

Correspondents' Department

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HOWARD.

In Our Churches Next Sabbath.

Methodist Episcopal—Pastor R. S. Taylor will preach at Howard at 10:30 A. M.; Kennedy at 2:30 P. M., and Curtin at 7:30 P. M.

United Evangelical—Rev. J. C. Reester, P. E., will preach at Fairview at 10:30 A. M., Jacksonville at 2:30 P. M., and at Howard at 7:30 P. M. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at each of these appointments.

Evangelical Convention.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week are the days appointed for the meeting at this place of the annual conference of the local working forces of the Evangelical church, within the limits of Centre District, Central Pennsylvania Conference. The first session will be in the evening of Tuesday, and will be of a general character, closing with a "social hour," which means an opportunity for recognition and acquaintance-forming among the delegates themselves, and between the delegates and citizens. Wednesday will have three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening. The evening session will be chiefly devoted to the popular lecture upon "Good citizenship" by the Hon. William H. Berry, the well-known former treasurer of the State. Thursday will also have three sessions; and in the afternoon the first number will be a lecture upon "The Laymen's Missionary Movement" by Dr. J. Allison Platts, of Bellefonte. The evening will be the closing one of the convention, and the last number will be the "Consecration Service" conducted by Rev. J. F. Howser. The chorister of the occasion will be Rev. S. A. Snyder; Rev. W. J. Dice will assist with the cornet, and our Miss Rhoades will add the violin. The entertainment committee has been industriously at work, and we understand that homes for the delegates have all been provided. Very many of our citizens, appreciating the value of appearances, have already swept and garnished their premises, but there are places, here and there, to which an hour or so of work might be made to add considerably. Let us put our best foot forward and give our fine town an addition to her reputation for neatness and order.

An Old-time Road Vacated.

Surveyor and attorney A. A. Dale, A. M. Butler and the writer of Howard, were appointed by the court viewers to vacate a three-mile stretch of an old and unused road in Curtin township, leading from the top of the mountain, at a point where it intersects the road from Orviston to Snow Shoe, to an abandoned coal mine out towards Beech Creek, and on Friday they performed the duties of their appointment. An early start was made from Hotel McMurtrie, in R. P. Confer's spring wagon, with the versatile "Bob" himself holding the reins over his big team of boys. The day was an ideal one, the sun was good, and the "place of beginning" was reached in less than three hours, without accident or incident, other than such as "AI" related. There the party found David DeLong and Robert Mann, both of whom are natives and members of the board of supervisors, at whose instance the view was appointed, having with them George Weaver, one of the substantial citizens, a large land owner and large taxpayer. The formalities were properly observed, the crew organized on a working basis and the job was on. Up hill and down, over stones and around stumps, through brush and briars, the ancient trail which could tell much, if it could tell anything, of the toil and labor and difficulties of those who have hauled coal, lumber and camp provisions over it during the more than half century it has been in use, was followed, with chain and pin and compass. The first land mark which came to the attention was the deserted and decaying "improvement" of "Duce McCloskey" who once farmed it there, raising vegetables which won deserved first premiums at our old county fairs, and a family which once furnished a whole school, teacher, pupils, school house, stove and fire wood, among its own members, and became famous through the country as the "tar-boller," because he made and sold the best tar to be found in the country roundabout. But it was all dead as a last year's bird's nest, and quiet as a grave, telling only of the homely but comfortable and prolific past. The next place of note was "the steam saw mill," so called because away back among the years of the early half of the last century, a small steam mill had, at that point, sawed some of the finest lumber the world ever knew—the old "pumpkin pine," so called because it was as clear, smooth and soft to the touch of a sharp knife, and almost as creamy in color as the flesh of a well ripened pumpkin. George Weaver, who remembered the place for forty-three years, said that in his earliest recollection, the only evidence that remained of the mill was the pile of rotting saw dust. Here on the beautiful easy sod, beside the greatly diminished, but still clean, bright, cool and rippling waters of Hayes Run, the noon lunch was eaten, the post prandial pipe smoked, and "AI" Dale's yarns enjoyed. An hour or two more work landed the party at the long discarded coal bank, said to have been opened by Job W. Packer, of local note and blessed memory, which marked the end of the road, and the beginning of the trail which led on into the depths of the mountains, and to the other abandoned coal bank, once "worked" by the aforesaid "Dave" McCloskey. The assigned task was ended, the closing formalities gone through with, the road declared vacant, and the party turned homeward, where all arrived weary enough to sleep well, but pleased with the delightful day, including work, weather and company.

J. Will Mays, of the Howard Granite & Marble works, is busy as busy can be in rushing his work for Memorial Day. Last week Mr. Mays was in Tyrone, closing up some large contracts there, having already used more than two and one-half cars of granite in them. One monument, which he has erected in Grandview in that town, weighs over fourteen tons. In that section of the State he is also doing much work at Birmingham, Williamsburg, and Trough Creek Valley. In referring to Mr. Mays' work the Tyrone Herald of last week gives the following just appreciation of him: "Mr. Mays is a gentleman in every sense of the word. He is reliable and honest and can be depended upon to give the best of satisfaction for all work placed in his care."

Miss Maud Hopkins, of Tyrone, came down on Friday for a visit with her sister, but came down herself with grip; was confined to her room until time to return on Sunday.

Death's Harvest.

Bravery, courage and grim determination are seldom better displayed than in the more than three-years battle for life, which ended with the death of Captain S. H. Bennison. A few moments before three o'clock in the brightness of last Sabbath afternoon, with calm dignity and in full consciousness of what he was doing, the brave old soldier quietly calmly acknowledged defeat and laid down his arms, as his family and physicians stood about his bedside and his death was as peaceful and painless as his long illness had been severe, he becomingly simple funeral service conducted by Rev. S. F. Bergen, occurred at the house at 10:30 Wednesday, yesterday, and interment was made in the Presbyterian churchyard at Jacksonville, by the side of his son, who had gone before. At the request of his family a somewhat extended notice of Captain Bennison's life is deferred until next week.

Between one and two o'clock on Monday morning, John Holmes, who had been suffering from a slight cold for a few days, was taken with severe pains across his chest, particularly on the left side. Physicians were with him until morning when they left him greatly relieved. He remained in bed, resting quietly until noon, when the pains returned and he requested Mrs. Holmes to replace a mustard plaster just where it had been, in the region of the heart. About twelve o'clock Dr. McEntire again visited him for a few moments, and when he came down stairs said, in reply to a question by his daughter, Mrs. Hoffman, who with others of the family was at dinner, "He is resting easily." A few moments later another daughter, Mrs. J. C. Weirick, who lives on the opposite side of the street, came in and went up to see her father, when she found him dead, with every appearance of having passed away while quietly sleeping, and not the slightest indication of having suffered or moved. The physicians give neuralgia of the heart as the cause of death. Mr. Holmes was born August 4, 1840, on the Holmes farm, in Marion township, and lived upon the homestead until the spring of 1895 when he moved to Jacksonville and lived there nine years. He then moved to his farm at Nitanna, remaining there for a year or two, when he came to Howard. On the 26th of November, 1866, Mr. Holmes was married to Mary Jane Conley, daughter of former sheriff Richard Conley, and to this union were born three children, all of whom, with Mrs. Holmes, survive him. They are R. C. Holmes, Port Elizabeth, N. J.; Mrs. C. H. Hoffman and Mrs. J. C. Weirick, Howard. His surviving sister is Mrs. Wakefield of Lock Haven. Funeral service will be held at the residence at 10:30, Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M., conducted by Rev. James Pratt, and interment will be made in the Presbyterian churchyard at Jacksonville. Mr. Holmes was one of the greatly respected men of our community, because of his uprightness of character and genial disposition.

These deaths, coming so nearly together, reveal a rather unusual series of co-incidences: Captain Bennison was a brother-in-law of H. T. McDowell, and Mr. Holmes was his cousin by marriage. Mr. McDowell being younger than the other by a few years. During practically all of their lives the three have been close friends. All were practical, energetic, successful farmers in Marion township, their farms in close proximity—almost adjoining in business, and with political affairs, as well as in family and social life, their relations were of the closest that ever exist between men. They were all men of dignity, probity of character, high integrity, and examples of good citizenship. They each acquired a competence at farming, retiring from active business at about the same time—though each continued to own and manage his farm—all moved to Howard to spend the balance of their days and have lived on the same street and camp a biscuit tons of each other since then; and at the close of the lives of the older men, it became the sad duty of Mr. McDowell to have charge of the arrangements for the funerals of both at the same time.

Under the Doctor's Care.

Winfield C. Thompson, who has suffered some months from ulcerations in the head, due to a severe cold taken in the early spring, is under the care of Dr. Kosler, of Williamsport, who performed the operation of trephining last Friday, much to his relief, and with assurance of prompt recovery.

Frederick Leathers returned from Cambridge Springs, where he had spent a month or so resting and drinking the fine water, much improved in health and appearance.

Miss Wistar was able to start for Chicago, as planned for, and hopes for much from specialists of that city.

Miss Johnson's improvement is almost too slow to gratify her anxious friends.

Good reports come from Willard McDowell, who is under the care of the experienced Dr. DaCosta, of Philadelphia, and hopes are entertained that he will come home without crutches.

W. R. Gardner continued very low during the past week, and on Monday it was thought wise to take him to the Bellefonte hospital for special treatment, which it is hoped may return him to us in good health.

Miss Hopkins is making fine progress toward good health. The issuing of cards for her wedding, which is to occur on Wednesday, June 1, was not delayed, as it was feared they might be.

State Secretary of the C. E. Association assisted by Harry Fisher, of Warriorsmark, addressed a meeting of C. E. workers in the Evangelical church. Mr. Fisher's remarks were full of good suggestions which energetically acted upon, would make that organization throughout the State, excellent as it is, a much more potent agency for good.

The venerable Louis Wetzel and wife, of Milesburg, spent Saturday with Mrs. Carpenter Miller, who is Mr. Wetzel's sister, and whose illness has assumed a decidedly serious form. She is nearly eighty years of age, and has been almost entirely unconscious for several days.

Father C. L. McKinney was a home visitor between trains Wednesday. Father McKinney is a hard worker and a faithful servant of the church and is devoted to his duties at Renovo.

Rev. R. S. Taylor spent the early days of the week in Williamsport, visiting his two sons, who are students in Dickinson Seminary.

Miss Harriet Hall, of Fleming, was the guest of Postmaster W. F. Hall and family last Thursday.

Hunter Thomas is working at his old calling of iron making at the Curtin furnace.

Miss Helen Moore, of Philadelphia, is visiting her numerous relatives and friends here.

Claire Leathers, who was unfortunate enough to break a small bone of his right arm last week, added to his troubles by being in a wagon slings, bruising and scratching his face enough to detract temporarily from his good looks, but missing any serious damage.

Miss Sanders, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Bowes, of Lock Haven, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Plotcher, on Wednesday of last week.

Notwithstanding Miss Nellie Hopkins' illness, her sewing circle friends visited her, two by two, with a "kitchen shower" Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Dr. Dorworth and Mrs. John Moore, of Bellefonte, were visitors in the home of Mrs. H. T. Lucas on Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Mary K. Kurtz, of Williamsport, formerly a missionary at Madras, India, visited her brother, Dr. Kurtz, Saturday and Monday.

Mrs. J. Z. Long, of Clarksville, W. Va., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Long.

UNIONVILLE.

Roy Hazel, the enterprising merchant of Fiedler, and his pretty little wife are visiting the former's parents.

The drum corps is practicing nightly in preparing for Decoration Day.

The Hon. D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte, will be the orator of the day on Decoration Day. We hope there will be a big turn-out for I am sure those who stay away will miss an interesting address.

Potter Alexander, of Pittsboro, with his accomplished wife, visited a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. Francis Ammerman.

A week or ten days ago Mrs. I. G. Alexander ran a pin in the back of her hand. A few days afterward her hand began to pain her and became very much swollen. Becoming alarmed, lest blood poisoning might result, she consulted their physician, Dr. W. U. Irwin, who has thus far succeeded in reducing the swelling and she is now out of danger.

Big John H. Cadwallader, of Bradford, Carnegie's right-hand man, is home on a visit.

Johnny Stere is very proud of the new gasoline plant that he has lately had installed in his store for lighting purposes. It is simply superb and must be seen to be appreciated.

That famous inventor of a prince of good fellows, L. C. Bullock, Esq., of Milesburg, was the artist who "planted the plant." When Lew does anything you may gamble on it, that it will be well done.

The Rev. R. S. Oylar will preach for the Odd Fellows on next Sunday evening at 7:30. All members of the order are requested to turn out.

Our venerable friend and neighbor, John Spotts, had a slight stroke of apoplexy on Sunday, which affected his head and one side. At this writing he is reported to be improving, much to the joy of his many friends.

A large number of our citizens, especially the female portion, are almost heartbroken, because not a step has been taken to improve our pavements or sidewalks. But, I suppose like the Arkansas Traveler, they think they are all right in dry weather, and who's going to fix them while it rains?

George W. Morrison and James M. Stere, two of our enterprising citizens, have beautified their homes by giving them a double coat of paint. Howard Miles, an artist in his line, did the "dressing."

Great preparations are being made by our neighboring city, Milesburg, for a big "blow-out" on next Saturday, the 21st. The bill of fare consists of base ball games, horse racing, bicycle racing, foot racing, etc. A special invitation is extended to the Unionville sports to be present.

Listed: Do you hear those two men crying out through the streets "Fresh fish, fresh fish"? They are John Emerick and Thomas Eckenroth. They had been out on the Alleghenies fishing the mountain streams for trout and caught two six-inch beauties.

Recently a nasty big rat killed in one night 30 young peeps for Harold Flaher which had been hatched out by his wooden hen. Too bad!

Ruth Parsons, Margaret McDonell and Margaret Eckenroth, three of our brightest young girls, passed a highly creditable examination at Port Matilda recently and they have received notice from Prof. Etters that their diplomas would be forthcoming in the near future. Of course the girls are correspondingly happy and we congratulate them on their success.

Six persons, one young man and five women and girls were immersed in the waters of the Bald Eagle, just below the bridge, on last Sunday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, by the Rev. G. J. Kelley, of the Free Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Morrison, of this place. Several hundred persons had gathered on the bridge and banks of the stream to witness the impressive ordeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence DeBarde, of Wilmington, N. C., are visiting at the Cadwallader home. Mrs. DeBarde will be best known as Julie Cadwallader. Mr. DeBarde, though born in America, is a typical Frenchman. He is comparatively a young man, is of a genial and affable disposition and of prepossessing appearance—and every whit a gentleman. He learned the science of cooking in which the French chefs prevail in Paris. He was employed at the Orton Hotel at Wilmington, N. C., during President Taft's recent visit to that place, and had the honor of preparing the "Pompano" for the President's dinner. He goes from here to the Atlantic Hotel, Ocean City, Md., as steward of that famous hostelry. The house contains 400 rooms—and do you know, Charley, he takes the Centre Democrat—and likes it.

Benj. Alkey lives in the old Idlings stone house a short distance west of the Milesburg station. On last Sunday he took his wife and several children in a two-horse carriage to visit a friend at Julian. On his return home towards evening, he was driving alone at a right smart pace when the front wheels of his carriage struck the stone crossing between Stere's and Griest's store, the coupling broke, which frightened the horses, and they got away with the front wheels after, dragging Mr. Alkey to the second crossing, when he found he would either have to let them go or himself be injured. He chose the former. The carriage was overturned, covering the family completely. Part of the carriage was reduced to kindling and one set of harness was ruined. Mr. and Mrs. Alkey were slightly injured, but the children were unharmed.

MOUNTAIN—Gregg Twp. The roof has visited us too often and it killed all the pretty flowers.

The farmers are almost through planting corn and potatoes.

Conrod Immel is improving his home by painting his house a pretty color.

The old Ripka homestead, occupied now by S. D. Linger, is turning out to be a potato plantation.

Maurice Lingle paid a visit to his grandparents last week; he is improving greatly.

SPRING MILLS.

O. T. Corman, the fish dealer, had the finest lot of fresh fish for sale that made a man hungry when he saw them.

O. T. Corman, registration assessor for West Precinct, was seen on our streets last week, going from house to house, hunting up the voters for fall election; also the children from 6 to 16 years of age as the school children.

The stork passed over town last week and left a little boy at the home of John Lloyd.

The funeral of Mrs. James Kennely was largely attended; she was buried in the Georgesvalley cemetery.

Among those who attended the K. G. E. convention, held last week at Gettysburg, were Mrs. Mary Gramley, as a delegate to the Ladies' Temple, held at the same place; also Windon Gramley and his son, Master John Gramley; John Taylor and John Smith. All report having a fine time. It was one of the largest gatherings of the kind they ever held. There were over a thousand Commandery men in line with over a dozen bands of music. Mrs. Gramley and son, John, stopped off for a week's visit with her uncle, Matt. Poorman.

The heavy frost on Monday morning killed a lot of garden truck; plums and peaches are all frozen.

John Shavely is nursing a sore foot from the effect of tramping on a thorn.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Duck left on Monday morning to attend the I. O. O. F. convention to held this week at Williamsport.

Smith Brothers, the up-to-date furniture dealers, are doing a rushing business in the furniture and stoves, and are seen with two wagons delivering furniture daily.

Prof. Moyer spent Sunday at home at Freeburg.

Trout fishing has not been a success yet—the highest number caught in one day was Windon Gramley, 32; John Smith, 24.

The ladies of Centre Temple, No. 163, decorated their companions' graves last Sunday.

John Rishel, our hustling merchant, made a business trip to Altoona. William Zones is home on a visit; he expects to remodel his house while home.

WOODWARD.

Mr. and Mrs. George Immel, of Spring Mills, visited Mrs. Immel's parents at this place last Sunday.

The carpenters are busy remodeling the store room which was purchased by the P. O. S. of A. from L. D. Orndorf some time ago. The building was formerly owned by the J. C. Motz estate.

L. L. Weaver is making extensive repairs to the Adam Weaver home, which he purchased lately.

Mrs. H. A. Kessinger and children and Mrs. Wm. Fultz and daughter, Mabel, were to see Jones Bros' Wild West show at Bellefonte last week.

Chas. Samsel, an employe of the State Hospital at Warren, paid his grandmother of this place, a visit.

Mrs. J. L. Kreamer, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. James Guisewitz and son, Owen, spent Sunday at C. E. Booth's, near Mifflintown.

Dr. Ard is having his home improved by a new coat of paint.

James Weaver transacted business in Millheim on Saturday afternoon.

Aaron Orndorf, of Latrobe, visited his friends at this place during last week; this being the first visit made by Mr. Orndorf to his former home and birthplace for quite a few years.

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