

Correspondents' Department

Continued.

HOWARD.

There is no asset more valuable to a young man or woman than easy, charming, good manners.

In Our Churches Next Sabbath.

United Evangelical—Pastor W. W. Rhoades will preach at Jacksonville at half past ten, at Fairview at half past two, and in Howard at half past seven.

Reformed—Pastor E. F. Faust will preach in Howard at ten o'clock, at Marsh Creek at half past two, and at Jacksonville at half past seven.

Methodist Episcopal—Pastor R. S. Taylor will preach at Beech Creek at half past ten, at Hunter's Run at half past two, and in Howard at half past seven.

A Shower of Oil.

An unpleasant occurrence happened at the station Wednesday afternoon, incidental to the passing of three freight and the "flyer" at this point. The eastbound "local" pulled into the siding, completed its work and backed to the west end of the siding, ready to back out and follow the flyer, and to allow the heavy westbound "extras" to pull into the east end of the siding, leaving the main track clear for the eastbound "flyer," which arrived some minutes behind schedule time.

From the station it appeared that the extras had not quite cleared the east end of the siding, leaving the rear end of a little distance on the main track. In order to prevent holding the "flyer," the engineer of the heavy local attempted to back out as promptly and quickly as possible, and in doing so opened the throttle suddenly, causing the engine to slip badly. This threw out in the engine, and a great deal of steam, in which was the water which had condensed in the cylinders while standing, and which was, of course, loaded with black machine grease.

Unfortunately, the wind was blowing in just the direction to carry this, as it descended, right over the point where passengers were getting on and off the "flyer," and the black, greasy storm fell thick and fast upon many of them, to the consternation of all, ruining some of the ladies' new and valuable clothing, and greatly soiling much more. One visiting lady, who was just leaving on the train, wore an expensive and new broadcloth suit, which was quite ruined; others, with finely laundered and new white shirt waists suffered quite as badly.

Two women, who wore costly new hats, will be unable to wear them again. Gentlemen's collars and shirts were literally deluged with the black, greasy stuff, and an unanimous growl went up from the whole crowd. Possibly more care and deliberation by the engineer in starting his engine might have avoided the unpleasant and costly incident, but the intimation that it was purposely done is not warranted.

Boro and Township School Matters. The boro directors awarded contracts for painting the school house Saturday evening. The outside work was assigned to W. H. Neff & Son, and the inside to Charles M. Confer.

A Family Gathering. About once in three or four years H. E. Neff takes a few days off from his prosperous and exacting calling as a wholesale grocer in Chicago, and comes home to visit his father, the venerable William H. Neff.

Enjoying Life at Nipono. Last Tuesday twelve or fifteen of "our bunch of girls" started for Nipono Park, where they are having a jolly good time as an "Adams Eden," for there's not a man in the party.

Serious Pletcher, wife and daughter, Dorothy, are guests in the home of his only brother, Squire A. A. Pletcher. Squire A. A. Pletcher is making the important additions of a central heating plant and bath room with hot and cold water in both that and the kitchen, to his already comfortable and handsome home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long spent Sabbath in Lock Haven.

Mrs. Robert Holter, of Rochester, with her little boy, is at home for the summer.

Harry Krape and wife, former residents here, are visiting their home folks.

Mrs. Miner is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Correll, of Easton, Pa., this week.

Charles Confer and his crew are painting some of the new houses at State College.

Miss Helen Bennisson arrived home from a month at Atlantic City, last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bennett, of Mill Hall, spent Sunday with grandpa and grandma Butler.

John White, of Mill Hall, spent Sunday with his pleasing cousins, the Misses Henderson.

Coal operator L. B. Blair, of Tyrone, spent the early part of last week here, fishing and resting.

Miss Nora Smith, of Lamar, was a last week guest in the home of her uncle, Charles W. Smith.

Lester Bowes, who finds profitable employment at Youngstown, O., visited his family last week.

William Loder is adding a new kitchen to his already comfortable home on south Walnut street.

Mrs. John Robb, of Jersey Shore, came up Thursday afternoon for a visit with her relative, Mrs. Mary Wensel.

Miss Mabel Packer, of Pittsburg, is spending some weeks at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peterobb.

Miss Lulu Schenck entertained two of her school chums, the Misses McCullough, of Jersey Shore, over Sunday.

Mrs. Ambrose Thomas, who has been seriously ill for some days, is reported as started on the way to recovery.

Mrs. A. "Curt" Longee, of Lewistown Junction, is spending some time with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Longee.

Frederic Robb, with his daughter, Miss Emma, visited their son and brother, Samuel, at Milesburg, last Sunday.

Joseph Loder is walking our streets daily now, though still depending largely upon crutches, until the injured leg grows stronger.

After a visit of several days with grandfather Samuel F. Kline and wife, Isaac Cornwell and family left for their home in Northumberland.

After a residence of several months with her sisters, the Misses Bennisson, Mr. Sarah B. Sweeney returned last week to her home in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schenck are having a very sunny view of life, now that a dear little girl baby has come to brighten and cheer their way.

Perry McDowell Bennisson with his family arrived from his home in Pittsburg on Saturday evening, and will remain for his vacation with his mother.

Those who promoted the M. E. festival of last Saturday evening are rejoicing because their treasury profited therefrom to the encouraging amount of thirty dollars.

Mr. William H. Wilson and Mr. Gabriel Betz, who served in the Civil war, from Clinton county, joined their old comrades in the reunion of veterans at Ager's Park last Thursday.

Mrs. Charles M. Confer, her two sisters, the Misses Edna and Mabel Strunk, and Mrs. John Lighthamer, composed a group who spent last Sunday with friends in Blanchard.

Excepting George H. and wife and children, the entire Leathers family is summering in a handsomely furnished cottage at Tuskhoe Mineral Springs, not far from Northumberland.

Miss Mary Holter, one of several members of the family of the late Benjamin Holter, who have made a successful and happy home for themselves in Williamsport, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Kane.

Jacob Smith, formerly a Howard boy, but now a gray, full-fed, well-groomed boss roller in one of the big mills in Berwick, spent a part of last week among friends here, with headquarters at the home of his cousin, Mrs. W. E. Confer.

While not so great as wished for by his friends, the change in Kaiser Webers condition, for the week, has been decided and for the better, and bright hopes are entertained for his complete recovery, though it will probably be somewhat tedious.

Photographer J. Lyol Bush, of Lock Haven, who has opened a studio here in the second story of Dr. McEntire's drug store, is taking some excellent views of our homes and streets and the surrounding country. On sale at all the stores in town.

The Misses Ada Bowes and Edna Reber left on last Wednesday's No. 52 for Philadelphia, where they will spend several weeks among the wholesale millinery stores of that city, putting up stocks of goods for their respective establishments at State College and Bridgeton, N. J.

Mrs. Joe Funk, the Mesdames John, Irvin and Sidney Bryan, Mrs. Cal. Bathurst, and perhaps one or two others whose names have escaped, are a congenial party of friends belonging to the M. E. church at Curtin, who are now camping at "The Willows," on the A. M. Butler farm, on Saturday evening last they entertained their pastor, Rev. R. S. Taylor and family.

Dr. C. F. Smith, of Indianapolis, whose wife and daughter have been visiting among friends here for some time, joined them last Friday. Dr. S. is the grandson of the late Dr. Charles Smith, whose home was near Lamar, where he practiced medicine successfully for many years.

Miss Agatha Wensel, one of the important members of the corps of helpers at the Bellefonte hospital, came down Saturday evening for a week of rest at home. On Monday evening four other members of the force, Miss Beltz, head nurse, the Misses Liggett and Gerginski, assistant nurses, and James Krape, handy man, drove down in acceptance of Miss Wensel's invitation to drive with her, Miss Wensel's friend, Harry Nighthart, who is spending several days in town, was also of the dinner party.

J. P. Correll, an old time printer and publisher of Easton, and still actively engaged in the making of newspapers on a large scale in that prosperous little city, was a two-day guest this week of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Marius Miner. When Peter Herdic started the daily Gazette and Bulletin, in the early sixties, he offered the editor's chair to Mr. Correll, whose al-

ready established business was too important to permit him to accept. Mr. Correll's present newspaper work has given an intimate acquaintance with and knowledge of the politics and politicians of the last half century, and make him a most interesting conversationalist.

UNIONVILLE.

George Edward Haugh is the winner of the grand prize for being the first man to pay his 1910 taxes. He wanted to pay them before the duplicate was in the hands of the assessor.

There are some duties incumbent on the borough council that are not of a pleasant nature. For instance, if a citizen persists in keeping his pavement in front of his residence covered with stones the size of walnuts and in rainy weather covered with mud to the discomfort of nearly all the citizens, he would be compelled to put down a boardwalk or concrete or flag stones. This is where their duty is not pleasant, but they ought not to shirk it. More anon.

Charles Rowan, of Bellwood, his sister, Miss Maggie, of Tyrone, and three pretty little Slicker children, Sunday-aid at grandpa Andy Rowan's.

Mrs. George Lewis, nee Mira Smith, and Frank Smith and family were recent visitors at the home of their mother, Mrs. Sarah Smith.

Mrs. Julia Bell, her daughter, Mrs. Mary Schaffner, and three children, and her little son, Johnnie Bell, the boy engineer, all of West Clearfield, will leave on next Tuesday for Kersey, Colorado, the home of Mrs. Schaffner, where her husband is editor and proprietor of the leading newspaper of that section.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Tressler, of Bellefonte, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tressler, of Fillmore, J. L. Tressler and two sisters, of Linden Hall, Mr. and Mrs. George Tressler, of Spring Mills, Mrs. Annie Keller, of Pine Grove Mills, all attended the Tressler reunion on Friday, August 12th, where they joined a large gathering of the Tressler clan and met for the first time many relatives. This was the third annual family gathering, and was the largest yet held by them. A delightful program was prepared including an interesting historical address by Rev. Kisler, of Carlisle, Pa.

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THE CROPS.

Increase in Corn and Oats—Other Crops Are Fair.

With the winter wheat harvested, and the spring wheat mostly gathered, and with corn and cotton pretty fully developed, it is possible to estimate about what the agricultural year will amount to in the absence of any vast disaster. In spite of the loss in spring wheat the prospect is highly satisfactory, taken as a whole.

The acreage of winter wheat is nearly a million greater than last year, and the condition figures August 1 promise a crop of 12,000,000 bushels greater than a year ago. The spring wheat acreage is more than a million greater than last year, but the deterioration is so great that the promised crop is almost 50,000,000 bushels less than last year. For all wheat the increased acreage is 2,000,000 bushels, and the decrease in the crop is nearly 50,000,000 bushels.

But as last year's crop was exceptionally large, there must be more than the average surplus brought over, and yet a surplus is hardly needed, for the crop promises 67,000,000 bushels. Hardly any estimate of consumption for food goes above six bushels, and if there are 90,000,000 of us, 590,000,000 bushels would meet requirements for food and seed, leaving a surplus of 67,000,000 for export, besides whatever old wheat there is from last year's exceptional harvest.

The August report was more favorable than the trade expected. The official preliminary estimate of the winter wheat harvest is 23,000,000 bushels in excess of the amount indicated by the condition July 1, and the spring wheat conditions, converted into bushels by the statistician of the New York Produce Exchange, pointed August 1 to nearly 10,000,000 bushels more than on July 1. This improvement in July has been followed by considerably better weather conditions since August 1.

The corn area is more than 5,000,000 acres greater than a year ago, and, although corn conditions went off very much in July, the condition August 1 indicated 125,000,000 bushels more than last year, and the largest crop we have had, with a single exception. Oats promise the best crop we have had except last year and eight years ago. The barley crop is likely to be less than for the past four years, and rye is about the same as last year, a little more than the crops of the two preceding years, and exceeded only in 1906 and 1902.

The A. & R. ice cream manufacturers at DuBois, on last Saturday sold over eleven hundred gallons of ice cream, and it wasn't a very good day for ice cream, either.

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The Tressler reunion on Friday, August 12th, where they joined a large gathering of the Tressler clan and met for the first time many relatives. This was the third annual family gathering, and was the largest yet held by them. A delightful program was prepared including an interesting historical address by Rev. Kisler, of Carlisle, Pa.

The Centre county Tressler reunion will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, on the county fair grounds, near Bellefonte. All are cordially invited to attend.

All is ready for the Crust and Clark reunion which will be held at Hunter's Park, August 27th. Come, come all, and help make it a pleasant day and don't forget the most important part, to bring your baskets well filled. There will be amusements during the day: A tub race at 10:30, followed by a sack race; then the dinner hour. In the afternoon there will be addresses by able speakers and singing and recitations by the little folks; also two interesting games of base ball. Refreshments served by the members of the Epworth League during the day, finishing with a fine festival in the evening. With fine weather, we all look forward to a happy reuniting of old friends and neighbors. By order of committee—C. E. Lutz, secretary.

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