mt. Eagle, Friday evening. They report having a fine time.

Rev. A. P. Wharton delivered his last sermon for the conference year, on Sunday evening. We hope to have Mr. Wharton with us again next year.

We have already heard of one girl crying when a young man leaves, but we think it much worse to see two for the same one. Now girls console yourselves by thinking it will be only three years until he comes back.

By the departure of J. Lattimer Curtin, who went to Stillwater, Oklahoma, we have lost one of our bright young men. Mr. Curtin will attend the college of that place, under the instruction of his uncle, Prof. G. L. Holter, a graduate in chemistry at State College.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me." For sale by F. POTTS GREEN, druggist, Bellefonte, Pa.

Rebersburg.

A number of our people are attending George Kreamer's auction at Kreamerville.

The latter part of last week Samuel Strohecker made a business trip to Clinton county.

Emmon Strayer, of Wolf's store, moved into the suburb of our burg in the forepart of last week.

Rev. Doerstler, who is the new Escher Ev. pastor, delivered his first discourse on Sunday morning.

Henry Miller is George Kreamer's successful auctioneer. Harvey always, apparently, has a crowded house.

Lloyd Walker, left for the West, at the beginning of the week. We hope the many who will go West, of our valley, will be bountifully rewarded.

John Harter, our lively merchant, made a bracing business trip into Nittany Valley on Monday. John says, "the horses are going up;" of course he means in price.

Our old friend, especially to some and the successful landlord of Millifinburg in the person of Austin Gramley, was in our burg over Sunday. Mr. Gramley, is keeping a first-class house.

Benjamin Houtz, about two and one half mile west of our burg, who died almost suddenly, on Sunday morning, was buried on Wednesday morning, in our burg, in the Escher Evangelical cemetery. The funeral exercises were conducted by Rev. Doerstler, the new Evangelical pastor.

A CORRECTION:—Last week we announced that Prof. Hosterman would teach a term of summer school in our burg, as that was had been informed by some parties, but this is not so, Prof. Hosterman will not teach a summer term. We are afraid that some of our people will, in the near future, be sorry for their unpleasant doings.

—Handsome patent Oxford shoes, new spring goods, order early—Powers' shoe Co.

Mingoville.

Chas. Lee is all smiles, of late; he says it is a dish washer.

Jno. Workman and wife are at present visiting at Johnsonburg.

Ex Gov. Hastings and wife spent the latter part of last week at the club house.

Claud Johnson lost a valuable colt, a few days ago, from a kick of another horse.

Al Spade expects to move his saw mill in a few days, down the Holmesttract, at Nittany.

Little May, infant daughter of Mrs. F. M. Dunkle, has been very sick, but is improving.

We will have two sales the last week of this month—Jno. Johnsonbaugh and Wm. Maize.

Samuel Zong is going to McKean county, next Monday, where he has secured a position.

Jno. White has sold his engine to Gettig Bros. They expect to move it down Cedar Run, into a lumber job.

Mrs. Steinenger and son, of Rebersburg, have been visiting friends in this section, the past couple of weeks.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

For some time many of our correspondents have delayed sending their communications until Wednesday. The result is a great mass of copy accumulates; it cannot be given the proper attention in revision and setting-up as time is too short. The result is many interesting items are often left out, or entire communications omitted. See that your correspondence is mailed to reach us not later than Tuesday.

Aaronsburg.

Mrs. Nathaniel Boob, of near Millifinburg, visited relatives and friends in this section several days last week.

Miss Ada Hosterman, of Woodward, spent several days last week, with her friend, Miss Jennie Hull, in this place.

Peter Krape, of Lock Haven, is spending several days this week at the hospitable home of Henry Crouse, on North street.

Mrs. Clark Herman, of State College, visited at the residence of her brother, Al Stover, in this place, several days last week.

Mrs. Will Boob and daughter, Grace, of Centre Hall, visited at the residence of Mr. Boob, in this place, several days last week.

We have been having delightful weather for the past week, and no doubt everybody is glad that winter is rapidly passing into oblivion.

James Wilson, in company with Miss Annie Charles, both of Hartleton, spent Sunday at the residence of Mrs. Rebecca Charles, on North 2d street.

Prof. R. D. Owen and Miss Wilson rendered a very pretty piece of music in the Reformed Sunday school on Sunday morning, which was highly appreciated by those present.

All our town schools will close this week, after having been in session for six months. The teachers employed gave general satisfaction—no complaint having been brought against them, which is very gratifying news.

Mrs. Jacob Reed, residing on West Main street, had the misfortune to break her ankle one day last week. She was on the way from the barn to the house and presumably slipped on the ice, falling heavily to the ground and sustaining the fracture.

The Misses Phillips, of Akron, Ohio, are the guests of their uncle, W. H. Phillips, in this place, until the arrival of their parents, who, we are informed have bought a farm in Brush valley, to which place they will shortly move and claim as their permanent residence.

Jean Shaffer, of Williamsport, is visiting his grandparents Thos. Edmunds, near town, for several days. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted in the Williamsport company, but since then of course has been discharged. However, he still wears his uniform, and is a very nice looking soldier boy.

The entertainment given by the Grammar school scholars, on Saturday evening, was a grand success, both oratorical and financially. Quite a number of new pieces were rendered, and the house was well filled. Everybody seemed to enjoy the exercises, notwithstanding the fact that they had seen and heard several of the dramas on the first night. The proceeds amounted to something over \$13.

While on his way home from town last week, where the overseers of the poor were disposing of his household goods at public sale, Absalom Confer (who is a township charge) was stricken with paralysis, and was found unconscious near the Lutheran cemetery, by some of the neighbors. He was taken to his home and placed in bed, where he lingered until Tuesday morning, when he was called into the great beyond, from whence no traveler returns, without regaining consciousness. Mr. Confer was a life-long member of the M. E. church, and a faithful follower of the principles laid down in the Bible, which fit a man for the better world. His age was about seventy years, and he was laid to rest this (Thursday) forenoon.

Prof. R. D. Owen, of Nichols, N. Y., who conducted a very successful music class in our town last winter, is again in our midst and has succeeded in raising quite a large number of singers, whom he has been instructing and drilling for some time. On Saturday night he will bring his work in this county to a close for this winter by giving a grand concert in the M. E. church, assisted by the best local talent in this vicinity and Miss Leota Wilson, of Millifinburg, as leading soprano. A rich musical treat can be looked for, as Prof. Owen never does anything by halves, but always renders such a grade of music that reaches the height of excellence. We are informed that Miss Stella Zerby, of Millheim, has been engaged as organist. We bespeak a crowded house for the professor and his class of singers.

Kreamerville.

Not much news this week.

Auction still in progress.

May be can give you more news next week, so Good Bye.

Horace A. Kaufman and family, of Centre Hall, were the pleasant guests of J. P. Wate here Sunday.

A good talk was given by Amos Fehl, Sunday evening, in the Epworth League. A good audience, may it continue to be so.

G. W. Kreamer spent most of Monday in Rebersburg, as that was a day set apart for Township settling, he being one of the Auditors.

Israel Haugh, Wm. Brindle, Elmer Miller, Lloyd Walker, left for the West Monday noon, followed by J. M. Winters, and Jacob Kerstetter, on Tuesday morning train.

"Why," asked the visitor, "do you have so many calendars hanging about the office?" "Oh that's for the benefit of my employes," replied the business man.

"When any of them think they need a vacation its very easy to take a month off."

They say Agoncilo was the victim of a joke on the train during his flight to Canada. One of the passengers assured the steward that Agoncilo was an enemy of the United States and that any one who gave him sustenance was guilty of high treason and might be punished for it. Agoncilo and his colleague, Marti, ordered something to eat, but the steward was not going to run any risk. His views of treason made him believe the passenger's exposition, but after making the Philippines wait a long time he concluded to take the chance and they were fed.

A steady drinker is generally the most unsteady one.

"This business certainly takes the palm," remarked the florist as he ordered a large supply of that article for the Easter demand.

Axemann.

Daniel Rider is at present visiting at his home.

Movings will be the next step of importance, in our town.

Bicycles are all the go as the roads are in good condition.

Quite a number of our people attended the services at Valentines Forge, on Sunday evening.

P. C. Stellas house, which recently was partially destroyed by fire, has been repaired again.

Jacob Sunday will labor for Noah Breon, on the farm, for the coming year. Glad to have with us.

The Axemann grammar school will close on Monday, but the primary will not close for a week or two.

D. M. Kline, of this place, accompanied by Benjamin Getzler, of Zion, took a car load of fine horses to Buffalo, N. Y., last week.

Woodward.

Andy Moyer is on the sick list at present.

John Eby and Wm. Motz went to Pittsburg on Tuesday morning.

C. D. Motz is adding a choice lot of standard books to his new stand.

R. M. Wolfe and Newton Miller, were to Bellefonte on business, on Monday.

Rev. Doerstler will preach in the Evangelical church on Sunday morning.

Rev. Buck will have preaching services, in the United Evangelical church.

The farmers about here was busy engaged hauling wheat to Coburn, last week.

Quite a number of the young folks, of this place, took in the exhibition at Aaronsburg, on Saturday evening.

Due to the sickness of Dr. Musser and the absence of Dr. Frank, Dr. Braucht, of Spring Mills, was called to this vicinity on Monday.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, March 9.

Great Britain's navy will cost the government nearly £28,000,000 this year.

Latest reports from Honolulu indicate the probable death of Princess Kaiulani. The husband of Mrs. Botkin, the San Francisco poisoner, has applied for a divorce.

The tug James Bowen was sunk off the Virginia capes and 12 persons drowned.

Exploding nitro-glycerine near Parkersburg, W. Va., killed George French and M. Michaels.

General Ludlow, military governor of Havana, appeals for assistance for the starving poor of that city.

Friday, March 10.

Count Esterhazy predicts that Captain Dreyfus will receive a full pardon.

Citizens of Tacoma, Wash., have organized a vigilance committee and will drive out suspicious characters.

General Miller, commander of our forces at Iloilo, Philippines, retires for age March 27. Colonel T. M. Anderson succeeds him.

E. F. Bogert, postmaster at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was arrested on a charge of tampering with the mails. He charges a political conspiracy.

Rev. T. De Witt Talmage has resigned the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, Washington, and will devote himself to literature.

Harry Kintzer, a prosperous farmer near Womelsdorf, Pa., eloped with Miss Beidler, a neighbor's daughter. Mrs. Kintzer, the deserted wife, committed suicide.

Before the Pennsylvania legislative investigators ex-Senator John J. Coyle, of Schuylkill county, ex-Representative Thomas Moyles, of Wilkes-Barre, and present member Spatz, of Berks, were charged with attempts at bribery. They deny the charges.

Regardless Of Age.

The kidneys are responsible for more sickness, suffering, and deaths than any other organs of the body.

A majority of the ill-afflicting people to-day is traceable to kidney trouble. It pervades all classes of society, in all climates, regardless of age, sex or condition.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are unmistakable, such as rheumatism, neuralgia, sleeplessness, pain or dull ache in the back, a desire to urinate often day or night, profuse or scanty supply.

Uric acid, or brick-dust deposit in urine are signs of clogged kidneys, causing poisoned and germ-filled blood. Sometimes the heart acts badly, and tube casts (wasting of the kidneys) are found in the urine, which if neglected will result in Bright's Disease, the most dangerous form of kidney trouble.

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No one need be long without it as it is so easy to get at any drug store at fifty cents or one dollar. You can have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery, Swamp-Root, and a book telling all about it, both sent to you absolutely free by mail. Send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and kindly mention that you read this liberal offer in the Centre Democrat. 6

"Stopped the Street Car."

A well known gentleman said to a street car conductor the other day. "Please stop until I get off. My wife told me to be sure and get her a bottle of 'Celery Wine.'" She has been troubled with sleeplessness and nervous troubles and can find nothing that has helped her like celery wine. I think one more bottle will cure her. Large bottles, 50c. Sold only by J. C. F. Motz, Woodward; W. H. Miller, Axemann; J. H. Griffin, Stormstown; L. B. McIntire, Fillmore.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Marat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong-Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Bring full original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low price. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Ad dress, F. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

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SCHOOL BOOK QUESTION.

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tion:—"What influences should govern a director in voting for any particular book?" This of course is intended to cover any series of books as well. In answer to this, all directors should be influenced only by an honest desire to subserve the best interests of the school under their jurisdiction or control. With this general statement I might stop; but the paper would not be complete without some discussion of the influences brought to bear, both in a direct and in an indirect way upon the directors.

School boards too frequently adopt books without careful or thorough examination of the books to be adopted. Unimportant and technical differences in books are often magnified, not by directors, but by interested agents and teachers, who by some means unknown to the board, perhaps by "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," into an importance ill-deserved, and useless and pointless changes in books are made.

Under the 20th section of the Act of May 8, 1854, there must be a meeting of the directors and teachers, and a consultation, before any book or series of books can be adopted. While the provisions of this law were well intended, and may work some good, there is not a director in the state who does not know that in a large number of cases, it is little more than a farce. Often teachers are the very persons who, for the most technical and trivial reasons, advocate a change of books. They have been lumbered with by the wily-tongued agents, to influence the board. Their influence has been sought, not for the good of the district, but for the book house.

It is a matter of regret that so many school teachers act as agents for the sale and introduction of school books, apparatus and supplies. The law requiring that they be consulted in regard to the selection of books, intended that school boards should have their honest-unbiased judgment on the merits of the books. This they cannot give if they are in the employ of any particular house.

It is not stating it too strongly to say that nearly every district has one or more teachers who are getting a commission, or salary or bonus for securing the adoption of certain books, or a particular series. Instead therefore of giving to the board a fair, impartial, and unbiased opinion, after making an examination of the books, as to their merits, it is prejudiced and based upon self interest, and the hope of gaining the board and the district for personal gain. This is one of the influences both direct and indirect with which the director has to contend, and one which should be resisted to the utmost, for it never justifies a director in voting for any particular book or books.

The law intended that this consultation should be a help to the board, but in the districts where it should be of the most use and help to the board, its abuse and violation in letter and spirit is most frequent.

As I have already said, a school director in voting for any particular book or series of books, should be influenced by an honest desire to serve the best interest of his district. The great majority of school directors are thoroughly honest and mean well in all they do for the schools. They may not be as progressive as they should be, but this does not effect their honesty or integrity of purpose. Many of them do not have the time, or take the time to make such an examination as should be made and is necessary to enable them to form a correct or proper judgment, on the merits of the book, and taking advantage of this, the interested teacher gets in his work.

In judging of the merits of text books, the general plan and scope of the book should have far more weight, and be considered of much more importance than technicalities. If the plan and scope of the book is right, then another important matter should be considered. Is the book well arranged, so that the subject on which it treats can be both taught and learned? and, is it adapted in matter and gradation to the grades or classes where it is to be used? Very often dissatisfaction arises from books being placed in grades for which they were never intended. A reason like this should influence a director in voting for any particular book or series of books.

All contemplated changes should be carefully considered. The fact that in every year certain districts adopt "A" grammar, or some other books of "A's" in place of B's, and perhaps an equal number of districts adopt B's in place of A's, shows how ill-considered very many changes must be, and is some evidence to show that some influence other than the merits of the books, or the sound judgment of the directors has been brought to bear on the question.

A word as to what shall guide and help a director in coming to a proper conclusion on questions of this kind which must necessarily come before him, and upon which he must pass. I should say, examine the books thoroughly for yourself. Have men in whom you have faith and confidence join you in this work. Secure if you can the opinion of men who are engaged in school work. Examine carefully the reviews of the books by professors of our colleges and universities, and the educational journals; consult, as the law requires, with your teachers, but if you have any among them who are engaged in your own or any other district, as Agents; or who can see no good in anything except that which may come from a particular house, give them a wide berth. Their opinions will not be unbiased and unprejudiced. After you have done all this, fall back upon your own hard common sense, and act upon the rule that a change in text books should be made when there is good reason for believing that the books to be introduced are enough superior to those in use to warrant whatever expense is likely to be incurred, should there be any, and in voting for any book, let it be done with an honest desire to subserve the best interest of the schools under your jurisdiction.

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