

Correspondents' Department

Continued.

"Culture is like wealth: It makes us more ourselves; it enables us to express ourselves."

In Our Churches Next Sabbath. United Evangelical—Pastor M. J. Snyder will preach in Howard at half past ten, and at Jacksonville at half past seven.

Methodist Episcopal—Pastor 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.

Christian Chapel—Pastor W. H. Patterson will preach at half past seven. Reformed—Pastor E. P. Faust will preach at Jacksonville at ten o'clock at Marsh Creek at half past two, and in Howard at half past seven.

Apprenticeship in the Older Days.

The following excerpt from an indenture of apprenticeship now in the possession of the descendants of the boy named living in our town, will prove interesting reading for the boys of the present day, not many of whom, it may be imagined, would consent to the terms and restrictions of the agreement. It will have an even greater interest to the older citizens who remember Robert Holmes as one of the important and highly honored citizens of Marion township not longer than thirty-five or forty years ago. No attempt is made to follow the quaint abbreviations and old time spelling, which make the manuscript doubly interesting.

"This indenture witnesseth that Robert Holmes, son of Jonathan Holmes, of Buffalo township, Union county, has put himself and by these presents doth voluntarily put himself apprentice, his father being witness, to Matthew Laird, millwright, of the same place, to learn his art or mystery and, after the manner of an apprentice to serve him from from the ninth day of April, 1816, for and during the full term of three years and nine months next ensuing, during all which time he, the said apprentice, his said master shall faithfully serve, his said master keep, his lawful commands everywhere gladly obey. He shall do no damage to his said master nor see it to be done by others without letting or giving notice thereof to his said master. He shall not waste his said master's goods nor lend them unlawfully to others. He shall not contract matrimony within the term hereof. At cards, dice, or any unlawful game he shall not play whereby his said master may be damaged. With his own goods or the goods of others, during the said term without license of his said master he shall neither buy nor sell. He shall not absent himself, day nor night, from his said master's service without his leave; nor shall he haunt ale houses, taverns or play houses, but in all things behave himself as a faithful apprentice ought to do during the said term. And the said master shall use the utmost of his endeavors to teach or cause to be taught and instructed the said apprentice in the trade and mystery he now possesseth, occupation and followeth; and procure and provide for him, the said apprentice, sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing and lodging fitting for an apprentice during said term. And at the end of said term the said master engages to find and provide for him, as good clothes as he takes with him, and one suit of apparel of fine cloth for his freedoms; and said master to give him some tools, which his said father will leave to the discretion of said master.

The signatures to the agreement are plainly written, and witnessed by William Irwin and Jonathan Holmes, and a postscript is added which provides that "the said apprentice is to have two weeks in each harvest during the term," presumably that he might have opportunity to earn some handy money at these propitious seasons. The boy Robert, who was sixteen years old at the date of this indenture, was the grandson of another Robert Holmes, a Scotch-Irish gentleman. His father, Jonathan, was born in Belfast, Ireland, Sept. 26, 1760, and on coming to this country he established himself in Millburg, Union Co., as a hotel keeper. He there married Elizabeth Laird, and to this union were born five children, of whom Robert was the fifth and last, born Nov. 9, 1799. Robert worked at his trade of millwrighting until 1825, when he came to Centre county and settled upon an unimproved tract of land of an hundred and sixty-seven acres, and began its development, afterward adding to it until it grew to be the large and fine farm which his son John sold a few years ago to Charles E. Yearick, of our town, who yet owns and manages it. His Scotch-Irish blood led him into the Presbyterian church and he was an active member and ruling elder in the famous old Lick Run congregation until his death, nearly forty years ago. He was well known up and down these valleys, as a man of great industry, probity and integrity, qualities which were probably fostered by the strict conditions of his apprenticeship under the terms of the above quoted indenture. It is now one of the treasured possessions of Mrs. John Holmes, whose late husband was a son of Robert, the millwright's apprentice.

Class Reception.

The annual pre-commencement reception of the senior class of our high school, tendered them by the Junior class, has come to be as much a fixture in the school life of our community as it is in any college, and is growing in importance, from year to year, as a social function for the entire community, or as many as can find room in the always crowded house. The one held last Friday evening was no exception to this rule, and was a most enjoyable affair, highly creditable in all its details to the class of '12' who had its management in hand. The absence of a proper assembly room was overcome as much as possible by using one of the lower rooms as a coat room, and the two upper rooms, communicating, for the reception proper, and they were filled to the limit. The colors of the '12' class, purple and white, were in great abundance and pleasing arrangement in the principal room while the secondary room was gracefully adorned with an aggregation of the colors of all the previous classes. An excellent literary programme was carried out by the hosts and with no outside assistance excepting from Miss Johnson who read in her usual good form, and recitation by little Rollin Taylor, who represented the primary class and well earned the applause he received. All told it was a most successful occasion, and as much a credit to the hosts as it was a deserved honor to the guests. The class of '12' the honored guests of the occasion, is

here named: The Misses Eva Neff and Leotta Boose; John Williams; Homer Yearick; Lloyd Daughenbaugh; Paul Wagner secretary, and Fred Taylor, president. Their hosts, constituting the class of '13' are the Misses Marguerite Kane, Miriam Holt, Edythe Butler, and Pearl Fletcher; George Thompson; George Foresman; Jason Snyder; Ira Lucas; Blair Fletcher; Samuel Fletcher; Miss Myrtle Fletcher, secretary, and Miss Dorothy Webster, president.

The Howard Club.

This is the name under which a new social organization has been formed among the men of the town. It has rented, renewed and furnished the large room over Dr. McEntire's office and drug store, introduced electric lights, and made of it a decidedly comfortable place where the members may retire at any time for recreation and rest from the arduous duties of business. The charter membership list closed on the first of February, and after this admission can be had only by application. The names of the charter members are: Chester A. Moore, W. W. Muffly, M. Rogers, Jr., P. Edwin Thomas, Balsar Weber, Charles V. Woodward, J. Will Mayes, A. A. Soheneck, Ellie Fletcher, C. E. Bowers, H. E. Jenkins, J. W. Kurtz, E. W. Kline, Earl H. Leathers, Charles W. McMurtrie, O. W. McEntire, H. T. McDowell, W. K. McDowell, John Weber, Abram Weber, and W. N. Neff. Following are the officers: President, H. E. Jenkins; vice president, E. H. Leathers; secretary, W. K. McDowell; treasurer, P. Edwin Thomas.

Sons of Veterans.

As per announcement of last week Charles R. Hale, an aide to the Division Commander, met a number of our young men at the P. O. S. of A. Thursday evening, and organized a camp of the Sons of Veterans, known as the Grove Brothers Camp, No. 151. Fourteen joined the organization, and formed the organization as follows: Commander, George H. Leathers; Sr. Vice Com. F. S. Dunham; Jr. V. Com. Frederic Leathers; Secy., D. A. Holt; Treas., L. H. Neff; Camp Council, Carl McKinley, John Kelly and John Lyon. Because of the small attendance on account of severe weather, a meeting was appointed for next Saturday evening, Feb. 17, at the P. O. S. of A. hall and the charter will be left open until that time to permit all who wish to become charter members. The charter initiation fee was fixed at \$1.00 and after next Saturday admission can be had only upon application, and the fee will probably be increased.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Kling, of Scotland, arrived Tuesday on No. 52 for a home visit.

Mrs. Jackson Kline spent the latter part of last week among her Lock Haven friends.

Mrs. Salmons, of Lock Haven, spent Thursday, between trains with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Gardner.

Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. D. E. Holter and Mrs. R. S. Taylor were eastward passengers on No. 50, Wednesday morning.

Miss Ada Boves, who had been spending a week at home, is visiting friends on the eastern verge of the county.

Mrs. Bennison paid a visit of condolence on Thursday to her friend, the widow of the late postmaster Williams of Bellefonte.

Paul Mognette, paymaster at Northumberland for contractors Eyer and Shoemaker, spent Sunday at the Leathers home here.

Jesse T. Leathers, and his special friend, Miss Alma Ruch, of Northumberland, spent the week with the Leathers family here.

It is a pleasure to report that Isaac R. Williams, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, is able to appear on the streets again.

Rev. E. F. Faust visited the eastern part of the State over Sunday, and enjoyed a portion of the "Men and Religion" movement in Williamsport as he returned.

S. K. Hostetter, acting financial agent and John Krumrine, a brick man, of the Pennsylvania State College, were in town last Friday, on College business.

Chester A. Moore, traveling representative of the American Real Estate Co., of New York, manages to get home every two or three weeks to make glad his friends.

Just think of four hundred and sixty-five dollars per ton expressage on books from Howard to Harrisburg, and then write your Congressman to hurry up the "parcels post" bill.

Norman Hayes, Salona, miller for the Furst's mill, at Cedar Spring, who is just recovering from an operation at the Lock Haven hospital, visited his sister, Mrs. A. A. Schenck, Tuesday.

Miss M. H. Lucas has closed her place of business for her annual vacation, the earlier part of which will be spent with relatives in Milton, and the latter with her brother Joseph, in Baltimore.

The stockholders of the Bald Eagle Telephone Co., met in the exchange here on Tuesday and re-elected the old board of directors: Ellis L. Orvis, Dr. W. J. Kurtz, Charles E. Cooke, A. J. Bitner and William Batchelder.

The stork, whose visits to this region lately have been rather infrequent stopped long enough in his flight over the "divide" last Friday morning to leave a fine nine-pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lou, J. Casselberry.

Rev. R. S. Taylor was called to Montandon on Tuesday to officiate at the funeral of an old friend and parishioner, and stopped at Williamsport on his way back to take in a little of the Men and Religion convention in session there.

While at the stable caring for his horse, Monday morning, Lot J. Neff was suddenly seized with an attack of lumbago so severe as to throw him to the ground, and had to crawl to the house on his hand and knees. He is still unable to move.

On Friday evening of last week, Mrs. George L. Williams played the good part of hostess to a big sleighing party of boys from State College and their girl friends of Bellefonte. It goes without saying that they "had a good time" at that house.

Mrs. T. E. Thomas left on No. 52 Thursday afternoon for a visit with her children. She will spend a couple of weeks with Weber, in Camden, N. J., and returning will stop at Myers-town for a week or more with her daughter, Miss Maud, at the Albright College.

At half past seven in the evening of Friday, Feb. 23, the W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Faust. This meeting will be in the nature of a reception to the new members recently added to the union, and all the old members are requested to be present.

The hard freezing caused a leak at the base of the pavewash at the home

of Fred Leathers last Thursday, and the water followed the line of least resistance, along the pipe to the cellar, flooding it some two feet deep. It was a hard and cold job to dig through the frost to make repairs, and Mr. Leathers found the ground frozen solid to the depth of eighteen inches.

Mrs. H. T. McDowell, Mrs. Walter L. Cooke, Mrs. Earl Yearick, Mrs. C. M. Fox, Mrs. S. L. Reber, Mrs. Walter Yearick, Mrs. J. Will Mayes, the Misses Kathryn Kling and Mary Allison, and cheery little Mary Mayes, constituted the Howard delegation to the regular monthly meeting of the Lick Run Presbyterian Missionary Society, which was held at the home of Mrs. Clark McClintock, near Mill Hill, on Thursday last.

The sewing stunt for last week's meeting of the Christian Chapel Ladies Aid, which was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Wilson, was making a patch-work quilt for Miss M. H. Lucas, the patching of which was done by her grandmother, Mrs. Ann Lucas, about forty years ago. Mrs. Lucas was at that time a very aged lady, and the exactness and neatness with which the work was done, add to its family historical value.

Prof. William Day Chockett, (Presbyterian) of the Pennsylvania State College, preached in the Christian Chapel Sabbath evening, having for his theme, Practical Christianity, and basing his discourse upon "whose giveth a cup of cold water only." If even a small fraction of the good that was in the Professor's sermon should be put into the daily lives of the attentive and pleased audience that heard him, it would revolutionize the social, moral and religious life of this

community, or any other community now within our knowledge.

At least two of our distinguished citizens are ruffed up with righteous indignation at the irreverent way in which a certain Rum-buggy correspondent of the Centre Democrat alludes to the departments of Justice, Medicine and Journalism of our charming city; and Chief Justice A. A. Fletcher and Surgeon General McEntire have requested the Howard letter to say to the above mentioned highly esteemed correspondent that unless it, (the irreverence, not the correspondent) promptly ceases, they will sleighride up to Unionville some of these ten-below-zero mornings, and while one of them holds the said correspondent's hands behind his back, the other will proceed to gently, but firmly knock his Dom (D) no's off.

LEMONT.

Two sled loads of young people spent Friday evening at the home of Belle Lytle and report spending a pleasant evening.

The Houserville meeting closed Friday evening, and it is hoped that there was much good done.

Mrs. Daniel Keller has been very ill this last week, and is no better at this writing.

The thermometer stood at 9 below zero, Saturday and Sunday mornings, while Monday brought some more snow.

George C. Meyer shipped several car loads of corn from this place this last week.

The sledding is fair to good, but is very thin.

Mrs. John C. Hoy is on the sick list this week.

OAK HALL.

Charles Dale, one of our school directors, was a visitor at our schools one day last week.

Dr. Dale, of State College, was here last week examining the pupils in our schools.

N. J. Rishel, who is employed by Isaac Underwood of Bellefonte, was home with his family over Sunday.

Mrs. John Snyder, of Centre Hall, is visiting her son David, of this place.

Quite a few from this place attended preaching in the Reformed church at Boalsburg during the evenings of last week.

John Close, of Boalsburg, received a car of crushed stone at this station, which he hauled to that town where he expects to build a new house next summer.

George Lohr moved Tuesday of last week to Theodore Boal's farm, above Boalsburg, along the mountain; those who hauled for him were his father, Frank Lohr, of Fillmore; Jacob Zong, Harry Wagner and Luther Peters, of this place.

Luther Peters has been hauling implements and feed to the farm he bought near Meek's church, where he will move this spring.

Ross Lowder has been busy sawing wood with his gasoline engine for some of our farmers.

Elmer Lowder took a sled load on Friday evening of last week to the home of Maurice Runkle in the big hollow, near Houserville, it being Mrs. Runkle's birthday.

A sledding party from State College spent last Thursday evening at Waldo Homan's.

Don't forget to read Katz & Co's ad. today.

COLYER.

Miss Blanch Helber spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashbridge Thomas.

Ruth and Sopona Royer, of Potters Mills, were the guests of their friends, Clara and Blanch Helber, one day last week.

Ernest J. Treaster, of Egg Hill, spent Sunday at the home of Wm. Reiber.

Those who are on the sick list are: Charlie Fye, Mae D. Cooney, Mrs. P. S. Boal; hope for their speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boal, of Peru, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Boal.

Miss Eva Fleisher returned home from a short visit in Tyrone.

En Valentine.

Du shae glae maldy, seez we'n rose; Coom hare und huck dich uf ml shose.

Ich kent mit leaf dick hartlich dricka.

O, leeva maldy, geb me'n sign— Un far di haesa shtrimpiln shtrickal!

Gook yusht in's glaus; so'n, monkey shine we sell, iss—blend' Valentine.

Der Anser:

Du gonz! du lump! du oldar gase! Du bishit so seez das luder kase.

Du wit mich yusht far hussa flicka; Un far di haesa shtrimpiln shtrickal!

Gook yusht in's glaus; so'n, monkey shine we sell, iss—blend' Valentine.

POTATOES WANTED

We pay for potatoes per bu \$1.10 We pay for butter per lb. 34c We pay for eggs a doz. 35c.

Gillen, the Grocer, Open evenings until 8 P. M.

SALE STARTS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th. ENDS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29th. Katz & Co's Semi-Annual Clearance Sale. A Sale of Silks. ALL GOODS SOLD FOR CASH ONLY DURING THIS SALE! EVERY DEPARTMENT in the store is full of bargains. Now for a general clean-up sale. There are many bargains not listed in this advertisement, such as: LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS, TABLE LINENS, LACES, NECKWEAR, SILK PETTICOATS, MILLINERY, FURS, Etc. that are right here now in the store waiting for you, but space would not permit us to advertise them. READ CAREFULLY, from yard-wide Messaline down to as small an item as spool cotton, and you will see that no matter how large or small an item may be, it means a direct saving to you of dollars and cents. SALE POSITIVELY WILL LAST ONLY BETWEEN THE ABOVE DATES. 10 and 12 1-2c Dress Gingham 6 3-4c a yd. Big variety of best styles and colors. BATES' SEERSUCKERS, TOILE DUNORDS' and BARNABY GINGHAMS, the same you pay 12 1/2c a yard for at any store, no matter where you buy. DURING SALE, PER YARD, 6 3-4c. You know Real Bargains in Muslin Underwear when you see them. We have grouped together all of our Muslin Underwear and have put but one price on the lot. Several styles have but two or three garments, others have every size wanted—but it's all one price. ONE SPECIAL LOT of GOWNS, SKIRTS AND COMBINATIONS, worth all the way up to \$25, DURING SALE, PRICE 98c. Cut Prices in Notions during this sale. Clark's O. N. T. Spool Cotton, 4c a spool. 5c for 3 spools Clark's O. N. T. Darning Cotton. 10c for three 5c cards Pearl Buttons. 10c for three 5c cards Hooks and Eyes. 10c for three 5c papers best Pins. 25c for two pairs 15c Dress Shields. 15c for two 10c pieces bias Cambric folds. 10c for three 5c spools Silkateen. 8c for twelve papers of Wire Hair Pins. 10c for three 5c skeins D. M. C. Embroidery Cotton. 15c for four spools "Dexter" Knitting Cotton. Girls \$3 to \$6 Coats at \$1.50. and Misses \$9 75 to \$12 50 Coats at \$3.50. Just think of it! No bargain has ever been offered you like this before. GIRLS' \$3.00 TO \$6.00 COATS AT \$1.50. Several different styles to select from; ages 4 to 14 years. JUNIOR GIRLS' \$7.50 TO \$12.50 COATS, AT \$5.00. This Womans' Coat Sale will make us new friends. \$7.50 FOR \$16.50 POLO COATS \$11.50 FOR \$22.50 SERGE COATS \$13.50 FOR \$27.50 BROADCLOTH COATS. Our Ladies' and Misses' Suit Sale will surprise you. \$5.50 for \$10.00 SUITS; \$12.50 for \$25.00 SUITS; \$9.00 for \$16.50 SUITS; \$16.50 for \$32.00 SUITS. \$1.50 to \$2 25 Black and Colored Dress Goods at 98c a yard. This lot includes such weaves as ALL WOOL PLAIN TAILORED SERGES, ALL WOOL MIXED YARN SERGES, ALL WOOL FANCY MERSE, ALL WOOL ENGLISH SUITINGS, ALL WOOL HAIR LINE STRIPES, ALL WOOL PENCIL STRIPE SERGES, ALL WOOL DIAGONAL SUITINGS, ALL WOOL STRIPED TROPICAL SUITINGS, ALL WOOL PLAIN FRENCH SERGES, ALL WOOL SPRING WEIGHT MANNISH SUITINGS, ALL WOOL PANAMAS AND VOILES, ALL WOOL PRUNELLAS, POPLINS, ETC. Allegheny St. KATZ & COMPANY Bellefonte, Pa.