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## CORRESPONDENCE

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### Centre Hall.

Rev. and Mrs. Rearick took in the teacher's institute Wednesday.

Lyman Smith, we regret to say, has been laid up with pneumonia.

Ed. Kerlin will occupy the late residence of his deceased father and continue the produce business.

The Boob home is not yet rented to any family.

Walter Kerlin, it is rumored, intends going to Philadelphia with the expectation of remaining.

Miss Flora Love has made her home with the family of Rev. Doctor Schuyler, since the death of the son of the Reverend.

The Lutheran Sunday school will have an entertainment on Christmas.

Some think the postoffice will be moved to the room that was occupied as Boob's store room.

Our teachers all attended institute this week.

### Benore.

Butchering is an occupation among our people at the present time.

Aquilla Williams, of Port Matilda, was seen in our town on Friday last, call again, Mr. Williams.

Rev. R. W. Runyan preached in the M. E. church on Sunday evening.

Miss Hannah Stuart, of Port Matilda, spent last week with friends in this place.

Charles says he thinks he will go farming now, as he believes it will not be so hard as working in the shop.

Quite a number of people are suffering from severe colds at present.

Jesse Pennington left last week for Altoona where he expects to find employment.

We are sorry to note the illness of Jerry Kelley, of Buffalo Run; his many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

### ESTEY CHAPEL ORGAN.

To be Given to Some Church or Sunday School.

The following is the result of the ninth cent of coupons, Wednesday evening, Dec. 11th:

#### WEEKLY COUNT:

Liberty Baptist Church, Blanchard..	410
Kreamerville M. E. Church.....	9
Evangelical church, Bellefonte.....	679
Total	1098

#### TOTAL VOTE:

Liberty Baptist Church, Blanchard..	1538
Kreamerville M. E. Church.....	1256
U. B. Church, Pleasant Valley.....	367
Evangelical Church, Bellefonte.....	4199
M. E. church, Munson.....	50
Total	7400

Rev. Ira C. Moore, of Barracksville, W. V., is conducting a series of meetings in the Disciple church at Heward, and will continue during next week. Rev. Moore is one of the prominent ministers in the church, a man of pleasing address and considerable ability.

#### A. M. SLOZMAN,

THOS. J. SEXTON, Judges.

The following is the "NEWSPAPER COUPON," cut it out, as some one will be anxious to have same:

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No. 12. DECEMBER 12

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### COL. DUNHAM'S LETTER.

Some Interesting Notes About California and Arizona.

This week we received two letters from Col. D. S. Dunham, now living at Pasadena, Cal., that will be read with much interest by his numerous friends in Centre county:

There are some things we are short on in this garden of Eden. We are short on rain, and for the last year we have been short on earthquakes, the last one of any account took place at Hewitt, some 30 miles from here two years ago. It knocked things around quite loosely. It did but little damage at this place. We are short on rats, there being none in this earthquake country. We are short on potato bugs, there being none here on account of their not yet having made the circuit of the globe. But the best thing we are short on are bed bugs. I am told there is not one in all southern California. It is certainly delightful sleeping without those kind of insects hanging around trying to scrape acquaintance. Well, that is a few things we are short on.

We have some few people here with a national reputation. There is Mrs. Scott, who is the sister of Guitau who shot President Garfield, whose husband furnished the means for Guitau's trial. He is dead now and Guitau's sister is just rolling in wealth. This came soon after the trial. He has one son who rides in his automobile. They live on Orange Grove avenue. Mrs. Garfield, widow of President Garfield, moved onto the same avenue on which Mrs. Scott lives. They live less than 1/4 of a mile from each other. This world is not so large after all.

Mrs. Childs, widow of the man who owned the Philadelphia Ledger, has settled down here this year. Mrs. Gen. Fremont, who was Miss Jessie Benton in her younger days, is living in Los Angeles; age is fast telling on her.

We have Robert Burdette stationery here. He just got home this summer with his new wife, from a trip around the world. He is engaged, just now, in giving a farewell lecture to all his old friends and acquaintances, on the "Rise and Fall of the Moustache," and will not be home until next spring. Dr. Hayes and wife, of Bellefonte, arrived here the other day.

I forgot one other thing, we are short on, which is decidedly beneficial, that is cabbage worms, there being none in the country.

What this country needs is more water. All the rivers run underground. If it was not for that fact, and the other fact, that if we had half of the rainfall that Bellefonte gets, there would be nothing but what we could grow here. As it is we have to irrigate everything we desire to grow. We have the climate, and if we had the water, everything would be lovely. A spring broke out in the middle of San Diego river which caused big headlines in the daily papers.

When we stopped in our description of the Snake Dance, we stated that the primeval petrified forest was some 150 miles distant, for which place we started by the Santa Fe R. R., and arrived at Adamana in the afternoon. This is a government reservation, 10 miles by 25 miles long. Along rocky ridges, and at their base lie the petrified logs, varying in thickness up to 6 feet in diameter, just as perfect in bark, wrinkles, wood, circle and heart as if they were awaiting the sawmill's work. At the eastern end we saw a tree that had fallen across a canyon about 40 feet wide. There it lies as a natural bridge. I walked across this marvelous bridge several times. It is just as natural in appearance as if it were wood and had fallen recently instead of ages and ages ago, and in some curious, strange way, turned to stone. This natural bridge is the objective point of all visitors.

After seeing the bridge we returned to the thicker forest and selected a sandy spot between the logs for a banking place. The night scene was romantic. The full moon poured its mellow light upon the colored hills and prostate logs. All was silent as the grave. No animal or bird crossed the shadows as we strolled round until after a o'clock in this primeval forest. We thought of the possible monsters and strange animals which fed in this great forest thousands and thousands of years ago, but none of their bones are here to tell the story.

That the trees existed before Noah's flood and were turned to stone before that period is a well established geological fact. D. S. DUNHAM.

Among the older residents of Pasadena there is a sister of Osawatomic Brown, aged 80 years. Her husband was with Brown in some of his anti-slavery raids in Kansas. His name is Thompson. There is another one of the family, a brother of the man who captured Harper's Ferry, living at Santiago. He is away up in years. Thompson has a grand-daughter, the only direct descendant of the known family, besides his wife now in Pasadena, and the only living one outside the brother who resides in Santiago. This grand-daughter passes my house every morning on her way to school, for she is a school teacher, and its likely they will keep her in that position as long as she fills the bill.

There is living here and in Los Angeles, 7 miles from here, quite a number of Centre county people. There is Dr. Rhone's family, who at one time was a resident of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Rhone, an aunt of Harry Keller. Then there is the family of the brother of Sammy Williams, of your place, all doing well. There is Mr. Brown and his family a relative of the Bellefonte Browns, while Mrs. Brown is the sister of James Noonan, the mixologist of the Bush House. There is a Mr. Roberts, who taught the Academy at one time and married a daughter of Wm. Humes, whose widow is living with her son-in-law. Besides these is the Yocum family, the head of which at one time represented Centre county in the lower house of Congress.

There has been no cold weather thus far this year. The 1st of January every year this city holds a flower festival. They call it "Pesta." They give premiums for the best flower bespangled, 6 horse, 4 horse, 2 horse and one horse rigs. The 4th of July don't begin to come up to the January Pesta. It is the day of all days. The secret societies all turn out to parade on the first day of January. You will see solid wheels of flowers, harnesses all flowers, lines and bridles covered with blossoms of spring, so you cannot tell where one commences and the other ends. The forenoon is devoted to the parade and disposing of the premiums. The afternoon is devoted to playing foot-ball.

In my last letter I left off in the famous forest of Arizona. Canyon Deabito was our next place to see. Here is the

famous high bridge across this deep gash in Mother Earth. The Santa Fe R. R. has a bridge across it 530 feet long while the canyon is 236 feet deep. These are not hills alongside of it, so that one comes suddenly upon this long, winding, deep, narrow cut upon the plain. Here is where a large number of people left to see the snake dance.

Southeast from Deabito is another one of those marvelous freaks of nature. From the level rim of the plain arises a ledge some 200 feet high. This rim extends around a circular hole in the earth about one mile in diameter and 627 feet deep. From this great hole there is no canyon or opening leading off. Some think, as the tradition says, that this mighty hole was made by an immense meteor striking here and exploding. The evidence on the ground bears out that theory, as the hole is full of meteoric stones of celestial origin.

Arizona furnishes almost every known mineral substance; of course I was not surprised to hear a Phoenix prospector tell about locating a "soap geyser." He has located three of them, one about 15 feet in diameter, filled with a greasy substance like putty. After a thorough test it was found to be an excellent quality of soap that will take dirt or grease or tar out of an old rag. It was the first soap mine that I ever saw.

D. S. DUNHAM, Pasadena, Cal.

### IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

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mosquitoes and kill malaria germs next summer.

Considerable excitement prevails in and around Westover, Clearfield county, over the discovery of fire clay and lands is being leased and, if not manufactured there it will be mined and shipped elsewhere.

A damage suit for \$30,000 against the city of Altoona is being tried, brought by James Glasgow of Antes township, who claims that amount for injuries done to his farm by reason of a flow of sewage from the city.

Four Kerstetter children, near McKees Haif Falls, Snyder county, are ill with smallpox. There were five in all down with the disease, but one died Friday. The schools in that locality are closed, owing to the prevalence of the scourge.

Mrs. Catharine S. Beardsley, widow of the late Harrison T. Beardsley, who was one of the pioneer residents of Lock Haven, and one of the leaders of the Clinton county bar in the 60's, died at the Beardsley residence, East Water street, Friday night, at the advanced age of 82 years.

J. D. Ganoe, of Smith Mills, Clearfield county, is a veteran of the Civil war. Dangling from his watch chain is a bullet which entered his chin, went through his neck and was extracted from his shoulder twenty-four hours after the battle of Fredericksburg, thirty-nine years ago.

Some heavy porkers have been killed at Salona. G. W. Krape killed one weighing 536 pounds and one that tipped the beam at 445 pounds. Three killed by Frank Page weighed respectively 431, 415 and 407 pounds, Benjamin Krape killed three, the weight being 331, 339 and 378 pounds and two slaughtered by C. J. Sigmond weighed 332 and 330 pounds.

During the computation of the vote of Lehigh county Judge Albright scored the practice of freak voting, and threw out a number of such votes. Jokers who wrote the name of some person other than a regular nominee on their ballot, were rebuked with the statement that the court and the computers do not have time to trifle with foolish people who throw away their right of franchise by such practices.

A sad and peculiar fatality resulted in the family of William Baker at Millburg last week. Their daughter Edna had been a sufferer for quite a while from a spinal trouble. Her age was about thirteen years, and the funeral occurred on Thursday afternoon. About eleven o'clock some night Mr. Baker was taken suddenly ill with a severe pain in the head and vomited. Medical assistance was hurriedly summoned, but within an hour he was a corpse. A widow and two children survive.

Frank McHale is in a serious condition at Shamokin, the victim of an initiation into a society. A crowd of men assembled in a house Monday night, and McHale was told that in order to be admitted he must have the initials of his name burnt on his arm. He remonstrated at first, but later, urged by taunts, bared his arm. A red hot poker burnt the first initials. McHale said he had enough. The crowd jeered and told him he had no grit. Again he allowed the other initial to be placed on his arm and now the member will have to be amputated.

### Opening New Coal Fields.

A firm of Philadelphia coal operators has closed a deal for the purchase of 8,000 acres of coal lands in the Karthaus district. A portion of the land is in Keating township, this county, and the balance of the tract in Karthaus township, Clearfield county. The land included in the deal extends from the Sitemahoning road, leading to Driftwood, to West Keating, and the whole is underlain with a four-foot vein of the finest coal in the country.

### AN UNEQUALLED RECORD.

There is a Rapidly Increasing Volume of Bellefonte Evidence Rolling up for the Great Medicine Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills.

It would seem that hardly anyone can take Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills without receiving marked benefit. The wonderful action of this medicine in putting people on their feet who are in a weak, run down condition, is the talk of every place they are known. It is only a short time since they first came to Bellefonte yet to-day they are more in evidence for merit with Bellefonte people than all other medicines combined.

Soloman Garrett, of 30 Allegheny St., Bellefonte, Pa., says: "I had been feeling very much run down for a long time. My head ached a great deal and I felt tired and sore all over. I was also bothered with sleeplessness at night. I saw Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills so highly recommended I got a box at Krumboltz's Drug Store and they did me a great deal of good. I felt firmer after using them and have no hesitation in recommending them to others."

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills are sold at 50¢ a box at all dealers or Dr. A. W. Chase, Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. See that portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D., are on every package.

Short sighted—little people. The lamp-post stands in its own light.

### 100 CENTS CAME BACK AS \$800.

The congregation of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal church, of Jersey Shore, have done a great deal with the talents that their pastor, the Rev. W. Emerson Karns, gave to them six months ago.

The Rev. Mr. Karns advertised in the newspapers that he would give away money and, as promised, he distributed about one hundred brand-new pennies, giving to some but one, to others two and to a third class three.

Recently they were returned with usury, and the result was that \$500, a sufficient amount to free the Epworth Church from debt, was realized.

The interesting part of the meeting was the report by various members of how they made their talents increase. Mrs. Robert Ramsey and Mrs. Dewey Douglas, two of the town's most prominent society women, caused a stir when they declared that they had each raised \$10 by doing washing for a number of their friends. The pastor himself led the list as the largest contributor, he having made \$60 as the result of investing his one-cent talent. The penny itself was purchased by an admirer of the young divine for \$25.

### HEMLOCK WAY UP.

The last issue of the American Lumberman, of Chicago, gives the situation of the hemlock trade in Pennsylvania as follows: "For years it has been prophesied that the beginning of the end of Pennsylvania hemlock was in sight. Just now it is manifest, for the first time in the history of the wood, that the supply of timber has become so far diminished and the remainder is held in such few and strong hands, that from this time forward there will be a decided restriction of hemlock lumber in Pennsylvania. The United States Leather company either owns or controls perhaps seventy-five per cent of hemlock stumpage of the state."

There is every prospect for a further rise. Aside from the almost complete control over Pennsylvania hemlock, exercised by the United States Leather company, the owners of forests are holding back their hemlock for fear of the total consumption of the forests. The trees are cut before they are half grown in many cases, because the lumber is in such demand. Even now, it is stated it is cheaper to buy lumber from the south than from the Pennsylvania forests.

### OLD TIME HYMN BARRED.

Methodist Revision Committee Eliminate "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

The Methodist hymnal revision committee which is in session in Cincinatti for the purpose of revising the hymn book, has decided to eliminate that old favorite, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," objection to the last line of the hymn having been found. The last verse is:

Sweet hour of pray'r! Sweet hour of pray'r! May I thy consolation share. Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height, I view my home and take my flight; To seize the everlasting drop and rise To seize the everlasting drop and rise. And shout while passing thro' the air, Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of pray'r.

The objection to the line was that no Christian should bid farewell to the last hour of prayer.

"He Leadeth Me, Oh, Blessed Thought," is another favorite taken out. Charles Wesley is a prime favorite, and only two of his hymns will be omitted. The old stand-by, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Rock of Ages" and others similar will be retained.

### Cannot Use the Lord's Prayer.

Attorney General Douglas, of Minnesota, upheld the opinion that, under the state constitution, the Lord's Prayer cannot be used in the public schools. This ruling is because of section 16, article 1, of the state constitution, which says: "Nor shall any man be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship." The question came to Superintendent Olso, of the department of public instruction, from a school director in Morrison county.

### FATHER RODE THE GOAT.

The house is full of arnica And mystery profound; We do not dare to run about Or make slightest sound. We leave the big piano shut And do not strike a note; The doctor's has been here seven times Since father rode the goat.

He joined the lodge a week ago; Got in at 4 a. m. Sixteen brethren brought him home, Though he says he brought them. His wrist was sprained, and one big rip Had rent his Sunday coat; There must have been a lively time When father rode the goat.

He's resting on the couch to day And practicing his sings— The halting signal, working grip And other monkey shins. He mutters pass-words 'neath his breath.

And other things he'll quote: They surely had an evening's work When father rode the goat.

He has a gorgeous uniform, All gold and red and blue, A hat with plumes and yellow braid And golden hedges, too; And, somehow, when we mention it, He wears a look so grim We wonder if he rode the goat Or, if the goat rode him.

No Caterpillars Next Year. State Entomologist Smith says that the plague of caterpillars will not be repeated next year. He has discovered that a small parasite has been killing off all cocoons in which the caterpillars wrap themselves during the winter months. The parasite is a strange looking insect resembling a fly.

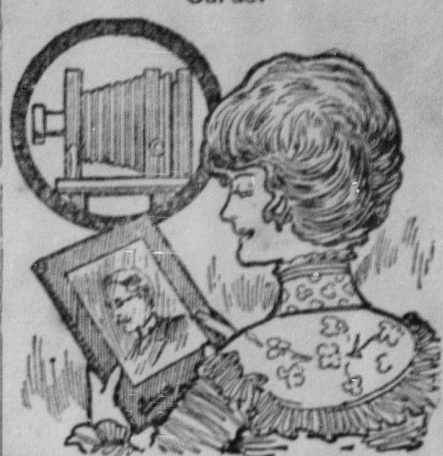
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# News of Bargains

A window full of seasonable Dress Goods reduced. Reduced to such prices that any one may have a fine dress or skirt at a price usually paid for inferior goods, 55 pieces in all—Homespuns, Broadcloths, Cheviots, Plaid Back Suitings and Covert Cloths. Can't describe them all, haven't space, but a few hints may give you an idea:

\$1.25 Homespun.....	89c
\$1.00 Homespun, black and gray.....	59c
\$1.50 Broadcloth.....	95c
\$1.25 Coverts, brown and green.....	90c
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75c Black Mohoir.....	55c
75c Wool Flannel, 54 inch, brown only.	45c
35c Wool Plaids, 38 inch.....	18c

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LOT 3--- Raglans, Rain Coats; black 42 inch coats, priced early from 12.00 to \$17.50. Marked down to..... \$7.75

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