

Correspondents' Department

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HOWARD.

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds when you're flying words."

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

Christian Scientist—Service at the home of Mrs. Thomas Mann at half past ten. 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.

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

Ratto.

The second member of the season's course of entertainments, was given by Mr. John B. Ratto, as per schedule, and was a fine success, seen from any and every point of view. The audience was as large as the church could hold, and the programme seemed to give universal gratifications. Many of the ladies came without hats as is now the generally observed custom of such gatherings in large towns, and almost everyone of those who wore hats removed them voluntarily upon entering the house thus adding greatly to the general comfort. The young people, even the youngest boys and girls were as orderly and well behaved as could be wished, and Mr. Ratto not only complimented the audience as he left the stage, but took occasion, in a subsequent private conversation to refer to it as "ideal." The entertainment itself came fully up to the artist's reputation in excellence of presentation and in cleanness of character; not a sentence or word was spoken nor a suggestion or hint made, which could offend the good taste or sense of delicacy of the most fastidious hearer. When speaking originally, Mr. Ratto's vocabulary is wide, his diction fine, his enunciation clear and distinct, while in his impersonations he readily adapts himself to the speech, style and appearance of his subject. His power to quickly carry his audience at will from merriment to pathos is great; and his realistic telling of the stories of the poor Italian and his "littia pinka Rose," and the plea to the court of the pallid prisoner of twenty years, give him a chance to show to the blessed little woman who had loved and toiled for him all that time, how he loved and appreciated her, and to the world how good he could be, appealed to the sense of human nature and brought glistening tears to many an eye which but a moment before had been gleaming with mirth. The popularity of the course up to this time, and its financial success are assured. The next number will be a lecture by Dr. J. Everset Cahell, in the Methodist church Monday, Jan. 15. His subject is Lincoln, and those who have heard it, declare it to be a wonderfully interesting production.

School Lyceum.

The High School Literary Association held its first public meeting for last year on Wednesday evening, and had an interesting session. The boys had, for some unknown reason balked, and took no part, but the girls, quite undaunted, took up the tasks, and carried them through successfully, leaving an impression that they are rapidly qualifying for the roles of suffragettes. The debate upon the relative advantages and disadvantages of country and city life, was conducted by the Misses Eva Neff, Elfreida Confer and Gladys Holter in favor of the city, and the Misses Mabel Leder, Myrtle Fletcher and Pearl Fletcher opposed them. The judges, Ronald Welsh, Miss Johnston and Florence Confer declared in favor those who contended for the city. Miss E. Confer read the "High School Journal," which acclimated with school with-clams seemingly enjoyed by those who could appreciate them. Miss Johnson elicited much applause by her reading and was heartily encored. A collection was taken which added perceptibly to the fund which is gathered each year for the purchase of books for the school library. Prof. Fletcher, who presided, announced the arrival of the books which had been purchased by the fund of last year.

Installation of Officers.

The Magdalene Rebekah Lodge installed its officers for the coming year, and enjoyed one of their fine banquets last Friday evening. District Deputy Mrs. Elizabeth Hazel, of Bellefonte, was the installing officer. Follows the list of new officers: Past Noble Grand—Kate Weber; Noble Grand—Nannie Thompson; Vice Grand—Laura Moore; Chaplain—Anna Taylor; Secretary—Emma Weber; Treasurer—Mabel Jenkins; Right Supporter to the N. G.—Mae Thompson; Left Supporter to N. G.—Helen Bennisson; Right Supporter to V. G.—Rachel Weber; Left Supporter to V. G.—Sarah Wistar; Warden—Bertha Neff; Conductors—Bessie Henderson; Scene Supporters—Margaret Neff and Minnie Thompson; Inside Guardian—Harry Jenkins; Outside Guardian—H. A. Moore; Trustee—Mazie Bennisson.

Mrs. J. Will Mayes was a Mill Hall guest on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. William Decker and daughter spent the week end with Williamsport friends.

Miss Katherine Kurtz, of Williamsport, is a guest in the home of her uncle, Dr. Kurtz.

The school children greatly enjoyed their triple (Thanksgiving) holiday. So did the teachers.

Edward Houser, of Altoona, had the annual turkey feast with his friends, Miss Laura Williams.

Mrs. Malissa McClintick, of Delaware, N. J. was a last week guest in the home of C. E. Yearick.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Miller, of Bellefonte, were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bulkeley.

Joseph Packer, of the ridges, is making a protracted visit at the home of his daughter at Jersey Shore.

Mrs. John Cherry and daughter, of Bellwood, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Fletcher.

Mrs. Viola Hastings was thankful for a visit from her daughters, Miss Clara and Minnie, last Thursday.

Ronald Welsh brought with him for the Thanksgiving holiday, his chum and roommate at the Normal, Mr. Black.

Mrs. McKinney had as a Thursday guest, Miss Mary Adams, one of the

stenographers at the Pennsylvania State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Welrick, of Lock Haven, came home to eat their Thanksgiving dinner and enjoy the Ratto evening.

Miss Kate Parker, of Bellefonte, dined on Thursday last at the Fredrick Leathers' home, and heard Ratto in the evening.

Miss Stella Moyer and Miss Martha Pletcher, of Bellwood, were guests at the home of Mabel Leder over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. D. L. Schoenfeld, a student of the Pennsylvania State College, was a guest in the home of Miss Lucy Shope last Wednesday.

Mrs. Bryan, of Mt. Eagle, Miss Candace Leathers, and Mrs. Parks, of Snow Shoer, were Thanksgiving guests of Miss Lulu Johnson.

The "Sewing Circle" was handsomely entertained last Wednesday evening by Miss Ruth R. Johnson, our primary school teacher.

Prof. Frank Pletcher came up from his Lock Haven home to assist at one of more of the Pletcher butchering-day dinners hereabouts.

Rev. R. S. Taylor preached the sermon at the union Thanksgiving service, Thursday evening, in the Christian church at Blanchard.

Messrs. M. N. Clark, of Westmoreland county, and J. H. Peachey, of Mifflin county, were over Sunday guests at the Woodward home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Thompson departed their new home at Orvinton for the time being and spent their thankful day with family friends here.

George D. Johnson and daughter, Miss Lulu, took their Thanksgiving dinner with their son and brother, J. Kennedy Johnson, Esq., in Bellefonte.

John Hayes, one of the expert blacksmiths in the American Car and Foundry Co., at Berwick, was a home visitor during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mrs. H. A. Moore visited Milesburg last Friday, to spend the day with a cousin whom she had not seen for twenty years. Mrs. Mary Gatch, of Cincinnati.

Mrs. William Gardner, of Renovo, formerly Miss Emma Leathers, with her handsome boy, William, visited Friday and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Ira C. Leathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lucas are among our citizens who rarely leave home, but have mustered up courage to take them to Tyrone for a Thanksgiving with Clyde Lucas and wife.

Last Thursday morning, little eight-year old William E. ("Kipper") Leathers, appeared on our streets exhibiting a beautiful weasel which he had caught in a trap the night before.

Miss Margaret Mary DeHaas came home from Lock Haven for her Thanksgiving dinner, and brought with her as a guest, her fellow student, Miss McDemott, of DuShore.

The contingent of fun lovers who attended the annual convale of the Mystic Shiners at Altoona, last Saturday, were John and William Weber, C. A. Moore and Matthew Rogers, Jr.

I. M. Harvey spent Wednesday here with his daughter, Mrs. J. Cookman Leathers, and on Thursday morning they left together to enjoy the annual feast at the old home in State College.

Thomas A. Lucas, born and reared in Howard and now at the head of the department of stenography in the Pottsville Business College, spent his holiday, Thursday to Monday, at home.

The Messdames W. L. Cooke, Marius Miner, John M. Wagner, and I. D. Jordan, with the Misses Carrye Butler, Hilda Wagner and Edythe Butler, were Lock Haven shopping visitors on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Miner entertained with a very handsome turkey dinner on Thanksgiving evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yearick, "Squire A. A. Pletcher and Mrs. Nathaniel Pletcher.

Liberal and choice samples of venison and bear meat, from Robert P. Confer, as a remembrance of the hunting camp of the Weaver-Confer party, made the Howard letter all the more thankful for his Thanksgiving dinner.

Prof. H. M. Glazier and wife, of Hudson, Mass., came down from the Penna. State College, where Prof. Glazier is at the head of the department of architectural engineering, to eat their Thanksgiving dinner with their friend P. Edwin Thomas.

An "out," which made its appearance in last week's letter, too late to be corrected, seemingly refers to the Evangelical church of Howard as having been repaired and re-opened. It is the Jacksonville congregation that is entitled to the credit for this good work.

Harry Butler is crowing over the big he butchered last Wednesday, and, so far as we have heard, he has the right to crow; there were two of them, one dressing three hundred and eighty-seven, and the other four hundred, twenty-five and one half pounds. Big enough anyway.

Three of our nice young girls, the Misses Lauretta and Helene Weber and Margariette Kabe, were the gracious hostesses of a week end party consisting of a trio of girls quite as nice, namely, Miss Louise Cox, of State College, and the Misses Verna Palmer and Madaline Wilt, of Beech Creek.

In the early half of last week a party of hunters gathered at the Oyer home in Curtin township and, under the collective name of "the Oyer squad," scoured the ridges for small game. On Thursday morning the visitor section of the party appeared at our station with thirty-three rabbits, eight squirrels and two pheasants.

The amount of money in the purse lost by Mrs. Jacobs, was something more than twenty-two dollars, instead of eighteen as stated last week. After several days of close detective work and patient kindness, our respected constable, LeRoy Leathers, secured all the money excepting a few cents and returned it to Mrs. Jacobs.

The owners and officers of the Bald Eagle, Nittany, Brush and Penna Valley turnpike have called the annual meeting for the morning of Jan. 2, at the Hotel Howard; and one week later, Jan. 9, the stockholders of our First National Bank will meet in their banking house for their annual session at two o'clock in the afternoon.

On Saturday last, Rev. B. C. Conner, district superintendent of the Altoona district in the Methodist church, who had held quarterly conference in the forenoon, stepped on No. 52 on his way to another appointment; and at the same moment, Rev. H. A. Benfer, Presiding Elder of the Altoona district in the Evangelical church, stepped down from the train on his way to hold quarterly conference in the afternoon. An eye witness of the

pleasing little incident was moved to ask, in his mind, "Why this duplication of forces?"

Every farmer in the neighborhood should write to Thomas D. Harman, Jr., 110 Shady Avenue, Pittsburg, for literature giving details of the great show to be given in that city by a combination of the Live Stock Breeder's Association, the Dairy Union and the Horticultural Society, all State organizations, in that city, Jan. 15-20. Numerous and valuable prizes for excellence in live stock, dairy products and fruits, particularly apples, are offered, and several of these ought to come to Howard and vicinity. Two Howard farmers, William P. Lucas and Philip Dietz, won first prizes for corn at the great St. Louis World's Fair in 1894, and the chance for much better in this exhibition which is only state wide in its scope.

UNIONVILLE.

Oscar Friday, with his trusty gun, has captured the maximum number of rabbits allowed by law, for the season.

Mrs. Frances Hall's "Doings," which was advertised for last Thursday was a pronounced success. Everybody that went to learn of the "doings" was highly pleased.

The great Bazaar advertised to be "pulled" on last Friday and Saturday has come and "went" and it, too, was a very gratifying success. About \$50 was realized.

We are glad to say that Mrs. Annie E. Stere is much better, and prospects of her speedy recovery are very bright.

Ed. Morrison also is improving very nicely, and hopes are entertained by his friends that he will fully recover from his long serious illness.

The dear little six-weeks' baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Peters died on last Friday morning and was laid away to rest in the upper cemetery on Sunday, 2 o'clock p. m. Services were held at the house by Rev. R. S. Oyer. The child was not quite 6 weeks old. It seemed to be in good health until the few last days when it took convulsions, one after another, until death relieved it from its suffering. Its little feet had never trod the paths of the wicked. God saw that it was too good for this world, so he took it home to Himself. The bereaved young parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. D. Buck, superintendent of the Bellefonte Lumber Company, is laid up with several boils on his face and neck which are the cause of intense suffering. He has not been in bed for several nights being unable to lie down and on account of the excruciating pain has been unable to sleep. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Ed. Hoover, of Pittsburg, is visiting friends here.

John F. Holt is the champion hog killer up to date. On Tuesday he killed three hogs weighing respectively, 416 lbs., 424 lbs., and 462 lbs. Dr. C. A. VanValin killed one on the same day weighing 444 lbs. Mr. F. A. Holderman's gumbo mill-hog weighed just 96 lbs., 7 oz., but then you know, he had the mill to boost his pig, and just to think, it was only a little over a year old. But then Toner Irwin right up and knocked him out on the first round. He wouldn't have his weighed, but good competent judges estimated the weight of his miniature porky at 32 lbs., avoirdupois.

A couple weeks ago, W. H. Eason went to Lock Haven and with his brothers and nephews went to the Scotoc region on their annual hunt. On Monday evening he returned bringing with him a 200 lb. 4-pound buck. He reports having had the grandest hunt of his life. There were six of them in their rendezvous and they got five deer—among them was a white one; also got 57 rabbits. They saw, all told, 12 hares and fawns. They saw no bears. Henry is a regular Daniel Boone when it comes to hunting, and we be to the game that he takes a bead on. Gee, but he's sassy.

I'm going to fly next week—mehby. You fellows who think you are great pork raisers just go way back and sit down on your three legged camp-stool and consider. Listen! Blair Alexander butchered a pig that tipped the scales at 525 lbs. No reports published hereafter, unless you can down them.

(We would advise "Domino" to read the report of heavy porkers, in this issue, from Coburn. That will give him a decided chill—Ed.)

COBURN.

Christ Alexander, who has his home with his son, A. A. at Penna Creek Mills, is coming back with sickness, while his son is nursing a badly bruised leg, hurt while hauling logs one day last week.

Unusually many painful, but not serious, accidents occurred to some of our residents last week. W. E. Braucht, one of our veteran school teachers, while repairing a pump on one of the Beahm farms on Saturday, received a fracture of the left forearm. C. N. Meyer had one of his little fingers fractured, and W. T. Korman, president of the Korman Creamery Co., while working at the heavy churn, had one of the fingers of his right hand smashed.

Interesting revival services are conducted by Rev. W. J. Dice in the United Evangelical church. The plain gospel truths he expounds about cause his hearers not only to think, but also to act wisely.

W. D. Sholter and wife and Calvin Fryer and lady friends, Annie Hironimus spent Sunday at Tusseyville, the guests of James and family.

Misses Sara and Laura Kaler are visiting their brother, Charles, at Herndon.

The United Evangelical Sunday school expect to have a Christmas service on Sunday evening, Dec. 24th.

Maude and Bessie Stover, of Hubersburg, visited their sister, Chestie, at the home of J. E. Harter last week.

HALFMOON.

A Pleasant Surprise Party.—Last Saturday evening a very pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Burdy of Halfmoon, in honor of their son Troy's twentieth birthday. Troy had been working during the day and feeling rather sleepy he sat down and was soon fast asleep. What then was his surprise when he suddenly awoke to find himself raised up in the air, and surrounded by about twenty-five of his young friends who had come to celebrate his birthday. Although almost speechless at first, he soon regained himself and was one among the jolliest that was there. After spending several hours in games and other amusements, delicious refreshments were served consisting of cakes, home-made candies, popcorn, apples, etc. Near the midnight hour all departed for their homes, declaring they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

Samuel Ross, of Linden Hall, a thirteen-year-old boy, killed a fifteen pound wild turkey. The bird will make a mighty hunter some day.

VALUABLE PICTURE FREE.

Mona Lisa, by Leonardo da Vinci \$5,000,000 Was Refused for It.

A superb photogravure reproduction of the "Mona Lisa," by Leonardo da Vinci, will be given to any North American reader for 5 cents in cash and a coupon from the Sunday North American of December 10.

Truly, the opportunity to obtain a reproduction of this great masterpiece was never before given by any newspaper. The photogravure is 11x20 inches, on fine art paper. The art store price of this photogravure would be \$2.

Agents of The North American in every locality are authorized to accept coupons and cash in exchange for pictures.

Rev. E. C. Houck will conduct preaching services in the Baptist church at Milesburg on Sunday next, both morning and evening. Everybody invited to attend these services.

POTATOES WANTED

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