

Correspondents' Department

Continued

HOWARD.

"Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom."—Coleridge.

In Our Churches Next Sabbath. Christian Scientist—Services at the home of J. Sumner Wolf at half past ten.

Methodist Episcopal—Pastor R. S. Taylor will preach in Howard at half past ten, at Kennedy at half past two, and at Curtin at half past seven.

Reformed—Pastor E. F. Faust will preach at Salona at ten o'clock, at Mt. Bethel at half past two, and at Hublersburg at half past seven.

United Evangelical—Pastor M. J. Snyder will preach at Fairview at half past ten and in Howard at half past seven.

Week of Prayer.

Conditions governing our several resident pastors and their congregations here made it expedient for them to observe this occasion one week earlier than the time generally adopted throughout the country, and the series of eight evening services beginning on Sabbath Dec. 31st, closed with the meeting of last Sabbath evening.

The four resident pastors, (this includes Rev. W. H. Patterson, who resides at Eagleville, but preaches regularly here,) and their congregations, worked in great harmony, and all the meetings were strictly union. Two consecutive meetings were held in each of the four churches interested, and at each one of these the four pastors were all present, each taking an active part which had been previously assigned. The four choirs under the leadership of A. A. Fletcher, joined in the service at each of the meetings, and worked in quite as much harmony as the pastors. The hymn book used was "Hymns of Praise, No. 2," and as there was a good supply of them, the congregational singing was full and hearty.

With the exception of the two evenings on which severe weather interfered, the congregations were limited only by the seating capacity, and even on those occasions the empty seats were not many. The pastors all took pains to thoroughly prepare themselves, and each one of the fourteen discourses delivered was well worth while, and some of them were masterly. It is not an extravagance to say that Howard never had a week of better preaching, nor of better or more appreciative audiences.

Thomas A. Lucas Beaten and Robbed.

Everyone who knew jolly "Tom" Lucas, a onetime Howard boy, but recently professor of Commercial Law and Shorthand at the Pottsville Business College learns with great regret that in the evening of Friday, Jan. 23, he was waylaid, beaten and robbed, while on his way to the home at Silver Creek, N. Y., of his sister Mrs. H. F. Slickle, who he was spending a few days before returning to his work in Pottsville. At a point in the street at which it is crossed overhead by three or four railway tracks, and is, therefore, quite dark, he was approached by two men, one of whom grasped his throat. Being of an athletic cast he knocked this fellow down, notwithstanding his being hampered by a heavy overcoat, but before he could recover himself he was struck on the back of his head by some bludgeon or billy in the hands of the other thug, knocking him stunned and bleeding to the ground. After some time he so far recovered himself as to crawl to a nearby house, where he received care and attention, and from which he was taken to his sister's home. He had about \$10 in his pockets, all of which was taken by the thugs. At last accounts Mr. Lucas was in a fair way to complete recovery.

Miss Jobson Married.

When Miss Jobson, who has had charge of our primary school during the present term, failed to appear at the past-holiday re-opening, all Howard was mystified. On Wednesday morning a telephone message to Principal Fletcher said she had missed that morning train, but would be on hand for the afternoon session, and so she was. During the afternoon the Howard letter received a call and the sender read to him from the Lock Haven Express, a detailed account of the marriage of Miss Jobson, in Philadelphia, December 29th, to W. E. Shaffer, Editor of the Daily Record, at Renovo, which was confirmed upon the arrival of the copies of the Express, at 4:17. Then all Howard was surprised, for, so far as can be learned, no one here had received the slightest intimation of the happy event. And now all Howard is showering congratulations, mingled with regrets, upon Mrs. Shaffer, because during her rather brief stay among us, Miss Jobson has taught us all to like her, and we are all sorry to lose her. However, Mrs. Shaffer has announced her purpose to act entirely in accord with the wishes of the Board of Directors as to teaching the remainder of the term, and we hope they will ask her to remain.

Edgar J. Bechdel Dead.

Edgar J. Bechdel, son of James L. and Catherine Diehl Bechdel, born in Howard Aug. 17, 1871, died here at the home of his mother, Tuesday, midnight. Mr. Bechdel spent his boyhood days here, going westward when his young manhood arrived. On Dec. 2, 1897 he married Miss Rose E. Fisher in Cleveland, Ohio. To them were born two children, Otis Edgar and Beatrice Irene, both of whom, with their mother survive him. Of late years he has been engaged in real estate and insurance, in Pittsburg. His health failing, he came to his mother's in September. His illness was diagnosed as general paralysis, and he gradually grew more feeble until he quietly slept himself away last Tuesday night. Funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. Catherine Bechdel, conducted under the rites of the Christian Scientist Society of which he was an active and consistent member, by Mr. W. H. Long, C. S., assisted by Rev. W. Patterson, of the Christian chapel congregation. Interment will be made in the Schenck cemetery.

Timber Tract Sold.

On Wednesday last H. Laird Curtin sold to the Pennsylvania Match Company of Bellefonte, for a consideration not yet made public, the most important lumber tract in Howard township. It is located in and near what is known as Cando Hollow, and covers two hundred and eleven acres of land. It has upon it a large amount of fine timber of the excellent quality required for match stuff, and this will probably be cut into planks and

put into the company's drying yard in Bellefonte at a very early day, giving employment to some of our old time lumbermen.

Lincoln and the Civil War.

This great subject will be treated of next Monday evening, 15th, in the Methodist church by Dr. Cathell, one of the comparatively few men left who can speak of President Lincoln from the point of view of a personal acquaintance, and whose reputation as a platform orator is such as always to insure him a full house, whatever his subject may be. It will be an elaborate historical sketch of the most eventful period of the country's existence, and carry with it details of the intimate life of the great President who guided it through the tremendous ordeal.

Temperance Lecture.

In the evening of next Wednesday, the 17th, Mrs. Ada Parcel, whose friends have given her the pseudonym of "The Pennsylvania Cyclone," will deliver a temperance lecture, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., in the United Evangelical Church. This will be a free lecture, and the ladies extend a cordial invitation to all to be present.

Mrs. R. N. Neff, of Tyrone, was a home visitor last Saturday.

The Misses Mabel Loder and Cora Lucas spent Saturday in Bellefonte.

Miss Emma Weber spent a portion of last week with friends in Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bartroff, of the west end, spent Saturday in our burg.

Miss Mary Page, of Blanchard, was a Sunday guest of the Misses Florence and Elfrida Confer.

Mrs. Lewis Miller, of Beech Creek, spent last Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Shuman Holter.

Miss Kathryn Kling left on No. 52, Friday, for a brief visit with friends at several points eastward.

Mr. and Mrs. David Welsh entertained Mrs. Annie Crawford and daughter, of Altoona, a portion of last week.

Mrs. Susan Bodle and Mrs. Rachel Boyer, of Julian, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bulky.

L. H. Neff, of W. H. Neff & Son, has been seriously sick for several days, but is now on the list of convalescents.

Miss Gladys Holter entertained over Sunday Miss Alice Patterson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson, of Eagleville.

Mrs. B. Parsons, daughter of William Yarnell, started with her two children for Cleveland, O., last Saturday, where she will visit her brother, Charles Yarnell.

RUNVILLE.

Merrill Lucas, who spent the past six months in the Western part of the state, has many interesting things to tell his friends that he saw.

Miss Linnie Bennett has returned from her Christmas vacation which was spent at Blue Ball and other places.

Mrs. Sallie Friel attended the Mummer's parade on New Year's in Bellefonte. A fine parade is reported.

Mrs. Eva Lucas is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Eckley of Bush Hollow.

James Watson has moved from Chestnut Grove to the Wm. Watson farm, formerly vacated by E. Fisher.

Those who transacted business at the county seat last week were Mrs. Ellen and Sallie Friel, Myrtle Watson and Mrs. Ida Poorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poorman spent Sunday at Yarnell with Mr. Poorman's mother who is very ill.

The members of the G. C. C. Sunday school class had their annual treat or layout as you may wish to call it, on Dec. 25, at the home of John Walker. It consisted of home-made candies of all sorts and a social evening among the members of the class. The visitors from a distance were Misses Alice Reeder and Stella Balthurst, of Mt. Eagle; Katherine Lauck of Beech Creek; David Lauck and sister Sarah and her friend, Walter Glock, all of Mill Hill—Miss Sarah and David were former members of the class; Miss Ada Watson, of Chestnut Grove. The members of the class that were present were as follows: Edward and Florence Lucas, Burtis Witherite, Newton Lauck, Edna Rodgers, LeRoy Fetzer, Edith, Merrill, Lee and Clair Poorman and son Ralph. All enjoyed the evening very much and all returned home at a late hour wishing for many more such occasions. The amusement committee were LeRoy Fetzer, Burtis Witherite and David Lauck who acted their part finely.

Runville has been at the head for parties of late, but boys and girls don't stand at the gate, go in and see what is going on.

We wish you who read the items would compare this week's with last.

Those on the sick list are as follows: Rev. L. H. Dean, L. J. Heaton, Mary Poorman and son Ellis, Katherine Bennett and Edward Gross. All are improving at present.

One of our charming young ladies was very much disappointed on Sunday morning. I wonder why?

SMULLTON.

Rev. Lantz preached a very interesting sermon on Sunday.

Miss Maggie Harry, while spending the holidays with her parents, returned to State College again.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Jacob Wallizer and Mrs. Leo Weber. Robert Hackenberg's had a big dinner on Christmas; those present were Schom Hackenberg and family from Spring Mills; W. J. Hackenberg and family from Northumberland; Harry Stover and family from Woodward; Jerome Hackenberg and family from Beech Creek; George Miller and family from Flemington; and Hannah Musser and son from Aronsburg; and Homer Bierly from Mill Hill. They got away with two turkeys.

George Bryan, from Centre Hill, and Harvey Bryan, from Spring Mills, were visiting in our town on Saturday.

The carpenters are busy at work at Jacob Winbelblech's new house.

Lynn Emerick spent Christmas at home; returned again to Cross Forks where he is employed in forestry work.

Miss Ida Ruchna, of Smullton, spent Christmas at home with her parents.

Al Bowersox, of Katmas, was visiting his sister, Mrs. W. E. Bair on Sunday.

Mrs. Israel Haugh, who was visiting her daughter at Dents Run, returned home with a smiling face as being grandma.

Bargains at the Finklestine store, where there is a "Fire Sale" in progress.

M. P. Fiedler after spending his vacation in Millheim and Bellefonte departed on Tuesday for Philadelphia where he is a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

UNIONVILLE.

Mrs. W. B. Parsons, on Monday, went to State College but, whether on a visit to friends or to take a lesson on baking buckwheat cakes, we were not informed. You see her cakes are so "light" that when her daughter Jennie "gets away" with three or four good sized cakes, she loses 5 lbs. avoirdupois.

Our people are harvesting pure, crystal, ten-inch ice.

Miss Margaret Brady, after spending the holidays with her grandmama, Mrs. Susan Blair, returned to the West Chester State Normal school to resume her studies.

The junior choir of the M. E. church occupied the stage on last Sunday morning and sang beautifully.

The stork left a sweet little girl baby at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McClelland.

Miss Lucy Wollslagle has gone to Bellefonte to learn to be a seamstress.

Col. Joseph T. Barton, who has been hiding down a good position at Confluence, Pa., has been at home several weeks, laid up with rheumatism. He is improving, we are glad to say.

The condition of Mrs. Mattie Musser is such as to cause the alarm of her many friends. Some time ago she had an operation performed for the cure of cancer and the operation seemed to have been successful, but she has been slowly falling and is now confined to her bed, being in a serious condition.

Mrs. Tobitha Alexander and Mrs. Annie E. Stere are both able to be around again. Irvin G. Alexander, too, is practically well. His brother, Wm. A. Alexander, is not improving much. He is very weak, unable to walk but he is cheerful and happy.

Ed Morrison is in a serious condition and little hopes of his recovery are entertained by his friends.

John Hoover, aged about 10 years, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover, who about a month ago moved to Altoona, while coasting ran into a milk wagon, terribly lacerating his right side. He was taken to the hospital where his wounds were dressed and was then taken to his home where, it is reported, the lad is doing as well as can be expected.

One of our nice young ladies, at a social gathering one evening, was asked to play with music on the piano, but she puckered up her sweet little mouth and said, "Please excuse me, I only play for my own amusement."

On Thursday evening of last week, the Rev. R. S. Oyer started to drive from the parsonage at Milesburg to attend prayer meeting at Unionville. On his way up the valley, he encountered a terrible blizzard, accompanied by a blinding snow storm. After he crossed the bridge at the intersection, near the poorhouse, being unable to see, he got too close to the embankment when his buggy capsized throwing the Rev. out on the hard earth. His horse, being of a very gentle disposition, actually refused to run away but waited patiently till his master got the buggy in shape. After taking account of stock he discovered that he was not seriously injured neither was there any harm done to the buggy. The Rev. was considerably "shook up" and after considering the intensity of the storm, concluded to return home, which he did with a grateful heart that he so providentially escaped what might have been a very serious accident.

ROMOLA.

Miss Frances Miller returned home on Saturday after spending a week with friends at Cedar Springs and Lock Haven.

Milford Oyer was a Bellefonte visitor on Thursday of last week.

Grandmother Woomer, of Pleasant Valley, is at present visiting at the home of her son, A. M. Woomer, of this place.

J. E. Yeager and two sons, Lloyd and Calvin, spent New Year's at the home of Mrs. Harry Council at Beech Creek.

The mine prop business seems to be booming in this community; at present there are about seven or eight teams hauling from our little village.

Miss Lula Yeager entertained a few of her friends at her home on Thursday evening. The evening was very pleasantly spent in singing and playing games. Those present were: Miss Tessie Confer, teacher of Knaf's school; Ella and Daisy Mann, Paul Miller, Harry Woomer and Mary, Carrie and Milford Oyer.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller on Friday night and left a bright little baby girl. This is the cause of the broad smile Harry is wearing. Harry smiles and says, "Come again, old stork, you will always be a welcome guest at our house."

CENTRE MILLS.

Among those who spent Christmas season at home were George Kline, of Antis Fort; Arthur Kline, of Altoona; and Miss Minnie Kline who had been engaged in evangelistic work in Delaware and Maryland.

N. A. Duck and Charles Miller are hauling farm implements to Millburg where Mr. Duck intends to move in the spring.

Mr. Bair, of this place, visited his sister, Mrs. George Weaver, of near Spring Mills, who is very poorly at present.

Miss Minnie M. Kline attended the funeral of Miss Ida Bitner.

Chicago's Tragedies of 1911.

One hundred and eighty-five murders were committed in Chicago in 1911, and there were no hangings. Highwaymen and "Black Hand" agents were responsible for an alarming percentage of these crimes. There were 52 cases of suicide.

He is a list showing the methods of self-destruction employed by those committing suicide: Asphyxiation, 115; cutting, 20; drowning, 19; hanging, 60; jumping from windows, 13; jumping from buildings, 2; jumping from trains, 3; poisoning, 150; starvation, 3; shooting, 13. Ninety-five or more than half of those taking poison, used carbolic acid.

Public Sales Plenty.

From the number of spring vendue dates already authorized to be printed in the Centre Democrat's sale register, it will be seen that the auctioneers will have a harvest, and persons desiring live stock and farming implements as well as household goods, will have every opportunity to bid for what they want—besides there are quite a number of sales to be added later on. In the register, whereby in every nook and corner in the county the reader will just know for when and where sales are listed.

—Brandman's new moving picture show will open this Thursday evening.

—Finklestine is selling his entire stock at a sacrifice sale owing to the recent fire in that store. The goods are as good as new.

BEHIND THE STOVE.

Once again the snow has drifted All over the north land hills, And the winter winds are howling With their cruel, snappy chills. Once again each farmer huddles Near the gentle kitchen fire, There to smoke his pipe in comfort And to live out his desire.

Tourists seek fun in the orient, In a sunny southern grove; But the farmer seeks his haven At the generous kitchen fire.

There he reads and studies logic; Studies tricks of rural life; Smokes a general pipe at random; Smokes and aggravates his wife.

Three good meals are always listed, Billed to come between each smoke; Meals that glare with real sausage; Pumpkin pies that are no joke.

Meals upholstered in fine order, Planned for gastronomic sport; Meals that always stand inspection In a jerky Federal court.

After meals the farmer nestles Back behind the kitchen stove Where he smokes a real corncob Just behind the cooking stove.

Then he dreams and gently piffles As he smokes his calumet; There he smokes in happy measure, Life to him has no regret.

Must Pay Damages.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says that the United States circuit court appeals on Wednesday refused to set aside the judgment of John Heiland of the circuit court awarding \$62,658.49 in damages to seven coal companies operating in the Clearfield district from the Pennsylvania Railroad company for rebates and concessions granted competitive companies.

It was charged that the Pennsylvania Railroad company granted rebates to and favored the Berwind-White Coal company, the Glen White Coal and Lumber company and the Altoona Coal and Coke company in shipments of coal from the Clearfield district.

The coal companies to receive damages from the railroad and the amounts awarded to each were as follows: Carbon Coal and Coke company, \$58,953.06; John Langdon, \$1,024.13; Huntingdon Coal company, \$40.05; W. H. Severt, \$1,889.31; Mt. Equity Coal and company, \$307.05; Eichberger & Co., \$423.13, and W. H. Reed et al, \$3.75.

Big bargains at Finklestine's "Fire Sale."

A current of 2,300 volts of electricity passed through the body of H. Watson, a cable splicer employed by the Bell Telephone company at Lock Haven. A fellow lineman climbed the pole, found Watson unconscious and held him for twenty minutes after removing the charged wire, before help arrived. Although his escape was quite narrow, he recovered rapidly.

POTATOES WANTED

We pay for potatoes per bu \$1.10 We pay for butter per lb. 34c

Gillen, the Grocer, Open evenings until 8 P. M. Both Phones, Bellefonte, Pa.

KATZ & CO'S.

Sale OF White

Is Attracting the Attention of all.

Everything Here Tends to Make This the Best White Sale we have ever held.

Corsets, Muslin Underwear, Bedspreads, Table Linen and Napkins, Sheets and Pillow Cases, Lace and Embroideries,

In fact every department is filled with spick span New Merchandise for your approval.

Our Prices Are Bound to Attract Your Attention.

Katz & Co.

The One Real Reduction Sale

Now in full swing at the Sim Store

Can you afford to miss these tremendous bargains?

Stylish, seasonable, high grade goods now offered you at prices less than you have seen in years

Selection still good--

Sale ends Saturday, Jan. 20th. Buy now and save.

Sim, the Clothier