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Correspondents' Department

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CENTRE HALL.

Had a very heavy rain here Sunday noon. Oil drill is still meeting with difficulties and not making much headway, or downway. May soon get over these difficulties. D. F. Luse, one of our leading men, is off on a trip to Lock Haven, Williamsport and other towns in the interest of the Manufacturing Co. Mrs. S. Meyer, of Millheim, is visiting her sisters Mrs. Dr. Lee and Mrs. Wm. Goodhart also Miss Sadie McKinney. The attendance at the Odd Fellows picnic Thursday, in the Grange Park, quite exceeds every ones plans. The R. R. Co. promises a special train to Sunbury to-night. Andrew Gregg Miller had his leg injured while playing ball yesterday. Witmer Lee has finished repainting E. M. Huyette's house, it is certainly a great improvement to the house and as well adds to Mr. Lee's reputation as a first class painter. Misses Flo Duck and Rena Shires, spent Thursday evening with friends. Miss Duck will return to St. Louis on Sept. 1st, where she holds a position as instructor. Rev. Reiarick arrived home from Philadelphia, having left Mrs. Reiarick in the hospital where she had undergone an operation for cancer of the breast, which was successfully performed and with present prospect for her recovery.

COBURN.

Master Ralph, son of J. W. Kerstetter, fell down an embankment near the bridge last week and hurt his leg to such an extent that he can not be about without the help of crutches. Chester Kerstetter, who was working in Brush valley, cut his hand so badly that he will not be able to work for several weeks. Mrs. Eph. Bartholomew and grand daughter, Edna Whitman, are staying sometime at State College with Mrs. Agnes Corl. Mr. and Mrs. A. Harter are visiting their son, Prof. A. J. Harter, at Altoona. Luther Bower and family, of Aaronsburg, spent Sunday at J. O. Bower's. Reuben Harter, who was reported very sick last week, is able to be about again. E. A. Bartges and his new wife, of Aaronsburg, visited at Adam Bartges' on Sunday. J. E. Harter and wife, visited Mrs. W. F. Smith, at Smithtown on Sunday. Lewis Winegardner and family, of Fiedler, spent the Sabbath at Fred Malones. Miss Verna Corman, went to Duquesne to stay some time with her brother, Clayton. Mrs. Charles Stonebraker, of W. Va., spent several days at the home of J. Stonebraker. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Harter and son Stuart, of Harter, W. Va., arrived here last week to visit Mr. Harter's parents.

ZION.

I have noticed that the Zion items have been scarce for several weeks, so I thought I would write. A birthday surprise party was held for Merrill Showers in honor of his twenty-first birthday, there were about thirty-five young people present, all enjoying the evening and wishing Merrill many more such birthdays. Frank Irvin and Dan Houser, two of Pleasant Gap's young sports, spent Saturday evening with their lady friends, the Misses Lettie and Pearl Musser. Merrill Kerstetter, of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Mabel Garbrick, John Hockman, of Hecla, and Miss Grace Sharer, Frank Keller, of Pleasant Gap, and Ruth Musser, constituted a party who took dinner at Penn Cave and returning ate their supper on the top of the mountain on Sunday. Harry Musser, wife and two children, of State College, spent the latter part of last week at the home of F. M. Sharer. Mrs. Will Smith and Mrs. Henry Lesh spent Thursday with Mrs. Julia Showers. Communion services will be held in the Lutheran church on Sunday morning, also services in the Evangelical church, Sunday evening, Aug. 20th. Miss Mary Stein and lady friend Miss Hill left for Philadelphia on Thursday accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. Jacob Stein.

GREGG TWP.

NORTH PRECINCT.

Hello! Here we are again, to see that the Spayd Gap and Earleystown scribes are on their heels again. Rev. Solver preached an able sermon in the Bethesda church on Sunday morning. Rev. Doerster preached an elegant sermon in the East Bethesda church on Sunday evening; Ruth a little daughter, beautifully sang the song, "Tell Mother I'll be There." The U. E. Sunday School will hold a picnic and festival in Rauchau's beautiful grove, opposite the Bethesda church, Aug. 26, instead of Aug. 19, as heretofore stated. Penn Hall challenge band will furnish the music. Come one, come all. L. E. Swartz, republican nominee for county treasurer, was through this section looking up his supporters. L. H. Duck is district organizer and agent for the National Protective association's fraternal, sick, accident and death certificates; cash dividends at the expiration of five years of membership.

SPRING MILLS.

Wm. Ruhl, our hustling liveryman and Homer Zerby, clerk in Ripka Bros. store, spent a week in Williamsport and other towns. No special business, only to see how many mashes they can make on the fair, young sex; well they are regular smashers. Some of the mail routes have been slightly changed to give more and better service to the people. Shook Bros. are marketing their plums which are a fine crop and many different varieties; they get \$1.50 per bushel. The berry crop is a good one; small girls go out and pick from ten to twenty quarts per day, while the crop lasts; the women make more money than the men, who are out and do heavy bone labor. Philip Drumm, our popular landlord, thinks of selling out and going back to the country where he came from; now here is a good chance for the right man who wants to go into the hotel business; it is the best country hotel stand in the valley. Philip, we are sorry to hear that you want to quit the hotel, but it is a poor wind that don't blow good for some one. Hon. Wm. Allison purchased one of J. C. Condo's fine new top buggies. A number of our young people went to Zion to attend bush meeting. Robt. Smith, after tearing away the old board walk leading to the station, replaced it with a gravel walk, which improves it greatly. Mr. Smith is always on the look out to make some improvements about his property.

PENN HALL.

These heavy rains are rotting the potatoes. Dr. Henry Bitner, wife and children, of Millersville, are visiting friends and relatives. Milton Best and family, of Union Co., spent a few days at the home of F. M. Fisher. Mrs. Luther Snyder and son Charles, after spending a few weeks with the former's sister, returned to their home at Sunbury. John Grenoble, wife and three children, of Yeagertown, spent Friday night at the home of Arthur Zettle. The band of this place is to furnish music for a picnic at Georgesvalley on Saturday, and in the evening of the same day for a festival at Brushvalley. Miss Lola Ulrich is at present visiting friends at Sunbury and Selingsgrove. Homer Treaster and wife, of Coburn, spent Sunday at the home of W. C. Meyers. Jared Mowery, wife and little boy, of Lewistown, were in town a short time on Monday.

PENN CAVE.

There are three head of mountain cattle trespassing through the fields, the owner had better call for them or they will be taken to the lockup. Dan'l Harman, of this place, purchased a new buggy of the Brown Buggy Co. There were quite a few people at the cave Sunday. It is strange some young people came to the union festival, to steal buggy whips.

HUBLERSBURG.

Ethel Miller and Lila Deitrich, who have been visiting relatives in Johns-town, for the past two weeks, have returned home and are very much elated over their trip. On last Saturday the Fillmore base ball team came into our town to meet our No. 2 team in a game of ball; the game was interesting and well played. The score stood 11 to 9 in favor of the Hublersburg team. The citizens of Walker twp. will hold a festival in Hublersburg, Saturday, Aug. 26, in the evening as a means to procure funds to purchase and repair the old Presbyterian church. During a very heavy electrical thunder storm last Sunday forenoon, Jacob Weaver's barn was burned to the ground.

ROLAND.

Joseph Holter and Miss Gray, of Meringo, spent Sunday with Miss Sue Holter. Jack Barnhart returned from Toledo, O., bringing with him a fine colt that had been bred on the stock farm. Mrs. Liza White returned home after spending a short time at the home of Mrs. Harvey, of State College. Rumor has it that she is not a widow now. Edith is all smiles—Oscar is at home. A. P. Stephens, of Ramey, and E. J. Stephens, of West Virginia, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Bion Williams. Role is flying high now, as he was seen with a miller on Saturday night.

GORTON.

J. W. Wiggins, wife and son Earl, spent Friday at Phillipsburg. Miss Sadie Wiggins visited at Peale, Wednesday. A picnic was held in Wiggins' grove last Thursday. Geo. Clark and son are spending Sunday at Peale. T. M. Wiggins left Thursday morning for Climer, Ind., county, where he will begin work at once. Wm. Heaton moved his family here from Funnelton.

MILES TWP.

CENTRE MILLS.

The Misses Fishburn and Carrie Hoy, of Bellefonte, visited Miss Mamie Wolf at her home at Smullton. Mr. Long and Mr. Brumgard, of Wolfs Store, Mr. Homan and wife, of Zion, Mrs. Bierly and children, formerly of Altoona, have been entertained at the home of John A. Kline the past week. Mrs. Elizabeth Gettig, of Bradcoed, is visiting at the home of her brother-in-law Sam Gettig at Spring Bank. Misses Kline and Wiebly, of State College, have been entertained by Minnie Kline the past week. Miss Katie Fell, who is engaged as a seamstress in Williamsport, is visiting her parents at Smullton. Mrs. Bierly, of West Milton, visited her niece Mrs. Harvey Lambert last week. Geo. Smull and wife are visiting Mrs. Smull's sister at Olean, N. Y. Gates Wolf died at Smullton on Saturday morning; funeral took place on Monday afternoon; interment at Rebersburg.

WEST BRUSHVALLEY.

Communion services in the Bethesda church on Sunday was largely attended. The United Evangelical Sunday school will have an old-fashioned celebration on the 20th of Aug. in Israel Rauchau's grove, and everybody is invited to attend. There will also be a festival in the evening, music by the Penn Hall band. It is a mistake that Brushvalley will cross bats with Spring Mills. The B. V. T. will cross bats with the married men of this place. Reuben Werts and mother were to Centre Hall on Sunday. Quite a number of young folks attended the festival at Madisonburg, on Saturday night. Maurice Smith, from Snydertown, visited at the home of R. E. Wert and C. E. Duck over Sunday. Wm. Dugan and his friend Mr. Deiber visited at the home of the former's uncle, James Beck. John Rossman, Sr., is very ill at this writing. Miss Martha Burrell, from Penn Hall, is visiting her grandparents. Rev. Doerster, from Pottstown, preached in the Bethesda church on Sunday evening in the German language; it was largely attended. Mrs. H. M. Wert, who had been sick, is now convalescing.

POTTER TWP.

POSSUM RIDGE.

The grove meeting at Zion Hill was largely attended. Mary Jordan and Ella Royer spent Sunday with the latter's brother, Jacob Royer of this place. Miss Viola Bubb, of Whiskey Hollow, spent Sunday at home. Mrs. Ammon Bubb and son Charles spent several days at Potters Mills. Mrs. John Bohn and son Paul, Mrs. John Harshbarger and daughter, all of Linden Hill, spent a day last week with the latter's sister, Mrs. Jacob Royer. Mrs. John Glasgow died at her home near Colyer on Wednesday morning; interment at Tusseyville. Mrs. Jacob Royer, and daughters Ruth and Ethel and Lydia Ishler were guests at the home of David Bohn at Potters Mills. Miss Belle Fleisher spent Sunday with her friend Nannie Meise.

PENN TWP.

SMITHTOWN.

Calvin Swartz is wishing for nice weather so he can get his oats hauled in the barn. Leonard Hackenberg had the Corman threshing outfit to thresh for him last week, and the machine does fine work. Chas. Frankenberg had the threshers on Monday; Charley had a real good crop. Harry E. Fye and family, from near Centre Hall, spent last Sunday with Harry Frankenberg. John Decker had his best girl to Woodward on Sunday; John is a first class boy. Harry Schuyler is at home from State College nursing a sore arm. The rain is hard on the oats which is not yet hauled in the barns. West and Breon threshed for C. H. Pressler and Perry Doebler; lots of threshing outfits in this section. Mrs. W. F. Smith, we are glad to mention, is up and around again.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

On Wednesday evening, Aug. 9th, a party of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Nathan Corman, near Parvin, and did shockingly surprise Mr. Corman on his 46th anniversary on his return home at rather a late hour. At about 6 o'clock the invited guests began gathering in, and by 8 o'clock a crowd of 80 relatives, neighbors and friends had come together for the surprise which Mr. Corman said could never be sprung upon him. The evening was spent pleasantly, but at 10 the much-looked-for man didn't arrive and much wondering as to what was the delay, but at 10:45 the buggy returned and as his son drove hurriedly up to the gate, Mr. Corman seeing the lights and large crowd in the yard he exclaimed, "What in the world is going on here!" and being confounded and spell bound could hardly be hauled out of the buggy by the crowd that pressed around him for greeting, and as he walked in mid the joking friends he said, "I tell you I do feel nervous; I never thought of this; this shows how the woman can deceive the man." Then refreshments were served, many presents were brought and after a jolly old time and two groups of pictures taken, they returned to their home rejoicing. Mrs. Corman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Welch, of Romola. (x)

U. B. Camp Meeting.

The United Brethren in Christ will hold their 22nd Annual Camp Meeting on the association grounds at Bigler commencing Aug. 18th, and will continue ten days.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Altoona is to have a new \$100,000 hotel to be known as the Hotel Morrison. It is to be built on Twelfth avenue, and will be constructed of stone and pressed brick with steel superstructure. Walter Dalby, of Lewistown, is supposed to be the largest boy of his age in the state. He is just 14 years old, but stands 6 feet 3 inches in his stocking feet and weighs two hundred and eighty-five pounds. The Miller construction company of Lock Haven was recently awarded the contract for building a section of the new Lake shore line between Franklin and Brookville Pa. The company has fifteen miles of the road. The taxpayers of Jersey Shore last week decided by a splendid vote to borrow \$20,000 in order to pave Allegheny street from the Dunkle house up to the top of Junction Hill. The people there believe in building roads when they are at it. The twenty-second annual reunion of the One Hundred and Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers' association will be held in Tyrone on Friday, October 20. W. A. Black, of Altoona, is President and Geo. W. Buck, of Altoona is Secretary of the association. A locomotive pulling a freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad, near Bellwood, blew up last Thursday, killing the engineer and fireman, both of whom resided at Altoona, and injuring the conductor and brakeman. Fourteen cars were wrecked, blocking four tracks nearly ten hours. Harvey Brown, a well known citizen of Clearfield, who has been working in the woods near Potts Run, was struck by a falling tree and fatally injured. The following day, at about the same time that the accident occurred, he died. The deceased was a married man and leaves a wife and eight children. The Clearfield County Re-Union Association of the Knights of the Golden Eagle will observe Labor Day in Philipsburg. It is expected that upwards of 2000 knights will be present and participate in the parade and other festivities of the day. Addresses by several prominent knights will be special features. S. R. Flickinger, I. T. Werner, Harry Werner and John Soles, four members of a gang of trackmen employed by the Pennsylvania railroad, called out to repair a piece of track at Mifflin in an early hour Sunday morning, were struck by the New York express and instantly killed, their bodies being hurled many feet into the air. The Newton Hamilton Camp meeting closed Sunday the 13th. There was a large crowd in attendance, people from all parts of the county being there; some fine speakers were present, and excellent music was furnished during the day. Among the many beautiful solos rendered was one entitled "Beautiful Roses" which was sung by Miss Beatrice Latona Whitmer, of Huntingdon, Pa. Miss Beatrice is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Whitmer, and was formerly of Bellefonte. Frank Chapman, of Monument, had a thrilling experience with a large black rattlesnake. While driving up the mountain he heard a snake rattle just below the road, he stopped his team, took a stake out of his wagon, and looked the fellow up, and when he did find it he had a notion not to tackle it. He saw it was a big fellow, and when he got through with the reptile he found he had a good tussle and Mr. Snake had come out second best. The snake measured five feet, ten inches and sported 31 rattles. It was six inches in diameter. A peculiar noise from a slag-mixing machine at the Montello Brick company's works near Phoenixville led to an investigation, which revealed the fact that the machine was grinding to powder the bones of Howard Yocum, of Kalin's Station, aged 30, the man who a short time before was operating it. How Yocum happened to fall into the slag-mixing pit is a mystery, as he was alone at the time. His body was literally ground to pieces, kneaded and mixed with the red clay of which the bricks were being made. Nothing but one of the unfortunate man's little fingers could be found. The decision of the American Car and Foundry company to make extensive additions to the steel car department of the company's Berwick plant will make that concern the leading one of the sixteen plants of the American Car Foundry company, the largest car building company in the world, and will elevate the Berwick plant to a height in the car-building world never before reached. The additions will require the outlay of \$150,000, and the buildings in dimensions will be 930 feet in length by 76 feet in width, and will be of brick and steel construction. Bellefonte once had a car factory, but it is no more. The Yearick Family Reunion. The Yearick family reunion at Hecla Park, Tuesday, was a grand success, notwithstanding the rain in the morning which kept a goodly number away. There were about 225 of the connection present from far and near, and all had a very enjoyable time. Dates of Fairs. Centre Hall, September 16-22. Lewisville, September 19-22. Hughesburg, September 26-29. Milton, October 3-6. Bloomsburg, October 10-13. Bellefonte, October 3-6.

IMPROVE YOUR TALENTS.

Cincera Yearick, a young man living in Marion twp., Centre county, is possessed with a talent that few can boast of nature giving them. This young man has become skillful as an artist, yet never received a single lesson. From a few brushes and a selection of different colors he will paint as fine a picture as the eye may wish to look at. The writer finds in examining his work that it is perfect. When asked how he became so skillful in his work he only smiles and says, "it was born in me and the more I practice the easier it is." He is also an excellent letter and sign writer, and has made a success at that line. When he goes at his work he goes with a good will and determination which has caused him great success. Young people, this is an example; we are all gifted with a talent of some kind or other—why not cultivate our minds and exercise our talents and make life a success? Mr. Yearick is a young man of good morals, of steady habits and esteemed by all who know him; he has been exercising his hand in comic drawing and drafting, ever since he was old enough to do so, until he finally felt a desire to paint which he found was very easy for him. Since then he has been earnestly practicing and rapidly succeeding in his work, which he does mostly at night, and follows blacksmithing during the day, at which he can also give a ready hand. The writer asked him what his motto was, he replied, "practice is the mind's best teacher and earnestness alone makes life eternity, for we may carve upon stone what time will erase; if we carve upon wood it will surely decay, but what we carve upon the mortal mind, will last through eternity." (x)

The Guest and the Waitress.

A dainty stranger wafted into the dining room of a hotel in Smith Centre the other day, and as the chair was held back for him pulled out his handkerchief and dusted the seat carefully. Pulling up his trousers he seated himself, wiped the knife, fork and spoon with a napkin worried a few crumbs off the table and heaved a sigh of relief. Without hesitation, the girl who stepped forward to take his order deftly wiped the stranger's mouth, which had been drawn into a pucker of dissatisfaction at the imaginary untidiness abounding, and planted a kiss thereon that was plainly heard in all parts of the room. The dainty stranger, when he recovered, ordered meekly, ate hurriedly and left quickly.—Journal.

Bridge Dynamited.

A deliberate attempt was made Sunday by some miscreant to wreck a bridge on an extension of the Beech Creek railroad at Curry Run. A quantity of dynamite was exploded on the bridge and it was badly damaged. Detectives are working on the case and will undoubtedly land the guilty culprit, for they know who he is. He has been making threats for some time and purchased a quantity of dynamite recently.

BLIND BEGGAR A RICH MAN

Altoona Arrests Mendicant Worth over \$60,000

Having a bank account estimated at \$60,000, and owning a magnificent residence at Pittston, a blind beggar, whose name the police refuse as yet to disclose, was arrested by the Altoona police Wednesday on the charge of "professional pan-handling." He arrived in Altoona in the morning and imperturbed the police officials for permission to beg on the city streets, alleging that he had a family to support. He wore a Grand Army button and claimed that he had served four years in the civil war. He presented to Chief of Police Tillard a begging card, related a tale of woe and stated that his eyes were blown out by a premature explosion in the mine. The city has stringent laws against begging on the streets, but the old man told such a pitiable story that Chief Tillard reluctantly gave him permission to solicit alms from the charitably disposed. The chief started him off with a dollar contribution. After he had left police headquarters Chief of Police John Mullen and Special Officer M. R. Brandier of Johnstown, who were in Altoona on special work, ran across the old man on the street corner and recognized him. He had been in Johnstown, they said, and his record had been looked up. Chief Tillard was informed the "poor blind beggar" was none other than a wealthy resident of Pittston. So the chief at once decided that so wealthy an old soldier had no right to beg any more money from Altoona people, and gave orders that he should be immediately arrested.

Eclipse of the Moon.

The event of the year among astronomers will be the total eclipse of the sun on August 30. This eclipse is visible in the eastern part of the United States, the whole of Europe, western Asia and the northern and central portion of Africa. The eclipse begins on the earth generally at 29 minutes after 5 in the morning at a point in the eastern end of Middlesex county, Virginia, near the mouth of the Rappahannock river. It will be visible in Centre county at practically the same time.

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