

Correspondence

(Continued)

HOWARD.

"I remember, I remember How my childhood fled by— The month of its December, And the warmth of its July."

In Our Churches Next Sabbath.

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

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

Methodist Episcopal—Pastor James Edwin Dunning will preach at Curtin at half past ten, at Kennedy at half past two, and in Howard at half past seven.

A Landmark Gone.

In the year 1809, when the settlers of this neighborhood were comparatively few and when "the simple life" prevailed in all its original austerity, the religious faith and habits of the community were those of the Friends and Mennonites. The Friends had their "meeting" in Bellefonte, and the revered plain little stone building in which they worshipped still stands, whole and strong, a monument to the workmanship of the day.

The Mennonites were the more numerous in this immediate vicinity and perhaps a few years prior to the last century, formed a congregation here. In 1806 Henry Pletcher, a member and minister of this faith, bought of General John Philip DeHaas, of Revolutionary fame, a lot of ground near by the point where the public road leading to Lock Haven crosses Lick Run, about a half mile east of the present borough limits, and deeded it to Frederic Schenck, a trustee of that congregation, in trust for the use of the church, and upon it was erected, and for many years occupied as the meeting house. In the course of time from natural causes, the congregation dwindled to almost extinction, and the greatly revered old building was closed. In 1893 Jacob Holter, Mrs. Balser Weber, and Miss Sarah Pletcher were all that were left of the membership, and by common consent, Jacob Holter, the only surviving trustee, sold it to Rudolph Pletcher, who transformed it into a most comfortable and rather imposing dwelling, and as a meeting place for worship it ceased to exist. The structure, however, remains standing staunch and firm until the present time, but must now yield to the march of events. The new line of the E. E. V. R. passes so close to it that its very existence is threatened. The R. R. company has been compelled to purchase the property for its right of way and it must be either moved away, or torn down. Not a single member of the society which built, and for so many years worshipped in it, remains in the neighborhood. If the first Henry Pletcher who, one hundred and twelve years ago, purchased the lot with the purpose of building a church in the dense quiet of the then state woods, could have come back a week or two ago and seen and heard the great steam shovel throw out the rocks and gravel at the rate of four cubic yards per minute, right at its front door he would have rubbed his eyes even harder than did old Rip Van Winkle.

An Itinerant Chautauqua.

On Friday, the eleventh, one of the four large tents belonging to the "Lincoln National Chautauqua" league dropped into our town, quite unannounced and unexpected, and began a series of meetings which lasted including Sunday, until the evening of Thursday, the eighteenth. A circular which soon appeared, announced the purpose of the league, and of the ladies and gentlemen who came with the tent, or followed it, to provide clean instruction and entertainment without any improper adjuncts; and their purpose seems to have been carried out all the way through. The "talent" which took part here, some coming with the tent and others following to fill the later dates, composed Capt. O. A. Wiard, Chicago, Miss Jeanette Beach, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Deitrick, U. Radcliff Bell, Dr. I. H. Watson, of Philadelphia, the Adams Sisters, Rev. Hazzen B. Baird, the Peterson Sisters Concert Co., and Prof. W. Blanchard Moore. The public speech concerning the several entertainments is highly commendatory. Press of work prevented the Howard letter from attending more than two or three of them and of these only good report can be made. The Peterson Sisters are a quartette of highly accomplished musicians, with great versatility and a most attractive programme. Every number they gave was persistently encored. Prof. Moore's lantern pictures of Russia were easily the best shown. Miss Beach's reading of a pathetic life story, in which the grand old hymn "Rock of Ages" was the leading feature, was beautifully done and brought her an ovation. All in all it was worthy of much better patronage than it received, and the impression it left warrants the belief that should it come again, at a more propitious season than harvest time and be properly advertised, it would pay the projectors and prove of large benefit to the community.

A. C. Longee, of Lewistown, is visiting his mother here.

Charles V. Woodward dropped in on his friends here for a night's rest. James Condo, of Penn. Hall, spent Tuesday here with his brother "Yonny."

Walter Holter spent the week-end with his friend Homer Yearick, on the farm.

Miss Viola M. Fisher, of Harrisburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James E. Dunning.

Mr. Jno. F. Heitsenrether, of Lumber City, was a week-end guest at the M. E. parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Quincy, of Altoona, were Sunday guests of Miss Rebecca Lucas.

Miss Emma Pletcher is spending a well earned holiday with friends in Altoona and Holidaysburg.

Mrs. Lowney and family, of Lock Haven, are spending the week with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Condo.

Miss Dot Weber was on the sick list for three or four days of last week, and confesses that she rather likes it.

Sherman Holter, of Jenkins, West Va., has joined Mrs. Holter and their little boy here for his summer vacation.

Mrs. N. H. Schenck, of Muncy, is a guest for this week, of the H. L.

Pletcher family and other friends, and with her is her sister, Miss Maud McCloskey.

George H. Bulkley and family, including Mendal F. Kiffer, spent Sunday with Miss Thea Bulkley, who is taking a nurses training in the Altoona hospital.

Clyde T. Packer, one of the valued employes of the Westinghouse E. & M. Co., of Pittsburg, brought his wife with him for a pleasant vacation fortnight with his mother, Mrs. Martha Packer, at Mt. Eagle.

Thomas N. Shields, of New Kensington, Pa., and F. B. Evans, of Greensburg, Pa., representing the "Woodmen of the World," were business visitors in our town for several of the warm days of last week.

Mr. Ira C. Johnson is enjoying a visit from his two daughters, with some of his grandchildren, Mrs. F. H. Reitz, with her pretty little children, Genevieve and Stanley, of Niagara, and Mrs. Eva T. Neff, of Chicago.

Two camps of gentlemanly young men have been spending their vacation on Butler's Beach, on the Bald Eagle Creek, below town. One crowd of four hailed from Altoona; the others, whose names are Richard Weston and Ray and Melvin Locke, of Bellefonte.

During the recent vacation of station agent W. L. Cooke, his assistant, D. A. Holter, held the principal position at the station to the satisfaction of all concerned; in the meanwhile entrusting his own regular duties to the efficient care of his brother Philip C. Holter.

"Ned" is the name of a beautiful black pony lately presented by their father to Ralph, Harold and Mary Mayes, and right proud of them, they are, too. He should have been named "Black Beauty," and what with him and "Busby," the educated Sky Terrier, and a bunch of "Bunnies" in the back yard, the youngsters are greatly enjoying life.

In the evening of Friday, July 12, the W. C. T. U. of this place tendered a farewell reception to Mrs. E. F. Faust, their President, at her parsonage home. Mrs. Faust has greatly endeared herself to the members of the organization, as well as to many of the ladies of the community outside the organization, and the meeting was largely attended. Light refreshments were served, and the occasion was in all respects, barring the sadness of "farewell," a delightful one.

During one of the severe thunder storms of last week, the unusually large population of Mt. Eagle was quite shaken up. Numbers of trees were blown over, and some damage done to buildings. Several of the men who were working on the new railroad track were stunned. A number of men who were carrying a light rail were thrown down and somewhat stunned. Mrs. J. R. Pheasant received a slight shock, but recovered in a few hours. Mrs. Etta R. Leathers was thrown down seriously shocked, and rendered entirely speechless for some hours. Her throat was so much affected that her family feared for a few moments that she would choke to death. She was confined to her bed for a day or two, but has entirely recovered.

In locating the new low grade second track of the E. E. V. R. R. through the valley two of the Howard Township school "houses," "Furnace" and "Pletcher's," while not really destroyed, are rendered unfit for school purposes. The School Board has very wisely decided to consolidate these two schools, (it should have been done long years ago,) and build a new house at such a location as will make it available for all the pupils of the new district. The site selected is the Strickland lot a short distance southwest of the borough line, on the highway leading toward Milesburg.

One of the advantages of this location is the famous old "Saw" mill, familiar to the oldest of our citizens and to generations long gone. Upon this site a new brick veneered building of ample size, upon a plan approved by the State Board of Education, unprovided by the new code, will be built and completed in time for the opening of the school term. This will be the most important improvement made in the township school for many a day, and if the same or some other irresistible force should destroy the five remaining school houses of the township and cause one or two to be properly built and located, our school interests would be largely the gainers.

TYLERSVILLE.

The people are trying to make their fortune carrying huckleberries.

Robert Spangler, who was on the sick list, is improving.

The bridge known as "Cherry Run Bridge" in the narrows, was torn away and a new one put in its place. It will be ready for use by the last of July or beginning of August.

H. A. Mechtly, turnkey of the Clinton county jail, spent Sunday with his family.

Mrs. C. T. Greninger is on the sick list.

Thomas Ruhl, while out picking huckleberries on Monday, stepped on a black snake seven feet long. He tried to get away but he managed to kill it.

Everybody here was glad for the rain we had on Sunday.

HOYS SCHOOL—Gregg Twp.

The farmers are busy hauling in wheat, while others are plowing.

The festival at Murray school house was well attended Saturday evening.

Miss Miriam Miller and friend, of Tylersville, spent Sunday with Wm. Miller and family.

Mrs. John Taylor, who has been ill with typhoid fever for the past four weeks, is not improving very rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shook, from near Fiedler, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Harvey Haugh's.

The members of the Yearicks United Evangelical Sunday school contemplate having a festival at Hoy's school house, Aug. 3rd. Everybody invited.

COBURN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harter left on Saturday on a visiting tour which will include Lykens, Maytown and Altoona.

A wee girl arrived at the home of Harry Wingard, a welcome playmate for her two brothers.

J. J. Breen and family visited relatives in Union county over Sunday.

O. E. Meyer, proprietor of the Clover Hill Egg farm, with his family, is enjoying an outing of a few weeks, having encamped at the first tunnel.

Mrs. J. W. Kerstetter spent a few days of last week at Centre Hall.

Lena and Theodore Breen, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Breen, of Altoona, are spending a month's vacation with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fye, at Centre Hall.

UNIONVILLE.

Mrs. Mollie Ewer and her grandson, Wm. Gordon, of New Castle, are pleasant visitors at the home of merchant T. E. Griest.

Mrs. Herbert Shipe, daughter of the late Austin Hoover, of Monongahela City, is visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Fredericks. She came in to attend the wedding of her uncle, Bennie, but that gentleman concluded that he had better go for huckleberries, so the nuptials were postponed.

William Underwood, of North Carolina, son of the late Joseph Underwood, at one time a well known business man of this place, made a short visit to friends in town.

Mrs. Clyde Lever, nee, Melle Bing, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Malissa Bing. Mrs. Lever is the same jolly, happy girl as of yore, and in appearance not a day older.

Miss Frances Musser, a handsome, comely lass of Snow Shoe, is visiting her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Musser.

Mrs. John C. Stere, her son Harry with his two bright little boys, left Monday for Buck Horn, Columbia county, for a couple of weeks' visit at the home of the Rev. Victor L. Wagner, who is a son-in-law of Mrs. Stere.

As a summer resort, Unionville has taken initiatory steps. Listen! Mrs. Lidle Hoover with her family of pretty and interesting progeny, has rented a part of the Hotel Peters and will spend a portion of the summer here. And, do you know, grandpa and grandma Peters are "ticked to death" over it.

It's a little late, but I just heard of it. On the Fourth of July, but for the timely discovery by Miss Mary E. Griest, the barn of Dr. C. A. VanValin would have been destroyed by fire. Mrs. Griest discovered the roof on fire and quickly gave the alarm. It is presumed that fire was caused by boys playing with fire crackers.

Raymond VanValin, who nine years ago left this place with his parents, for the far west, being then a mere lad is at present a visitor at the home of his brother, Dr. C. A. VanValin. He is Assistant Employment Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Portland, Oregon. He is a tall, handsome man and the wonder is that he has lived to be 25 years old without stepping into a matrimonial trap. Mind you, he takes the Centre Democrat.

Toner Calhoun and wife spent several days with the former's mother.

Harry Kerchner sports the handsomest turnout in this neck-o-woods. Girls, set your traps for him. He'll find a good catch? He's a regular "Vildcat."

At last the addition to the Grange Hall is being completed. The Hon. Henry Quick and Col. Neat Jones, of Milesburg, are the contractors, likewise the skilled workmen who are rapidly pushing the work to completion, and you can rest assured that when it is done it will be well done. At its dedication it will be rechristened from Grange Hall to Unionville Opera House.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold an ice cream festival on the beautiful lawn between Eckert's and Rumberger's on Walnut street, on Wednesday evening of next week, July 31. Ice cream, cake and coffee will be on tap. A general invitation is extended to the public.

The Champion Hen of America.

This wonderful hen is a cross between the White Orpington and the Black Orpington, of high bred stock, and is the property of Mrs. Ewing. A few days before last Christmas, she laid her first egg, being about 8 months old and has laid continuously ever since. Now, mind you, this hen does not mix with the rest of the brood when it comes to depositing the golden egg, but she comes up from the barn, crosses over the porch and under the west end, close to the house wall, she made her nest on the hard ground where she laid five eggs before Christmas and during all that zero weather she seldom missed a day. Often we had to shovel the snow away so she could get under the porch. When summer came, we shut her up with the rest of the hens in the chicken yard, and every morning she comes to the gate, walks back and forth till some one comes and lets her out when she, at once, makes a "see him" for her nest under the porch where she seldom remains longer than 10 minutes, after which she goes back to the "pen" and waits to be let in. For the last two months she has been "clucking" as though she wanted to "set," but further than that she has shown no inclination to brood. While I am writing this article, she has just crossed over the porch to her "repository." Now listen! For seven months this hen has been laying continuously, occasionally missing a day. As there are 213 days in that time and allowing her, say 13 days for rest and recuperation, she must have laid 200 eggs practically without cessation. This seems almost incredible but it is true. I would have you know that I do not belong to any Ammanias club but, on the contrary, I have the hatchet yet with which I chopped the little cherry tree when I was a kid. Now let us look at it from a financial view point: 200 eggs would be 16 2-3 dozen. We received from 18c to 32c per dozen for them, say an average of 25c per doz, which makes the value of her product \$41.9. If there is any person in the world that has a hen that can beat this record, let him trot her out.

D. J. Murray, Centre Hall's oldest citizen, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is improving nicely.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Mrs. John C. Mulfinger, of Pleasant Gap, departed on Sunday for Lewistown, where she expects to enter a hospital for an operation.

Mrs. C. E. Zeigler recently sold her residence at Spring Mills to Colonel Decker for \$1500. Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler expect to locate in Lock Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bitner and daughter, of Pittsburg, the former city editor of the Pittsburg Press, spent some time at the home of his parents in Centre Hall, recently.

Mrs. Alvin S. Meyer and children came up from their home at Jackson, Fla., recently to spend a portion of the summer with her sister, Mrs. John Durst, in Centre Hall. Mr. Meyer is a lumber inspector for the Penna. Railroad Company and has been located in the south for some time.

The superior educational advantages to be found in Bellefonte may be the means of causing H. J. Lambert and family to give up their beautiful Centre Hall home and move to this place. Mr. Lambert contemplates having his children enter Bellefonte Academy at the beginning of the fall term.

Edward Lair, who resides on the Keller farm, east of Centre Hall, has lost a number of valuable stock since last spring, added to which is a valuable cow that found its way to the barn floor a few days ago and fell through an opening in the hay mow. The animal's back was broken and had to be killed.

Frank V. Goodhart, of Centre Hall, recently accompanied F. J. Tibbitts to the Bellefonte hospital where the latter underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Goodhart has now had the unique experience of witnessing a similar operation to that which he went through several years ago. Mr. Tibbitts is reported to be improving.

The Williams reunion will be held in J. Q. Miles' Grove, on August 24th, 1912. The officers are A. S. Williams, pres.; W. B. Williams, vice pres.; R. R. Hartsock, sec.; O. D. Eberts, corresponding sec. The following committees were appointed by the president: Transportation, G. G. Fink; obituary, W. S. Williams, W. H. Williams and W. A. Hartsock.

The Philosophy of Life.

"Did it ever occur to you that a man's life is full of crosses and temptations? He comes into the world without his consent and goes out against his will, and the trip between is exceedingly rocky. The rule of contraries is one of the features of the trip. When he is little the big girls kiss him; when he is big the little girls kiss him. If he is poor, he is a bad manager; if he is rich he is dishonest. If he needs credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous, everyone wants to do him a favor. If he is in politics, it is for graft; if he is out of politics he is no good to the country. If he doesn't give to charity, he is a stingy cuss; if he does, it's for show. If he is actively religious, he is a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner; if he gives affection, he is a soft specimen; if he cares for none, he is cold blooded. If he dies young, there was a great future for him; if he lives to an old age, he missed his calling. If you save money, you're a grouch. If you spend it, you're a loafer. If you get it you're a grafter. If you don't get it, you're a bum."

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