

Correspondents' Department

HOWARD.

On Christmas eve the bells were rung: On Christmas eve the mass was sung: That only night, in all the year, Saw the steeple and the spire...

In Our Churches Next Sabbath

Christian Chapel—There will be no preaching in the Chapel next Sabbath, but as there will be no paper next week it is well to announce now that on the following Sabbath, Jan. 2, the Rev. S. V. Bergen, Presbyterian, of Pittsburg, will preach at 7:30 P. M.

United Evangelical—Pastor W. W. Rhoades will preach at Howard at 10:30 A. M., and at Jacksonville at 2:30 P. M.

Church of Christ—Elder J. H. D. Tomson will preach at Howard in the morning and evening and at Mount Eagle in the afternoon.

Methodist Episcopal—Pastor R. S. Taylor will preach at Beech Creek at 10:30 A. M., and at Howard at 7:30 P. M.

Reformed—Pastor H. I. Crow will preach at Jacksonville at 10:30 A. M., at Marsh Creek at 2:30 P. M., and at Howard at 7:30 P. M.

Agriculture and Railroad

As an evidence of the close relation between agricultural products and transportation, and the importance which the practical railroad men attach to the value to them of agricultural freight, attention is called to the fact that the freight department of the P. R. R. Co. has had handsome little brochures on this important subject...

A Nasty Little Wreck

Though with no loss of life and comparatively little damage to property, occurred late Friday night, near the tower at the west end of our siding here, a heavy west-bound train of empties stalled on the hill, and the crew cut it in two, taking the front end to the top of the hill to stand it on the passing siding while they should bring the rear end up. A few rods from the entrance to the passing siding a switch leads to a short spur, which holds only a car or two, and is not often used. At this time a car happened to be on the spur and the switch which leads to it happened to be open, causing the cars which were backing in to turn into this spur, and collide with the empty car, badly piling up five of the empties. One of them crashed into a pile of lumber, breaking up the boards considerably. Big John Woodring with his work train and his crew of huskies, reached the wreck shortly after daylight, and soon had the passing siding clear, and trains passing as usual. He came back Sunday morning and picked up the wrecked cars. The switch which the train found open when it should not have been, does not open from the main tracks, is not often used, and is not connected with the tower nor controlled by the tower men.

Closing Exercises

On Friday last the primary and intermediate grades of our school joined in giving a pleasing little entertainment, preparatory to closing for the holidays. Music and recitations, singly and in concert, for which the children had been well prepared, filled an interesting program, and gave evidence of the careful and laborious work of the teachers. Miss Susan V. Fletcher and Miss Lulu B. Stover. The room was appropriately decorated, including a fine Christmas tree, from which at the close of the program the teachers distributed fruits, nuts and candies to the little ones, to whom "the last day of school" was one to be remembered.

The venerable Mrs. Dieters, of Curwensville, is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. R. P. Confer. Miss Emma Robb spent Thursday in Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Walker and their young son are spending their Christmas holidays with friends in Avis.

The S. S. S. Club

An organization of the adult ladies of our town were the guests last Thursday evening of Miss M. H. Lucas. After a regular business session Miss Lucas led them to the restaurant of caterer Charles Lucas, where she had ordered a supper which Charlie had prepared and served in his very best style. Fried oysters formed the base and omelette its final, and the space between filled in with such good things as he always furnishes. Wit and wisdom abounded and jollity was the keynote of the occasion. So much we have heard, but the details we cannot give because it was strictly an "Admission Eden" and the ladies no doubt will not "tell tales out of school." Those present were the Mesdames Cooke Weber (William), Bechdel, DeHaas, Weber (John), Moore (H. A.), Miner, Thomas, Henderson, Moore (C. E.), and the hostess, Miss Lucas.

A Rare Treat

Will be found in the musical entertainment to be given tomorrow, Friday, evening, in the Fairview church, about a mile and a half from town. It will be both vocal and instrumental, and the participants will number not less than fifteen, most of whom reside in the neighborhood. The affair is for the benefit of the church, and will be under the management of J. Kinzel and Milton E. Gardner, of Altoona, and Miss Ida Rhoades, of Howard. The doors will be open at 7:30 and entertainment will begin at 8. Admission 10c for children and 15c for adults. It will be well worth a long walk and the price of admission and the cause is good.

Albert Schenck is the accredited representative from the local grange to the meeting of the State Grange at State College this week, but several other members are in attendance.

Farmers' Week

Next week, from Monday noon to Saturday noon, there will be the greatest Farmers' Institute ever organized in Pennsylvania, at the Pennsylvania State College, and but very few states have ever had its equal. Fifty speakers will be present and take part, and each one of them is a specialist and expert in some line of practical farm work. There will be one hundred and two lectures upon as many subjects having close relation to the life and work of the farm. All these will be free, and no collections will be taken. Railway fare will be but two cents per mile. The entire force of the agricultural school will be on hand to serve the people in any and every possible way. Howard township should have at least a score of her representative farmers there, and the more the better for themselves.

The First Fox

On Thursday morning our young friend William Bland shouldered his gun and walked out to the Bald Eagle mountains to see what he could find in the way of game which was not prohibited. Before ten o'clock he came back with his face beaming and carrying a fine fox, the first of the season so far as we can learn. A pair were traveling together but he could only secure the one.

Switch Ties

Are of a quality and size of timber which brings a good price nowadays, and is hard to find. T. O. Long shipped a car of them to Tyrone last Saturday, and will send another car of them to Mt. Union this week. This latter load is intended to be processed at the plant which the railroad people maintain at that point, with the hope of making them more durable.

The crew of repairmen who, under fireman John Davis, have been making headquarters at the Howard House for several weeks while they made a general and complete overhauling of the Bell telephone lines for several miles on either side of the borough, completed their job on Saturday and left on No. 51 Monday morning for Hollidaysburg, where they will take up a new section of repair work. Last June this gang left Williamsport and worked to a point between here and Milesburg, where they met a similar gang, who had started from Altoona about the same time.

When Mrs. Sickleo returns to her home at Silver Creek, N. Y., next week she will be accompanied by her young niece, Elfreda Confer, who goes to take advantage of the good schools which they have there. On Tuesday evening about thirty of her young friends gathered themselves together at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Shay, and gave her a happy send-off by the way of a farewell party.

Thursday evening of last week something like forty of our young people "happened in" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Loder, and had a "fudge" of a time, to show Alice Keagle how much they will miss her when she goes, in a few days, to remain with her mother in Lock Haven. Rev. J. P. Freed, presiding elder of the Williamsport district of the Union Pentecostal church, was in town on Tuesday morning last, consulting with the Rev. John Knarr, the local minister of that denomination, with reference to the work of the district conference, which will be held in Reading on the 29th of January. Rev. W. W. Rhoades has not so far recovered as to make it wise for him to take up his work last Sabbath, and both the Howard and Fairview congregations were disappointed. A special prayer service was held in the Howard church in place of the preaching service announced.

It is understood that preparations are under way for a big jollification and a big display of fireworks on New Year's day. Good! That's an innocent and entertaining sort of fun which everybody enjoys, and the more the merrier. Mr. and Mrs. Marius Miner, Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey, Mrs. Dr. McEntire and Miss McEntire, Mrs. W. L. Cooke and Miss Marian, constituted the Howard contingent bound for Lock Haven on No. 50 on Monday morning. Trees falling upon the wire of the Hayes Run telephone line last Friday put it out of service until expert William Knarr came down from Bellefonte and repaired it. Everything is upset and blocked when the talking wires quit work in these rushing days. J. D. Gledhill suffered a serious attack of illness while at his work in the R. R. tower on Monday. He was taken to his home and under Dr. Kurtz' care is mending. G. A. Croft of Mill Hall, was sent to take his place in the tower. Mrs. W. H. Long, Mrs. S. H. Bennisson, Mrs. Viola Hastings, Miss Bennisson and Mrs. D. Kurtz were a quintette which took the Tuesday morning train in search of the fixings for Christmas feasts and festivities. The brothers, William and Charles Baschelet, bright young Clinton county teachers, spent last Saturday here as the guests of their former neighbors, Miss Minnie and Frank Robb. Henry Gault is doing bridge work for the N. Y. C. R. R. Co., near Curwensville, and Cameron Hinton is doing concrete work for the same company in the same neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Schenck left on No. 50 Tuesday morning to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Worthington, at Muncy. Elery Tice, engineer for his father's threshing machine, now that the season is over, has gone to work in the shops at Altoona. Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Weirick have their daughter, Mrs. L. M. Carr, and her husband, of Princeton, N. J., as holiday guests. Mrs. Peter Robb, Jr., and her young son Mark are having their Christmas vacation with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Whippo.

Mrs. J. D. Gledhill, Miss Olive Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Hammon were Christmas shoppers in Lock Haven on Friday.

Editor and Mrs. F. S. Dunham were among the visitors from here at the teachers' institute on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Beck took a day off last Friday and spent at least a portion of it in Bellefonte.

Mrs. L. H. Henderson looked for Christmas remembrances for her two wee little ones in Lock Haven last Wednesday.

Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. D. K. Kloss, of Altoona, are the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Rogers, Jr. Preparations are making for a fine parade and show of "nummers" on New Year's.

Undertaker Edward Bechdel, of Eagleville, was a business visitor last Wednesday.

Mrs. R. S. Taylor spent a couple of days with her mother at Mill Hall last week.

Mrs. George L. Williams was a dinner guest with Bellefonte friends on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Gardner and son spent Sabbath with relatives in town.

Mrs. S. C. Bower was a visitor to the county capital on Thursday. Cashier Rogers journeyed eastward on Monday.

UNIONVILLE.

Mrs. C. R. Eckenroth has gone to Pittsburg to spend her holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Col. E. E. Erhart.

Miss Mary Buck, teacher of a kindergarten school at Pittsburg, arrived home on Saturday and will spend her holiday vacation here.

If anybody is getting any good out of their automobiles, it is Frank Peters. A few days ago he passed through town with a half cord (more or less) of kindling wood and topped out with 8 or 10 bundles of straw, which he was taking to his father at Milesburg. It was an odd sight to see a load of straw gliding along the road at railroad speed.

J. A. Holderman slipped and fell on the icy road breaking several bones of the wrist. I sympathize with you, Frank, as I have been "there" myself. Until your wrist is permanently healed, I feel perfectly safe in calling you all kinds of names.

A large crew of railroad men have been at work several weeks putting in a culvert a short distance east of the tower, where the big wreck occurred last fall. The old one was filled to the depth of six feet with Penna. gas coal, which had to be removed to make way for the new one which is built of concrete and iron rails. The remains of the tramp that was thought to be buried under the coal, failed to "show up" when the coal was removed.

Mrs. Allie DeBard, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting her sister, Miss

Clara Caldwellaller, left for her home on Tuesday.

Joseph E. Brugger, who has been at the Medico Chl. Hospital in Philadelphia for several months, and where he had a second operation on his arm at the shoulder, returned home on Saturday. His arm is healed but is utterly useless.

Mrs. J. S. Fox, of Mill Hall, arrived here on the mid-day train on Tuesday, chaperoned by her two-months' old son, Owen Reed Fox. It is his first visit to grandpa and grandma Underwood. And Andy Rowan said that when the young man alighted from the train he looked around and said, "where's papa?" There'll be a Merry Christmas at Owen's sure.

J. Willis Hoover died on Sunday morning and was brought to this place on Tuesday on the 1.7 p. m. train and was taken to the Methodist church, where services were held, conducted by the Rev. J. S. Oylor of this place and the Rev. S. B. Evans of the 8th Avenue church of Altoona, of which church the deceased was a member. He was 51 years and some months of age and was twice married. His first wife was Laura Fisher, daughter of Ezra Fisher of Union township, to whom two sons were born, Chester and Joseph at home. His second wife was Lillie Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Peters of this place, who survives him with the following children: Eleanor, Evelyn, Arnold and Margaret all at home. He also leaves to survive him three sisters, as follows: Mrs. Joseph David, Mrs. Horace Stover, of Arlington, N. J., and Mrs. Coburn, of Williamsport. The deceased was born and reared in this vicinity and at one time conducted a general merchandise store in the Alexander building at this place and subsequently moved his stock to Scotia where he remained several years and finally landed in Altoona where he prospered exceedingly well in his chosen occupation, that of store keeping. He was a charter-member of Lumen Lodge I. O. O. F. and his first secretary. About 4 years ago he became afflicted with diabetes from which resulted a complication of ailments with which he kept up a four-years' fight for his life but had to

eventually succumb. In attempting an eulogy on this excellent man, I have not the command of language to do him justice—suffice to say, he was one of God's noblest works—an honest man, a man whose "word was as good as his note"—beloved and respected by all who knew him which was evidenced by the large number of friends and neighbors who attended his funeral. Interment was made in lower cemetery. Compliments of the season to all readers of the Unionville items. —Domino.

COBURN.

BARTGES.—On Friday at 11 o'clock Frank H. Bartges died after several weeks illness, as stated in our former items. As the news of his death flashed from house to house it caused many sad hearts, for he was always a kind neighbor and friendly toward all. Being 43 years and 11

days old, he was comparatively young and many hearts go out in sympathy to his wife (who was Miss Laura Meyer) and his five sons, Calvin, Daniel, Ray, Paul and Jacob. He is also survived by his mother and the following brothers: Alvin, William, Irwin, Ambrose and Loyd. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. W. D. Donat in the Reformed church of which the deceased was a member. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery at Millheim.

W. C. Gorman and son Guy, of Scalp Level, arrived here on Saturday and on Monday Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cornan accompanied them to their home at the above named place to spend their Christmas there.

Everybody is invited to the Christmas entertainment in the United Ev. church on Saturday evening. George J. Meyer, one of our aged and much respected citizens, is on the sick list.

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