

Correspondents' Department

Continued.

MILESBURG.

Matthew Allison and family, of Altoona, were recent visitors with Mrs. Allison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Quick. On April 4th a surprise party was held at the home of Hugh Schultz, in honor of his 70th birthday; this makes his first surprise party in his many years, and he was taken by storm by his many friends who called to help make it pleasant. Hugh said it was more excitement to him than any he has seen since the Civil War. Mr. Schultz served in the 148th Penna. volunteers, and participated in the following battles: Antietam, Chancellorsville, Hay Market, Petersburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Poe Run, Cold Harbor, Gettysburg, and many skirmishes. Orlando C. Lucas and daughter, of Ohio; Mrs. Mary Peters, of Philadelphia; Mrs. William Witmer, of Fillmore; Mr. and Mrs. Chaney Hicklen and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, of Bellefonte, were pleasant visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Peters, one day last week; the first three people named are brother and sisters of Mrs. Peters. Mrs. H. Lyman, a former resident of the burg, was spending a few days last week among old acquaintances. Call around at the athletic field and you will see that there has been something done the last week; just as soon as the grading is completed the big steam roller will be brought down from Bellefonte and the diamond leveled up. W. F. Peters spent the early part of this week with his sons and daughters and many friends in Snow Shoe. Clarence Spicer, of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer and family. Charles Lingle and wife, of Pitscairn, was called here on account of the death of Mr. Lingle's father, James Lingle. Mrs. William Fulton visited relatives and friends in Tyrone last week. Mrs. Jane Austin returned home after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Linton, at Buffalo, N.Y. Edward Baird has been making extensive improvements to his property. C. W. Smith, of State College, spent the Sabbath with his mother, Mrs. Annie Smith. The Milesburg Store Co. is installing the new gas lighting system. Wilbur and Bessie Miles, of Williamsport, spent Saturday and Sunday at home. Wilbur took advantage of the 15th and supplied his many friends with trout. Rev. Eldridge was one of the lucky fishermen on the opening day, April 15th, catching 18 nice speckled beauties. Gasoline for sale at T. A. Hugg's; will not set less than a quart, and positively will not draw it after dark.

LEMONT.

The big count is now on and the enumerator is busy in College township. Prof. Burton L. Rockwood lectured in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening, from the subject, "The Passing of the Saloon." John I. Thompson and wife spent a few days among friends in Altoona the forepart of this week. The schools of College township are closed now and the work done during the winter was satisfactory to all. Wednesday morning of last week the thermometer stood at 28 deg., and there was ice formed, while the fruit was injured. The fine rains this week will supply water for the springs and wells and help start the grass and grains to grow. Clarence Houtz put out between 5000 and 10000 strawberry plants this week, and with his old patches he will now have between 20000 and 25000 plants. He gathered last year between 1100 and 1200 quarts of fine berries. Mrs. Carrie Houtz is able to be around again. William Johnstonbaugh is busy repairing his houses on Thompson's farm. John Wirtz had a piece built to his house last week. Claud Hoy while fishing last Thursday caught a carp that measured 22 inches and weighed 4 lbs. Chas. Moore, who has been working for Schenck Bros. for more than a year, went back to Tyrone last week to work for the man that taught him his trade, and Jacob Ray has taken his place. Nelson W. Williams was off duty a few days last week with one of Job's comforts. Prof. Thomas C. Houtz, of Selinsgrove, preached for the Lutheran congregation of Boalsburg on Sunday morning.

AARONSBURG.

Mrs. Bell and grandsons, of Pleasant Gap, visited a few days with her daughter, Mrs. R. U. Wasson. Mrs. Myra Burd Nevill, of Altoona, visited at the home of her uncle, Jacob Behm's. Mrs. Miriam Keister Coldren, of Centre Hall, spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Clara Burd. Sparr Wirtz is attending a spring term of school at Rebersburg. Mrs. Nevill and children, of Altoona, took supper on Thursday with Mrs. Gramley. Master Pomeroy Brooks, of Pleasant Gap, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. R. U. Wasson. Miss Nellie Burd has gone to visit friends living at Altoona. Mrs. Electa Stover Hawk had her household goods shipped to Look Haven, at which place her husband will meet her and there begin housekeeping. Geo. Weaver and James Holloway went to Georgesville and bought a horse from Jeff. Heckman for \$225. James Swabb, of Tusseyville, spent a few days with his mother. News reached this place of the death of Warren Wilkens, who died in the Danville hospital. He was taken from this place about three years ago. He leaves to mourn his loss, two sons and one daughter, Jerome, of Oak Hill; Wilbur and Mrs. Adaline Edmunds, of this place.

Following in Father's Footsteps.

J. Kay Clement, son of General C. M. Clement, a former member of Company E, Twelfth regiment, who some time ago was elected a lieutenant of Company E, Eighteenth regiment of Pittsburg, has been further advanced by being elected captain of that company. The young man's many friends predict that in time he will also wear the stars of a general like his father.

UNIONVILLE.

Put away your tack hammer and carpenter. Get out your lawn mower and oil it up ready for business. Beautify your homes—paint your houses—put down concrete pavements—clean up your alleys and be proud. Mont. Musser is home on a visit. Victor L. Wagner left on Monday for Williamsport, where he will enter Dickinson Theological Seminary to prepare for the ministry. Charley McEwen, who for several years has been in the employ of the Westinghouse people of Pittsburg, arrived home on last Thursday very much broken down in health. It is hoped by his host of friends, that by taking a few months of rest he may recuperate, and be his former self. John P. Harris, Jr., is building a fine, large porch in front of his residence and will paint his house and otherwise beautify his home. The porch he is erecting is of the most modern style and is being built by an Altoona firm, and when completed will make the rest of our porches look like 30 cents' worth, but wouldn't a concrete pavement cap the climax, John P.?

George W. Morrison, agent, Billy Parsons, James M. Stere and ex-Chief Justice B. W. Shipley, will beautify their respective homes by an application of several coats of paint. Good boys! Toner Irwin is very much in demand now. He is the star paper hanger and painter here and is a rapid and skilled workman. County Commissioners John L. Dunlap, Jacob Woodring and their chief clerk, Ed. J. Williams, were distinguished visitors to our town on Tuesday, their object being to reduce or raise the value of the real estate or personal property of any citizen of Huston and Union townships in Unionville borough, who may feel aggrieved. Assessors Perry Parsons, of Huston, J. B. Alexander, of Union, and Riley Pratt, Esq., of the borough, were present. There were very few appellants appeared before the honorable board of revision, which evidenced the fact that the assessors did their work about right. News items being scarce I submit the following enigma for the smarties: I am composed of 29 letters— My 2-2-1 is a vehicle, My 4-5-6-7-8-9 is the third highest officer in a certain secret order, My 11-12 is a conjunction, My 11-10 is a preposition, My 14-15-18 is a fowl, My 13-15-18 is a number, My 15-17-18-19 is a coin, My 20-21-22 is a color, My 25-25-24-23 is opposite of go, My 27-28-29 is a small animal, My whole is a bit of good, sound advice.

I will publish the names of all boys and girls who will send in correct answers. The one sending in the first answer will be entitled to an excursion to the planet Saturn with me on my airship, as soon as I can get it out of pawn from Pat McDonnell's barn. DOMINO. About one-third of the number of students of the Mont Alto Forestry school have camped in the mountains known as Pine Swamp, about four miles southwest of this place, and are engaged in planting trees. A. J. Campbell, of Shamokin, visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Kaler, and shook hands with his former acquaintances last week. Rev. S. A. Snyder, of Centre Hall, very ably officiated as substitute for Presiding Elder J. C. Reaser, A. M., in the United Evangelical church last Sunday. He preached an excellent sermon. Miss Ruth Swabb, of Aaronsburg, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Leonore Burd, and assisted her in her millinery work. E. J. Burd, plasterer, is working at the new school building in Bellefonte. The longest-for showers have come, very copiously on Tuesday, intermingled with snow, and all vegetation rejoices and everybody is thankful. W. F. Musser and W. W. Braucht, two of our progressive farmers, who were on the sick list, are able to go about their work again.

COBURN.

Did Considerable Talking. From March 4 to and including April 2, 1910, auctioneer George C. Waite, of Tyrone, called twenty-six public sales. In twenty-six days Mr. Waite talked ninety hours and sold \$62,000 worth of personal property, an average of \$700 per hour. He sold stock hogs from 15 to 20 cents a pound, breeders from \$25 to \$70 each; sheep commanded from \$5 to \$15 a head; cows from \$30 for mediums to \$80 each for extra fine ones; horses bought from \$125 to \$300 a head. The largest sale totaled \$5,300. Wealth Produced on Farm. Phenomenal has been the increase in the past twenty years in the value of wealth produced on farms of the United States. Figures carefully prepared by the statisticians of the Department of Agriculture show this increase to have been \$6,500,000,000 in the period from 1889 to the close of last year. In 1889 the value of the wealth was \$2,460,000,000; ten years later it was \$4,717,000,000, and last year according to the preliminary estimate just issued, it was \$8,760,000,000.

Axe Factory Resumes.

The axe factory of the Mann Edge Tool Company, near Lewistown, resumed operations on Monday, 11th, after being idle for two months on account of making repairs to the buildings damaged by fire. The usual number of men employed at the plant prior to the fire returned to work on Monday morning. Big Fire at Ebensburg. At a disastrous conflagration in Ebensburg the other night, in which nearly \$100,000 worth of property was destroyed, one man was fatally burned and three others seriously injured. Clotz Panzshaker, formerly of Philadelphia, suffered the partial destruction of his residence, incurring a loss of probably \$4,000. A Fine Rain. Friday evening there was a light rainfall, a precipitation of a quarter of an inch. Still better, however, on Sunday evening another rain set in, and continued until 6 o'clock on Monday morning when the gauge registered a precipitation of 1.60 inches—the two rains making close onto two inches—1.55, at this, the Bellefonte weather station.

Boom for Phillipsburg.

Three capitalists from Pittsburg spent the other day in looking over the coal and fire clay lands of Christ Ebaner, southeast of Phillipsburg. These lands have vast deposits of good coal and fire clay, and we may expect some big developments ere long from present indications. Phillipsburg, as a result, will reap the benefit.

REMINISCENT.

It will be of interest to preserve in print the names of the early settlers and pioneers of the south or Penna valley side of the county. They braved the red man, cleared the forests with the assistance of wives, sons and daughters, in the early days. In Huston township were: John, Jacob and Samuel Mottz; John, Judge and Squire Jac. Hosterman; Jacob Stover, George, Adam and Noah Weaver, Martin and Henry Stover, John, Daniel and George Wolf, Val. Stover, Adam Winkblech, Andrew Korman, George, Henry, Philip and J. G. Moyer, Sam Feltz, Stover, Andreas and Wm. Harter, Wm. Loose, Henry and Jacob Orndorf, Michael Weaver, Thos. Hosterman, Jacob Hans Stover, Mr. Oliver, Peter Homan, Philip and Michael Musser, Jacob Thomas, Henry and John Adam Bowler, John Young, Ad. Weaver, Wm. Hingston, Thomas Hubler, Fred Weaver, Chas. Smith, Henry Reinhart, Jacob Neidigh, John and Henry Hess. Among the early settlers in Penn township who have gone to the beyond, yet still within the memory of the living, we can recall the names of the following: Squire Bollinger, Squire Philip Musser, Adam Hosterman, Robert and John Smith, Mr. Braught, Judge Kreider, Leonard, Kevetter, Mr. Dreibeis, John Harter, fathers Neese and Keen, Geo. Swartz, Christ and Isaac Behm, Henry Felder, Daniel Kreamer, Mr. Mumbauer. Up in Gwieg township George Her-ring, Col. Rishel, Adam Fisher, James Spear, Peter Wilson, farmers Kline and Long, Thomas Hutchinson, James Evans, the Ertels, fathers Grov, Breon, Auman, Gentzel, Gen. Buchanan, Mr. Heckman. In Potter, the Gilliands—Samuel, Peter, John and David—the General Potter family, the Frons, Jacob and John Wagner, Jacob and Michael Strohm, Major John Neff, the Durst brothers, the Lees, Daniel Fleisher, John and Judge Wm. Love, father Geiss, Dr. Wilson, fathers Carson, Spangler, Geiss, Slack, Farmer, Hoffer, Greig, Thomas Scher, Bitner, Allison, McCoy, and others.

Of the early settlers in Brush valley we remember the Shaffers, Kreamers, Hazels, Wolfs, Bierlys, Royers, Moyers, Spangler, Walkers, Stovers, Korman, Frons, Brungards, Stroheckers, Gramleys, Franks, Longs, Bair. All the above, we believe, are in the sainted colony in the beyond, with their long-ago departed forefathers, joyfully awaiting the arrival of de-empts set upon earth, for a happy meeting and greeting. The family names of the aforesaid are not extinct but remain in their respective townships and have branched out to others, and are to be found in all parts of the west, figuring among the best of its citizens. There are many more, whose names do not occur to us at the moment of this writing. All were honored pioneers and early settlers, who cleared the forests and laid the foundations for the fine farms which make Pennsylv and Brush valleys a veritable paradise. Could these old settlers—now in a happier land—come back just long enough to learn of the changes and wonderful discoveries and inventions since they were called hence, they would be able to earn what they would have thought impossibilities. Railroads, telegraphs, electric appliances, friends talking to friends hundreds of miles apart, by telephones, from their own homes, and later by wireless talk across the seas and from continent to continent, let alone the autos running with railroad speed over the common roads, and even the aviators with their airships rising to the clouds and navigating the air as ships do the seas. Great would be their astonishment. But if in Heaven, as we hope, how much greater things there! The Almighty, surrounded by his angelic hosts; friends from whom they were severed upon earth now with them in the Happy Land Beyond.

Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. Local arrangements for the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows' annual convention, to be held in Williamsport from May 17 to 20, have been completed. The State Rebekah Assembly will hold its annual meeting there at the same time. Returns received indicate a joint attendance of at least 2000. The sessions of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Lycoming opera house, while those of the Rebekahs will be held in Odd Fellows' Temple, one square away. The convention season will open with a joint attendance at services to be held in the Pine Street Methodist church, of which Edwin A. Pyles is pastor. This church seats 2400, but with the local Odd Fellows and the wives added to the number of visitors, it is expected that the capacity of the church will be taxed. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. B. H. Hart, of Harrisburg, past grand master of the order, Monday, May 16, will be devoted to a reception of visitors, first real business meeting to be held on the evening of that day. The formal opening of the Grand Lodge with the address of welcome will be on Wednesday.

The farmers of Lancaster county have things coming their way this year. They fed last winter 30,000 head of Western cattle, bought at the Union Stock Yards, and now the cattle are selling at high prices. The average is 7 1/2 cents a pound, but some have brought 8 cents. Not a drop of Alcohol. Doctors prescribe very little, if any, alcohol these days. They prefer strong tonics and alteratives. This is all in keeping with modern medical science. It explains why Ayer's Sarsaparilla is now made entirely free from alcohol. Ask your doctor. Follow his advice.

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A YOUNG SWINDLER.

Giving his name as George Parker, a young man entered the Gettysburg theological seminary recently and posed as a student. He attended lectures for several days and then left suddenly. It is charged now that he swindled several business places and two banks out of goods and money to the aggregate value of \$200. He had several checks drawn on the National Bank of Augusta, Ga., cashed at the Gettysburg institution and they are declared to have been worthless.

Becomes Mother at 10 Years.

Officers of the Chicago Juvenile Court began an investigation of the case of Annie Epps, 10 years old, who gave birth to a girl baby at the county hospital several days ago. It was reported that the young mother and child were doing well. "The young mother's age has been investigated and it has been shown that she is just 10 years old," said a physician at the hospital. "She is probably the youngest mother in this part of the world."

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