

Correspondents' Department

The news in condensed form from all parts of Centre County

AARONSBURG.

Mrs. Sarah Wyle has gone to Millburg to visit friends.

Arthur Lee, of Tusseyville, made a business trip to our town on Friday.

Mrs. Sadie Wolf and son, of Spring Mills, spent the Sabbath with her aged mother, Mrs. Stambach.

Mrs. Dr. Frank accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Miller, of Millheim, and Mrs. Morris, of Loganton, took dinner with Mrs. Ethie Weaver on Saturday.

Miss Jennie Hull is visiting friends in Bellefonte this week.

Edna Weaver, of Coburn, spent a few days with her grand-parents at this place.

Gilleard Ispenbauer has gone to Lewisport where he and his two sons are employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weaver spent one day last week at Frank Guisewitz's, at Fiedler.

On the 10th inst at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Frank was a scene long to be remembered, when their only daughter, Kathryn, was married to James Breen. Just as the clock struck 8 the bride and groom were ushered in the parlor followed by the pastor, Rev. Scheeder, who pronounced them man and wife. The rooms were profusely decorated with golden rods and astor. Immediately after the congratulations were received refreshments were served to about 65 guests. The presents were mostly china, silverware and linens of all descriptions. The calithumpians were there and the groom very liberally responded to them. Mr. and Mrs. Breen expect to make their future home in Altoona, where he is employed at the carpenter trade. Among the wedding guests were Dr. G. S. Frank and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dux and Mrs. Carrie Harter, of Millheim; Miss Mary Kreamer, of Renovo; Miss Alice Luse, of Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Catherman and George Catherman and wife, of Millmont; Miss May Huffman, Hartleton; Miss Nellie Smith, of Beaver Springs; Miss Margaret Forster, of Carlisle; Rev. R. M. Scheeder and family; Harry Crouse and wife, Allen Bower and wife, Chas. Bower and wife, Luther Stover and wife, E. A. Bower and wife, James Hollaway and wife, Luther Wert and family, Robt. Mensch and wife, James Weaver and family, A. S. Stover and family, Mrs. Geo. Stover and family, Walter Orwig and wife, Mrs. Aaron Weaver, Mrs. Sylvius, Mrs. Stambach, the Misses Maize Forster, Fannie Stover, Kathryn Smull, Tammie Haffley, Lizzie Yarger, Kathryn Bower and Sallie Weaver, all of town.

MILESBERG.

Andrew, Adam, William and Harry Gingham, of Berwick, were recent guests of A. S. Smith and wife.

Mrs. Elmer Handy and daughter, of Burnham, are guests of her uncle James Bryan and family.

Dorothy May, infant daughter of William and Eva Jodon, aged 1 year, 2 months and 18 days, died of cholera infantum on the 16th. It was buried on the 18th in the Roland cemetery.

Mrs. Ross Wallace is visiting friends in Hagerstown, Md.

Lyman Fowler, of Berwick, and Mrs. Agnes Grant were united in marriage on the 15th by Rev. M. C. Piper. They played "foxy" by slipping off on the train to Bellefonte. The minister and wife did the same, in his buggy. This was done to mislead their neighbors.

Fred Weaver, of Wilksbarre, returned to that place, after a week's visit with their parents.

Melvin Derr, of Tyrone, Sundayed with his parents.

Mabel Peace is visiting in Snow Shoe.

Oliver Crawford, wife and son, of Altoona, were recent guests of John Peace and family.

Richard Hall and wife, of Johnstown, are visiting relatives and took in the Grangers picnic, when Mrs. Hall met with a serious accident.

Frank Baldrige, of Pittsburg, is visiting his parents.

M. Adams, of Watsonstown, is visiting his sisters at this place.

Mrs. George Noll returned home from Renovo where she was attending the funeral of a grandchild.

James Noll and wife, of Tyrone, are visiting his parents.

WOODWARD.

Miss Bertha Hosterman left for Buffalo on Wednesday.

George Ard, a senior at Jefferson Medical College, returned to Philadelphia to resume his studies.

Miss Gertrude Yearick, of Hublersburg, was a guest at the home of Dr. Ard, last week.

Mrs. R. M. Wolfe is visiting her sister at Linden Hall.

Edward Finley, of Pittsburg, spent last week with his friend, Bertha Hosterman.

Miss Dorman is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. J. Orndorf.

Mrs. Samuel Kreamer is ill.

Miss Elizabeth Guisewitz is visiting her mother, Mrs. Daniel Stover.

Charles Sampsell, of Harrisburg, is visiting his grandmother.

Reuben Sheesley and Miss Elsie Trutt were united in marriage last week.

MARTHA.

Drose, son of G. G. Fink, who has been sick for sometime is much better at this writing.

T. N. Fink, who was home visiting his little brother Drose, returned to his work at Clearfield last Tuesday.

Quite a number of our young people attended the Maine show at Bellefonte, and also at Phillipsburg.

A group of young people called at the home of O. D. Eberst last Saturday evening, and after enjoying some fine music returned to their homes.

Roger Williams and wife spent Sunday at her home in Dix Run.

Mrs. J. Q. Miles, who has been sick with the rheumatism is able to be around.

J. L. Mattern was seen driving through town on Sunday evening.

REBERSBURG.

H. G. Miller and wife, who spent the last three months visiting friends in the western states, returned home last week more than pleased with their trip. Howard's health has much improved since he has been away.

An automobile party from Lock Haven registered at the Rebersburg hotel Saturday night. Among the party was Cook Condo, a former resident of this town, who was glad to meet old friends. The party left on Sunday morning.

Mrs. C. J. Weaver and son Curtis are spending some time at Pitarin, visiting William Weaver.

A. N. Corman and wife returned from a trip to Reading where they stopped with Rev. George, a former pastor of the Reformed Church of this town.

At this writing a few of our farmers are not done with their seeding yet.

Thursday last week many of our people were greatly disappointed on account of the rain. They wanted to go to Grangers Picnic. Many will go to the great Centre county fair.

The carpenters have Ambrose Douty's new house up and roofed, and when finished will be one of the largest mansions in our town.

George B. Hains is making preparations to put down a concrete walk in front of his house. Some more will do likewise in the near future.

O. H. Stover had the misfortune to lose a fine porker. It dressed about four hundred pounds.

C. M. Gramley, J. A. Myers, Jerry Brungart, and Charles Zimmerman took in the large show in Bellefonte last Friday.

H. A. Lamey and wife, of Greenburr, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Bowersox.

C. Gramley will move to Philadelphia where he has secured employment as motorman on a trolley line.

William Bair, Smultion, is this week moving in his new home which he purchased, from Chas. Gramley.

A. M. Bruugart is kept busy almost day and night thrashing the crops for our farmers. Mr. Brungart has an excellent thrashing outfit.

Mr. Thos. Auman and family spent last Sunday near Wolfs Stote visiting.

NITTANY.

The family of Mrs. Hettie Tate held a reunion at her home on Sunday, Sept. 23. Those present were: Charley Tate and wife, of Mill Hall; John Tate and wife, of Salona; Ed. Tate and wife, of Tyrone; Harry Stover and wife, of Hublersburg; Tom Shope and wife, of Milesburg; James Maise, of Lamar; and Nerr Tate, of New Orleans.

James Mauck and wife, of Rote, visited their son, W. J. Mauck and family, on Sunday.

Amanda Dorman spent a few days with her parents at this place.

W. B. Rossman and wife, of Howard, visited friends at Nittany and Clintondale on Sunday.

George and Glenn Rogers were to Bellefonte last week on business.

Mrs. G. W. Tolbert visited friends in Clintondale, recently.

Al. Reed, wife and little daughter and Mrs. Ben. Moore, all of Milroy, were the guests of William Treaster and D. O. Dorman and family the past week.

Mamie Zerby was home over Sunday.

Mrs. H. P. Zerby and daughter Hester, attended Granger picnic, Friday.

Any one having items they wish sent in should hand them to the writer Saturday or Sunday.

Mrs. H. K. Allison, of this place, was one of the crowd of tent holders from Hublersburg at Grange Park.

Mrs. Annie Rossman, of Clintondale and Mrs. Clyde Shilling, of Juniata, were the guests of G. W. Tolbert and family one day the past week.

Mrs. George Fisher and her mother, Mrs. James Gunsallus, were at Madisonburg one day the past week.

Preaching in the Evangelical church on Sunday evening.

There was a fire at Nittany on last Friday. The house known as the George Rossman house, but now owned by Geo. Gates, was burned to the ground. Everything on the first floor was saved, but the beds and clothing were all burned. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from a defective flue. The family had just left home a short time before the fire was discovered.

JACKSONVILLE.

Wm. Aley and wife, of Niagara Falls, visited his father.

Earl Yearick is on the sick list.

Communion services were held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Reuben Glossner has improved his house by having it painted and building a new front porch.

Dr. Luther Holloway, of Salona, removed a growth on Sam'l Aley's forehead last week.

Mrs. Jennie Yarnell, accompanied by her brother, Israel Condo, and two grand children, spent Sunday of last week at Mr. Lutz's, at Nittany.

Mrs. Barbara Condo has returned home from an extended visit in the east.

Miss Myrtle Glossner is on the sick list.

E. Frank Frain, wife and child, of Tyrone, is visiting his brother, I. S. Frain.

Mrs. Margaret Diehl is a little improved at this writing.

Mrs. Charles Sayers is on the sick list.

Mrs. Mary Barner and two children, of Bellefonte, visited Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Beightel.

Harv Yearick, of Niagara, visited his parents and relatives at this place.

Samuel Diehl and family, of Howard, were visitors at Harry Rockey's on Sunday.

Mrs. Bickel, of Milesburg, accompanied by a relative from Scranton, visited their nephew, Harry Rockey.

Although the toper knows that he has to die sometime he draws the line at a watery grave.

SPRING MILLS.

Jacob Hazel, who has been in the western states during the past year, has returned home to his family here.

Smith Bros. had a furniture display at the Grangers picnic.

John Brown accidentally slipped on a rail and so severely sprained his ankle that he was unable to work without the aid of a crutch for two weeks.

Long's new house is finished, which has a beautiful coat of paint. Grover Walker, teacher of Decker school, moved into it with his family last Tuesday; Mr. Long has two other houses which are also nearing completion.

Rufus Confer, an energetic and industrious mechanical engineer from Renova, and a son of Forest Confer, who at one time was one of our merchants, was in our vicinity, visiting his aged grand father, who had a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago, and who is not yet in good health.

While playing ball, Harry Osman sprained his wrist and carries his arm in a sling.

John Snavely is making some improvements on his property; the building, that used to be a wagon shop, has been moved back against the hill and will be fixed for a photo gallery. The place that had been occupied by the building will be covered by a beautiful lawn.

Two of our ladies on their way home from the picnic were so busily talking, that the train passed the station without their noticing it. They then got a ride to the end of the line and back.

John A. Daley, who was chosen unanimously for representative for the Centre County Fair, was a pleasant visitor in our town last week; industriously working up the interests of fair which will be held Oct. 9th to 12th at Bellefonte. He stated that the state of Virginia will make a state exhibit. The people of our county should put "our best-foot foremost" and make the fair a success.

Dr. J. Frank Meyer, from below town, who returned from the University of Pa., very sick, has regained his health and has been advanced by that institution from instructor to assistant professor ship in physics.

Geo. Bartley, it is reported, has the largest pumpkin in our valley. I will give dimensions next week.

Rev. Sheeder will have no preaching next Sunday as he is away to conference at Middleburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele were visiting at Chas. Cuming's last week and attended picnic.

All the town schools were closed last Thursday as the teachers and pupils all attended the picnic on that day.

OAK HALL.

H. A. Wagner transacted business in Tyrone last week.

Mrs. A. W. Dale and daughter, Ella, have been numbered among the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Homan visited her mother, Mrs. Fye, of Penna. Furnace, the beginning of the week.

Mrs. Wm. Close is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ira Korman, of Pine Grove Mills, this week.

Mrs. Newton B. Miller returned to her home in Altoona after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Dale.

Ed Sellers and wife were entertained at the Musser home, on the Branch, Sunday.

Miss Miriam Stamm, of Altoona, visited her grandma, Mrs. Peters, the beginning of last week.

Miss Nellie Holter, of Howard, is visiting at the home of John Close.

William Rishel and family, of Lemont, were entertained at the home of his brother, Jasper, Sunday.

WADDLE.

The Misses Edna, Ruth and Ray Stine Sundayed with their cousin, Kate Louke.

Eva and Mina Davis, of Julian, spent Sunday with their cousin Miss Jessie V. Way.

Lester said he was getting tired going up the lane. He thinks it wears out too much shoe leather and everybody wondered why the lane was washed out so bad, or late and they just found out that it was her tears.

Mrs. W. M. Furst and daughter Mary spent Sunday with Mrs. J. W. Hartsock.

The U. B. church of Paradise will have a festival on Saturday evening, Sept. 29. Everybody come.

On Sunday afternoon I take my coat and hat And always take a little stroll With the Centre Democrat.

SMULLTON.

Miss Elsie Stover spent Sunday at her home at Wolf's Store.

Elmer Miller is improving his home by putting down concrete walks.

Those who spent Sunday at the home of Perry Winters were: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Winters, of Rebersburg, Edwin Winters and family, of Millheim, and John Winters, of Philadelphia.

L. A. Miller, formerly of this place, but now of Woodward, preached an able sermon in the M. E. church at this place.

W. Brungart and family, who spent several weeks with his parents, left for their home at York.

Mrs. H. E. Stover left for Aaronsburg where she will spend several weeks.

When Men Wear Bustles.

"Bustles were ridiculous," said an antiquary, "Do you remember the bustle of 1885? It shot straight out from the waist, a broad seat on which, honestly, an adult could have sat. Yes, bustles were, ridiculous, but no more ridiculous than the tournures of Francis II. The tournures were worn by men. They were bustles—front instead of rear ones. Yes, in the time of Francis II. portliness was considered stately, and men fed on tournures, or false stomachs, in order to achieve an air of dignity."

Character.

The need of the world today is character. It has brilliancy. It has capacity. It has ambition. It has energy. It lacks men who stand on the solid rock of honesty, who scorn to take anything that they have not rightfully earned, whose word can be trusted seven days in the week, who are self contained, resolute and strong.

Pygmy Ota and His Pet Chimpanzee

MUCH interest attaches to the presence at the New York Zoological park of a little fellow from Africa named Ota Benga, a pygmy of the tribe known as Bachieli, meaning bushmen. He is the only specimen of the African pygmies at present in the United States, though six little black people from the same part of Africa were a part of the exhibit in ethnology at the St. Louis world's fair. But the fact that little Ota is here all by himself and is a rare specimen of the human race does not account altogether for the interest taken in him.

Ota Benga was brought to this country by Dr. Samuel P. Verner, the explorer and ethnologist who had charge of the pygmies at St. Louis. After restoring the latter to their homes in the African wilds Dr. Verner came across Ota Benga on one of the southern tributaries of the Congo, where he was a captive in the hands of a cannibal tribe. Knowing that he was liable to be eaten by his captors, Dr. Verner rescued the little man and tried to send him back to his tribesmen. This proving impracticable, Ota begged to be taken to the United States.

On arrival here the explorer tried to put him in an orphan asylum, but was unsuccessful. It thus happened that he was placed under the care of Director William T. Hornaday at the New York Zoological park. Here he was quartered in a room vacated for him by a keeper containing a bed and running water. He took a bath every morning and was allowed to run about the park, but in the afternoons to allow people to see him was placed in a big open-air cage, there being no platform

member of the simian tribe and any member of the human race, black or white, red or yellow, it is yet a far cry from Ota Benga, the pygmy, to the chimpanzee with whom he plays. Ota Benga is twenty-three years old and four feet eleven inches in height. It might be supposed that he and his tribesmen, being so small, are more nearly related to the apes, granting that any relationship between the human and simian species exists, than men of races which attain larger size. But Ota Benga is not a representative of the lowest order of savage. There are larger tribes which are less developed than he and his tribesmen. He is bright and has mastered a good many English words already and is skillful at manual work. How long the pygmies have lived in Africa, where they came from and how they came to be smaller than the tribes around them are questions the scientists have not yet been able to answer.



OTA BENGA AND THE CHIMPANZEE: suitable for the purpose, where he departed himself, made nets and hammocks and arrows, counted his money and played with a chimpanzee. It was this latter feature which proved objectionable. It was noted abroad that a man was being exhibited in a cage with a monkey to show the supposed close connection between the two species of beings, and this led to protest, particularly on the part of the colored people of New York, who regarded the matter in the light of a special insult to them. The director of the park denied that the pygmy was placed on view with any such idea.

The incident raises many interesting questions respecting the comparative development of different branches of the human race and the time man as a human being, supposing he was ever anything else, has been on the earth. Though there are interesting and curious points of resemblance between a

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KILLED THE LAUGH.

The Story of the Prayer in Rossini's "Mose in Egitto."

The sublime prayer of the Hebrews, when preparing to cross the Red sea, is, perhaps, one of the most solemn and majestically grand compositions that can be found in the choral repertory, yet, at the same time, simple to a degree. This was an afterthought of the composer and was not introduced until the second season of the production of "Mose in Egitto" at Naples.

The opera then, as now, terminated with the passage of the Red sea by the Israelites; but, although the audiences were entranced with the music, they invariably saluted the passage of the Red sea with peals of laughter, owing to want of skill of the machinist and scene painter, who contrived to render this portion of the affair superfluous and brought down the curtain amid uproarious mirth.

Rossini exhibited his usual indifference, but poor Totola, the poet, was driven nearly crazy by this unwelcome termination of his literary labors and intensely chagrined at the idea of so sacred a subject exciting laughter. This lasted throughout the first season; the next it was reproduced with similar brilliant success (on the first night), for the music, and similar laughter at the end of the opera. The next day, while Rossini was indulging in his usual habit of lying in bed and gossiping with a room full of friends, he rushed Totola, in a most excited state, crying out:

"Eh, I have saved the third act!"

"How?" asked Rossini lazily.

"Why," replied Totola, "I have written a prayer for the Hebrews before crossing the dreadful Red sea, and I did it all in one hour."

"Well," said Rossini, "if it has taken you an hour to write this prayer I will engage to make the music for it, in a quarter of the time. Here, give me pen and ink," saying which he jumped out of bed, and in ten minutes he had composed the music without the aid of a piano and while his friends were laughing and talking around him. Thus, owing to the blundering ignorance of a stage carpenter and scene painter, the world is indebted for the most sublime preghiera ever penned.

Night came. The audience prepared to laugh as usual when the Red sea scene came, but when the new prayer commenced deathly silence prevailed, every note was listened to, with rapt attention, and on its conclusion the entire audience, rose on its feet and cheered, for several minutes, nor did they ever again laugh at the passage of the Red sea.

THE WINDOW CURTAIN.

Originally It Was For Use and Not For Ornament.

The real purpose of the window curtain is to regulate the amount of light admitted to the room and a curtain so arranged that it cannot be drawn backward and forward at will is but a meaningless accessory. It was not until the beginning of the century that curtains were used without regard to their practical purpose.

The window hangings of the middle ages and of the renaissance simply were straight pieces of cloth or tapestry hung across the window without any attempt at drapery and regarded not as part of the decorating of the room, but as a necessary protection against drafts.

It is probably for this reason that in old prints and pictures representing the rooms of wealthy people curtains are so seldom seen. The better the house the less need there was for curtains. In the engravings of Abraham Bosse, which so faithfully represent the interior decoration of every class of French house during the reign of Louis XIII, it will be noticed that in the richest apartments there are no window curtains. In all the finest rooms of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the inside shutters and embrasures of the windows were decorated with a care which proves that they were not meant to be concealed by curtains. In fact, it would be more difficult to cite a room of any importance in which the windows were not so treated than to enumerate examples of what really was a universal custom until the beginning of the nineteenth century.

It is known, of course, that curtains were used in former times—prints, pictures and inventories alike prove the fact—but the care expended in the decorative treatment of windows makes it plain that the curtain, like the portiere, was regarded as a necessary evil rather than as part of the general scheme of decoration. The meagerness and simplicity of the curtain in old pictures prove that they were used merely as window shades or sun blinds.

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