

Correspondents' Department

Continued.

HOWARD.

Destiny is not about thee, but within; thyself must make thyself.

In Our Churches Next Sunday.

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

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

United Evangelical—Rev. W. W. Rhoaden will preach in Howard at half past ten; at Jacksonville at half past seven.

Christian Chapel—Rev. W. H. Patterson will preach at half past seven.

Mrs. A. A. Pletcher at Rest.

After a lingering and painful illness of many months, the rest angel carried Mrs. Pletcher away from her pain and weariness last Wednesday night. Mrs. Pletcher was born Julia A. Zimmerman, at Pine Grove Mills, this county, nearly fifty-eight years ago, and there she received her education at the old academy, grew to a most pleasing young womanhood, and joined the Presbyterian church, of which she was a consistent and faithful member all the rest of her life. On her mother's side Miss Zimmerman was a grandniece of Daniel O'Connell, the eminent Irish lawyer, statesman and patriot sometimes known as "the liberator." Later she moved with her parents to Jacksonville, where in 1878 she married the then bright young school teacher, now squire, A. A. Pletcher. Three children were born to them, the son having passed to the beyond years ago, while the daughters, Mrs. Howard Robb, of Howard, and Mrs. Carl E. Noll, of Pittsboro, remaining to mourn her. Funeral services were held at the residence on Saturday last, conducted by the Presbyterian pastor of the Beech Creek and Mill Hill churches, Rev. A. D. Bateman, Ph.D., assisted by Rev. E. F. Faust, pastor of the Reformed church here, and interment was made in the old Lick Run Presbyterian churchyard at Jacksonville. In addition to the daughters named above Mrs. Pletcher leaves behind her husband and one sister, Mrs. Alma Christy, of Armstrong county. Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. John H. Beck, of Nittany; D. A. McClintick and wife, Mrs. Frances McClintick, James Hays and daughter, and Bertrand Hays and wife of Saloma; Hunter McKibben and sister, Miss Kate, of Parvins; Mrs. Alice Robb and daughter, Miss Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zimmerman, of Bellefonte; Miss Nancy Pletcher, of Flemington; S. S. Pletcher and family, of Washington, D. C.; and Prof. J. M. Lord, of the Lock Haven Normal.

A Hale Old Man.

Joseph Packer, who has lived near the top of the ridge on the round from Howard to Romola for fifty-six years, will be eighty-five years of age if he shall live until the twenty-fifth of November next, and judging from his present appearance, activity and health, he bids to add many years yet to his life. He was born near to the spot where he now lives, and has lived all his life in the immediate neighborhood. Much of his early life was spent in cutting cord wood and coal for the old charcoal furnaces at Howard and Curtin, but he is now, and for many years has been, a farmer, devoting a large share of his attention to fruit. On Thursday last he walked in from his farm, about two and a half miles, to secure barrels for shipping some of his fruit to Pittsburg, where it nets him a much better price than he can secure here. On Saturday he took the train for Bellefonte, where he spent several days on business and pleasure, carrying his eighty-five years as strongly as he did when they were a decade less. May as many years yet come to the hale old farmer as will contribute to his comfort.

J. Will Mayes entertained his brother, Thomas, of Bellefonte, Sunday last.

Prof. W. L. Beck, of Lock Haven, was a business visitor in our town last Friday.

Charles V. Woodward, of Philadelphia, is spending his annual vacation with his family here.

Roy Leathers entertained his brother-in-law, Frank Lingle, of Johnsonburg, Saturday and Sunday.

Lionel Walker, machinist, formerly employed by the Empire Iron works here, is now working for the Fifth wheel works at Northumberland.

Archie Condo has enrolled as a student at Swarthmore College and left for that place last Friday evening.

County commissioner H. E. Zimmerman and wife were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yearick last Saturday.

Mrs. Katherine W. Packer, of Lock Haven, ran up Sunday evening for a call upon her sister-in-law, Mrs. Woodward.

Mrs. John Baney and Mrs. Lionel Walker attended the funeral on Wednesday last of Blanchard Zimmerman, at Beech Creek.

Mrs. George Lons found herself well and strong enough to take the afternoon train on Saturday for Bellefonte, where she will visit friends for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bollinger, of Altoona, with their two children, Park and Virginia, friends of Oscar M. Lucas, spent last Saturday and Sunday with him at his old home here.

Wednesday last Oscar Lucas and family, including his mother and two sisters, drove overland to Orvis, picnicing by the way, and spent a few hours with their relatives there.

The two ancient and honorable members of the G. A. R., Col. John A. Daley and Comrade John Glenn, were seen on the station platform last Tuesday, swapping old soldier yarns in French.

S. H. Pletcher, who is one of the excellent mechanics who build bridges for the railroad people, was laid off for a week or two with a serious attack of rheumatism, but returned to his work last Monday morning.

A "straw party" of her Beech Creek friends drove up for a social evening at the home of Miss Emma Pletcher, one of the moonlight evenings of last week, and were delighted with the cordial reception they received.

Some of our people who have been shown through our rejuvenated conehouse are enthusiastic over its beauty, but sort of shake their heads when they think of the cost. We'll enjoy the beautiful building and let our suc-

cessors pay a portion of the cost, for which they will have ample recompense.

John M. Robb and Roy Allison are both walking on air these days, because their respective wives presented them each with a son and heir last Tuesday.

Charles M. Confer and his crew, Vinton Schenek and Alfred Confer, spent last week at Cook's Run, where they painted the outside of one of the important residences, and received many compliments for their good work.

The venerable Anthony Wayne Gardner, who reached the ripe age of eighty-three last Tuesday, who had been seriously ill for several days, died this Thursday morning. Time died for interment not known at this time.

Miss M. H. Lucas has returned from her vacation and opened her millinery establishment with a full line of all that is newest and best in hats. Miss Lucas declined to tell the size of the largest size of hats she has, but the box that carried suggested a tire for an auto wheel.

On Friday evening last Miss Josephine Henderson's fellows of the "Sewing Circle" surprised her with a china shower, which resulted in making that young lady the possessor of many handsome pieces by which to remember her loving friends when she shall have been married and taken up her residence far from them.

The auto is all right enough when it is all right, but like the little girl, when it goes wrong it is "horrid." And that is what a party of our nee youngsters thought about it last Thursday evening, when the one which had successfully carried them to Yarnell balked and left them to take a nice long stroll home through the moonlight.

UNIONVILLE.

Mrs. Dr. Ed. Harris and children, of Snow Shoe, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. Jno. P. Harris, Jr., of Unionville.

Roy Miles and family, of Pittsboro, are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Joe Gill is seriously indisposed on account of stomach trouble.

Mrs. Eli E. Erhart, of near Pittsburg, is visiting friends in this section.

Billy Sellers, formerly of Oak Hall, now of Pittsburg, is already planning for a two weeks' deer hunt in the Alleghenies in the vicinity of Benner's Run, when the season opens.

J. G. Alexander and Abednigo Williams went to Gettysburg on Monday and will witness the unveiling of the soldiers' monument at that place, and, of course, will see the balance of the elephant before returning home.

Mr. Alexander was in the regiment that opened the ball in the terrible conflict, and, of course, it will be doubly interesting to him to visit the old battlefield.

The I. O. O. F.'s will "blow themselves" as never before, on the 22nd of October's big banquet—and don't you forget it. Next Saturday night the newly elected officers for the ensuing term will be installed.

W. H. Eason gives notice that if the party that stole or carried off a highly prized brass kettle from the Cambridge home in Unionville, will return the same, no question will be asked—if not, prosecutions will follow as the party is known. The kettle was highly prized on account of its being an heirloom and is 80 years old. A word to the wise is sufficient.

The stork recently left a bouncing boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Deeters.

Mrs. Rumor says that landlord Billy Peters has actually decided to put down a concrete pavement in front of his hotel and take away that ancient picket fence in front of his porch. In the near future, in behalf of our citizens, thank you in advance, and congratulate you. Now if Mrs. Madam Rumor fibs, as she so often does, won't we be disappointed?

As a matter of news to the readers of the Unionville items living on the side of the borough, I give the following item: Marian Claire, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rumberger, was quietly married to Mr. F. A. Holderman, on Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, by the Rev. E. S. Oyer, in the presence of the family and a few close friends and neighbors. After the ceremony and congratulations, lunch and ice cream was served. Howard Peters was best man, and Miss Fred Smith best girl. The pair left on a brief wedding tour. The Unionville folks all know it, so they needn't read this.

My trip over Union township in the "airship" has been postponed until next week, owing to the weather conditions being unfavorable for flight and observation. Look out for me next week. DOMINO.

ROMOLA.

Mrs. Carrie Askey and two children, Marie and Maude, of Snow Shoe, and Mrs. Wilhelmina Packer, of Ramey, spent a few days last week at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Eliza Ferringer.

Mrs. Harry I. Yearick and children, of Ridgway, arrived here on Saturday to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Daley.

C. V. DeLong, of Homestead, visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thos. McCloskey, last week; he was formerly a Centre county boy, and his many friends are always glad to welcome him home.

Mrs. C. F. Robb, of Wellsboro, is spending this week with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Robb, and from there she will go to her new home in Lock Haven, where her husband is opening a novelty store.

Dean R. DeLong formerly of this place, but now of Uniontown, where he holds a position as book-keeper for Harris Smith Coal Co., is spending a pleasant vacation at his home here.

Misses Anna and Minnie Robb, two of Howard's young ladies, spent Monday evening with their cousin, Elythe Robb.

We are sorry to note the serious illness of Mrs. Ella Revery; we hope for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Jennie Koon, one of Ocoale's accomplished young ladies, is being entertained this week at the home of her friend, Elythe Robb.

The schools opened last week with a fairly good attendance. Quay's school, J. L. Gardner, of Howard; Knoll's, Miss Puella Glossner of Beech Creek; Mann's school Miss Helva Tip-ton, of Romola.

The stork visited our town last week and left a bouncing big boy at William Boone's, and a bright little girl at George Hess's.

MINGOVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Grove visited the latter's sister, Mrs. L. W. Peters, on Sunday.

J. B. Rossman spent Sunday at his home at Penn Cave.

Don't forget the Foreign Mission day program which is to be observed next Sabbath at 2:30 p. m. in the Union church at this place.

PORT MATILDA.

We have something in our town that we think somebody for. Instead of having a street that you can cross anywhere without getting in mud, they have drained a water hole and run it down the side of this street. Now it is a muddy ditch in the dry-est time, and always will be.

J. H. Crain produced the largest potato in our community. It weighs forty-five ounces. Can any of you beat it?

We have had a very pleasant month during September. No killing frosts. The farmers certainly can be thankful for this, for it gave them a chance to get their corn cut without it being harmed.

Seeding is over; next will be the picking of apples for winter. This will not be a very big job for many, as the apple crop is not very great.

On Friday evening of the past week quite a jolly crowd of young people gathered at the home of A. B. Woodring northwest of town, and gave a surprise party for Mr. Woodring's daughter, Mildred. They enjoyed themselves very much, and spent the evening in various amusements as are usually found in such gatherings. The following are the names of those present: Misses Leora Harsberger, Lilly Osman, Beatrice Patton, Ray Ellis, Edna Moyer, Edith Reese, Rhoda Reese, Clare Thompson, Helen Thompson, Minnie Laird, Annie Reese, Myrtle Reese, Zenovia Miles, Esther Woodring, Mildred Williams, Miriam Gates, Irene Woodring and Ruth Lutz; Messrs. Allen Gates, William Chaney, Clark Chaney, Ivan Williams, Walter Harsberger, Frank Patton, Leon Ellis, Lee Marks, Walter Gates, Ray Osman, Carl McKelvey, Ralph Williams, Bernard Williams, Harold Thompson and Fred Laird.

D. L. Ross, who is working at Leechburg, in the western part of the state, spent Sunday with his family here.

It would be advisable if the water company would stop that leak in their pipe at the diamond. Should someone drive a horse into that wet place something might happen.

The farmers in our community are posting their land to keep hunters from other places from trespassing thereon. There is not much use for any stranger to come here to hunt, for the land which contains any game will all be posted.

HOLT'S HOLLOW.

Leroy Neff, of Castanea, is visiting with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fetter, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shope, after spending some time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Shope, left for their home at Julian.

Frances Shope, of this place, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. T. F. Catherman, of Orvis.

George Bowman and brother John, were pleasant callers at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Russell, here.

AN EXPLANATION.

To Editor of Centre Democrat:—

I have been asked so frequently, orally and by letter, whether the Act of 1909, allowing 3 months from Aug. 1st, for securing a reduction of 5 per cent. on taxes, is in force, that I beg sufficient space in your paper to answer all these inquiries in a single statement.

The use for some public announcement seems apparent because of the fact that some collectors are still using the old blank statements which leave the impression that Oct. 1st, is the last day on which to secure the five per cent. deduction. I was actuated in drawing and securing the passage of this act because of the inconvenience suffered by many farmers who are unable to thresh their crops in time to provide them with funds with which to secure this reduction by Oct. 1st, and in addition to this large class of our citizens, every laboring man will have the benefit of one more month's earnings to use in getting 5 per cent. reduction on his taxes. The effect therefore of this legislation is that from Aug. 1st to Nov. 1st a reduction of 5 per cent. on all taxes (except Road taxes) paid within that period must be allowed by the collectors. Road taxes are excepted because of a difference act which designates a different time for their payment but in which also provision is made for a 5 per cent. reduction.

Respectfully yours, J. CALVIN MEYERS.

The U. B. Appointments.

The seventy-second annual meeting of the Allegheny conference of the United Brethren church, which has been in session in North Braddock, was brought to a close on Sunday. The appointments for this section were:

Rev. Dr. J. S. Fulton, of Johnstown, conference superintendent.

Altoona, First church, A. A. Long; Altoona, Second church, W. S. Wilson; Altoona, Third church, Robert J. Head; Bellwood, A. Davidson; Bel-sano, G. W. Ermlinger; Bellefonte, C. W. Wimer; Conowingo, C. C. Miller; Greenwood, David Barshinger; Her-inie, W. H. Blackburn; Honesville, R. A. Foster; Houtontown, E. H. Swank; Ligonier, J. F. McAbooy; New Paris, N. S. Bally; Orbisonia, G. W. Rothman; Philipsburg, W. G. Fulton; Port Matilda, H. A. McKel-vey; Rockwood, B. J. Hummel; Run-ville, I. H. Dean; Somerset, C. C. Bingham; Tyrone, T. P. Orner; Wind-ber, L. W. Stahl; Woodland, M. L. Wilt; Youngwood, E. G. Sawyer; Zion, J. F. Stayer.

Shanty as a Love Cooler.

An novel courtship was testified to in the Pottsville Court on Friday, before Judge Bechtel, in a case in which Mrs. Louisa Schultz, a widow, sued Hartman Hoffman for breach of promise.

Mrs. Schultz said Hoffman never called her "dear" or "honney" and she did not believe he loved her, although she said she still loved him.

When Mrs. Schultz pressed Hoffman to keep his promise of marriage he sold his fine, big house and furniture, and, instead, built a little one-story shanty. Mrs. Schultz claims that this was done to cool her eagerness.

The defendant said he would have kept his promise, but that he heard her former husband might still be living.

Mrs. Schultz asked for \$1000 damages. The jury allowed her \$25.

Studied German Methods.

S. H. Gilliland, of Marietta, state veterinarian, who is a native of this county, having been born and raised on a farm at Oak Hall and on which his father, James C. still lives, has just returned from a tour of Germany.

Dr. Gilliland spent the greater part of his vacation studying the German methods of meat and milk inspection, especially those in the cities of the Prussian kingdom, and the results of his observations will be valuable to this state because of the constant rise of problems connected with the supervision of the food supply.

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