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PENROSE'S FORCES COMPLETELY ROUTED

DEMOCRATIC MEASURES ADOPTED AT OPENING SESSION.

GOV. TENER'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Contains Many Splendid Features—The Machine Is Busted—Rules Revised—Speaker Shorn of Power—Democracy's Victory.

Democratic doctrine, the restoration of the government to the people, won in the organization of the House and Senate at the convening of the Legislature at Harrisburg on Tuesday. Both the Speaker and President pro tem were stripped of their power to name committees and thus dictate. This work will now be done by the members of the chambers.

"De-Cannonization" of the chambers and revision of the rules to prevent strangulation of legislation have formed the keystone of the program of the Democrats.

Organization of the two bodies was extraordinary in Pennsylvania politics. The old Penrose organization was flouted and routed. Its candidate for Speaker, John R. K. Scott, was defeated by George E. Alter, representative of the new Penrose-McAfee-Bigelow organization, on the fifth ballot. In the Senate Daniel P. Gerberich, of Lebanon, was elected president pro tem on a party vote, the Democrats mustering 14 in the Senate and 57 in the House.

Both chambers appointed a committee on committees to name standing committees and in both bodies steps were taken to revise and liberalize the rules along the principle so long maintained by the Democrats.

The opening session is considered an important epoch in the political history of Pennsylvania, as the effects are far more reaching than the average reader may anticipate. The organization of the House and Senate forecasts a remarkable change in the future political complexion of the state. While there likely will be a strong Republican majority, and a Democratic minority, there is positive evidence of an awakening of the public conscience that has so long been dormant. The old political machine controlled by Quay, then by Penrose, now is badly shattered and destined to be thrown on the scrap heap, and along with it most certainly will go the aspirations of Senator Penrose to succeed himself in the U. S. Senate.

The result of the vote for Scott and Alter clearly shows that Penrose is no longer the dictator of the state, and that the Republican party is of the same mind, and that they have at last seized the opportunity to free themselves from the yoke of the notorious bosses who have so shamelessly ruled this state in the years gone by.

There may be some differences on minor details, but it is to the credit of the re-organized Democracy that it stood for this revision of the rules from the start. They raised this issue and the people, even the state knew that it was right. It is to the credit of every Republican that voted for Alter that he practically was endorsing what the Democracy demanded.

We are also glad to note that Governor Tener's message, has caught the spirit of the times and pleads for progressive measures and many needed reforms. In this direction he should have the hearty cooperation of all good Democrats. The Governor has made many good suggestions in his message for which he is to be commended. In fact, we think that the Governor surpassed even the expectations of his friends in the advanced steps he has taken.

With the opening of the year 1913, a message of hope and cheer is sent to the citizenship of Pennsylvania, that we are about to have a session of the Pennsylvania legislature that is full of promise for the people of the state.

OPENING SESSION.

The following is a brief account of the opening session. The Penrose-Vare-McNichol forces went down to defeat in the House on Tuesday afternoon during the organization of the Legislature of 1913 before the Tener-McAfee-Bigelow triumvirate which elected George E. Alter, of Lebanon, as Speaker. Both factions posed as reformers and stuck together on the question of amending the rules of the House, but in spite of them the Democratic idea of "de-Cannonization" of the Speaker triumphed.

The next result of the day's work in the House was that the progressive membership stripped the Speaker of his dictatorial power to name committees, launched a plan for the complete revision of the rules and elected as Speaker a higher type of man than the Republican organization of old was accustomed to dream about.

The Senate organized by the election of Dr. Daniel P. Gerberich, of Lebanon County, as President pro tempore. There were two ballots taken. Gerberich's opponents being Senators McIlhenny, of Philadelphia, and Herbst, of Berks. One important change in the rules was made. It provided for the appointment of standing committees by a committee instead of by the President of the Senate.

Five ballots were taken by the House to choose a Speaker. Representative George E. Alter, of Allegheny county, was named on the fifth ballot. A rule similar to the one adopted by the Senate authorizes a committee to choose the personnel of standing committees. The Progressive faction of the Republican party is in control.

After the election of the presiding officers a joint committee called upon the Governor to notify him of the organization of the Legislature, and Governor Tener transmitted his biennial message.

Tener's Message Forceful.

The document is one of the most forceful presented in years. It is truly

BERT PARKS IN TROUBLE.

Arrested For Assault Upon 14-Year-Old Girl.

On Friday Policeman Bezer arrested Bert Parks, the 16-year-old son of James Parks, on a charge preferred by Elizabeth Heaton, in which the young man is accused of assaulting his daughter, Annie Heaton. The crime for which Parks is held is said to have been committed on Friday morning between 7 and 7:30, while the girl was on her way to the shirt factory where she is employed. The Heaton family resides at Verona, near the Nittany Furnace, and the daughter alleges young Parks attacked her on the pike as she was nearing Mallory's blacksmith shop. Her clothes were badly torn and her face scratched in the struggle. Some of the section hands on the Lewisburg railroad witnessed the assault, but by the time they got to the scene, Parks had fled.

Mr. Heaton came to Bellefonte and had a warrant issued for the young man's arrest. Constable Musser went to the Parks home above Prossertown, but could find no trace of the boy. The latter had, in the meanwhile, come to town, and was picked up by Policeman Bezer at Wm. Lyon's stable, and taken to jail. Friday evening he was given a hearing before Squire Musser, where the only defense offered was a denial by the boy that it was him who had committed the assault. Squire Musser sent him back to jail to await disposition of his case in juvenile court.

The occurrence is very unfortunate for young Parks, as he has already served a term in the Glen Mills reform school. He was sent to that institution by Judge Orvis in Juvenile Court about two years ago for breaking into and robbing Sheffer's grocery store. He was released on parole last June, and sent home, and has since been employed as errand boy at Lyon's meat market. His parole is said to have expired a short time ago.

The relatives of the boy maintain that he was provoked to the act of assault by the taunts of his accuser in reference to his past record. The evidence at the hearing, however, pointed to a graver crime, and the probabilities are that he will again be sent to a school of reform.

FRED EVEY KILLED.

Caught By Cave-in While Digging Ditch at State College.

On Thursday afternoon of last week Fred Evey, a young man employed on a filtration job at State College, was caught by a cave-in while at work in a ditch, and almost instantly killed. The accident occurred on the Musser farm through which the large sewer is being built. Quite a number of men employed on the job, but it appears that Fred Evey and a fellow-workman named William Barr had been working a short distance from the others. No one witnessed the tragedy, not even the man who was working at the side of the trench. As it was presumed that Evey was stooping over when the side of the trench fell in. The ditch is from four to five feet deep, with a width of five feet, and a man in a standing position could have stepped out of danger. As it was, however, a large rock fell upon Mr. Evey, striking him upon the neck and chest, and crushing out his life.

It required the efforts of four or five strong men to lift the rock from the young man's body. This accomplished it was at once apparent that Evey had suffered terrible injuries, and all that remained of life was a few quick gasps for breath. He died before a physician could be summoned.

Fred Evey was the son of Mrs. Christ Evey, of State College, his father having died a number of years ago. He was aged about 25 years, and was unmarried. He leaves to survive his mother, one sister, Mrs. Keaser, of College township, and three brothers, namely: Arthur, the livestock man at that place; Howard, of State College, and Wayne at home. The funeral was held from his late home on Saturday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. Martin, of the Presbyterian church. Burial was made in the Branch cemetery.

HIGH JINKS IN BARNYARD.

Fowls, "Soused" on Wine Indulged in Turkey Trot.

His barnyard fowls "soused" on spoiled wine, doing the turkey trot and winding up with a suffragette celebration and parade is the spectacle James U. Morgan, a farmer living south of Marion, O., says he and his wife witnessed recently. Now his hens refuse to lay. Morgan threw a keg of wine into a corner of the barn lot. One of his boys smashed the keg. Chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys indulged freely in the flowing wine, and the fun began. Some executed a buck and wing affair, while others did the turkey trot. Roosters tried to do that Gaby glide. Finally the whole flock joined in what looked like a suffragette meeting and then went to roost.

Arrested For Hunting on Sunday.

Last Sunday Milton James and Milton Bowman, two young men of Blanchard, were arrested by Constable William Coder for hunting on Sunday. The constable, in company with Alvin Winslow, of Blanchard, walked over on the mountain to visit H. E. Harder, who has a saw mill, and hearing a shot the constable went up into the timber and caught James and Bowman in the act of skinning a nice fox. The constable placed them under arrest and Monday they were given a hearing and fined each \$25 besides the costs for hunting on the Sabbath day.

Wants Fire-Proof Fish Hatches.

Buildings for Sate fish hatcheries for which appropriations will be asked from the next legislature will be of fire-proof construction. The plan of Commissioner N. R. Buller is to ask for appropriations to rebuild parts of the different plants, including the Bellefonte hatchery, some of the buildings of which need repair. Mr. Buller plans structures of concrete and steel which will cost \$10,000 or \$12,000 each. He says it would be economy in the end.

—See Keene, the great magician, at the opera house, Thursday afternoon and evening. Popular prices.

PRISONERS ACT AND SING IN MINSTRELSY

BIG NEW YEAR EVENT IN WESTERN PENITENTIARY.

WARDEN FRANCIES PRESENT

Two Clever Performances Given By Men of All Classes Who Have Been Brought to One Level at Riverside—The Diversion Was Greatly Enjoyed.

Those who consider that the four walls of a great prison like the Western Penitentiary contain within nothing but somberness and heavy-hearted men who have forgotten how to laugh and sing, will read the following with interest. It relates of a big New Year event, in the form of a minstrel show, recently given by the prisoners at the Western Penitentiary, of which Warden Francis was warden. We reprint the article in full from the columns of the Pittsburgh Post:

In the same hour Wednesday afternoon in which merry holiday crowds poured from the downtown theatres, 500 men, their faces bright and smiling, marched with sprightly step, in double file, to the chapel of the Western Penitentiary. Behind them an orchestra played a lively exit march, closing the annual New Year theatrical performances by and for the residents of Riverside.

The performance was attended by a few officials and newspapermen, aside from whom, together with Warden John Francis and his retinue of ushers, the audience was composed entirely of members of Riverside colony. The actors and singers belonged to the latter set. No one in the big stone mansion except the indispensed missed this recherche event.

So as to accommodate the entire population of Riverside a milkman's matinee was held in the morning. The two performances were attended by an aggregate of 900 persons. The 15 women residents had witnessed the final dress rehearsal of the show on New Year's eve.

The cover of the program, designed and printed in Riverside, described the entertainment as a grand New Year day performance given by the National club of Riverside, assisted by Messrs. Bars, Bolts, Locks, Keys & Co., and a great galaxy of stars in stripes, especially engaged for this performance only, at enormous expense and kindness of the courts of Western Pennsylvania.

Applying the highest standards of criticism, it may be said that it was a rattling good show in any way taken. It got laughs after laughs, and volleys after volleys of applause not only from a most appreciative and responsive audience of Riverside, but from disinterested visitors as well.

The first act was an old time minstrel show. In the line-up of blackface men, in the person of the interlocutor and in the orchestra, and its leader, were personages the publication of whose names would recall many big news headlines.

Said the instructor: "Professor, what is your occupation?" "What occupation, Ah's a pick-a." "What sort of a picker are you?" "Well, boss, in the springtime Ah picks strawberries; in the summah, apples; in the autumn it's pockets, and in the winter, boss, Ah picks—"

Mr. Bontas is heard from: "Say, Ah wish you would go down to No. 317 and pick a lock for me."

The gray tone walls fairly echoed with the thunderous applause that greeted this one. It was succeeded by many more of the same kind. Most of the jokes went over the heads of the men, but the publication of the names of the everyday intimacies and activities of the colony.

The singing and dancing in the minstrel act would have been decidedly creditable to any minstrel troupe. After the minstrel act there was a series of vaudeville acts, all of which were of exceptional merit.

A monologist was being recalled by a voice from behind the scenes, in one of the acts. Said the voice: "Say, you, do you know how much time you have?"

"You certainly do; four months more, and a stump," responded the actor, dropping, to answer the question, into ordinary voice.

One particular funny negro comedian brought forth a pine plank—his bed in the part he was playing—on which there was represented a large bedbug. There followed a dialogue between actor and bedbug—in which the bedbug was a silent partner—by means of which a half-serious plea for speedy application of the parole law to long-termers was urged.

Evidently the chefs in Riverside have been supplying their guests with plenty of apples; for through the show there was constant objection to apples; nobody wanted them under any circumstances.

The vaudeville acts were of all sorts. There was buck and wing dancing, grotesque dancing, singing, burlesque boxing, character comedians, comedy sketches, recitations, club swinging, and Scotch Highland dancing by a negro in kilt.

The grand finale was a travesty-melodrama, "A Great Race Day in Smokey Hollow," in which virtue and the hero's horse triumphed and the villain lost the girl. The writer of it has brought about a new sort of a finish, by having the hero and the villain shake hands at the denouement.

The cast was composed of all sorts and conditions of Riverside. Most of the singing was done by negroes; and it was of an order that showed the visitors that splendid voices are being lost to the stage. There was very little of the amateurish in the entire performance. This information is, however, of little value to vaudeville managers, as most of the actors are held in their present capacities by long contracts.

The work of the orchestra gave evidence of careful training and individual, as well as collective, merit. It was led, as in former years, by a man whose name was flashed in large headlines for many months, a decade ago.

Touched by Old Songs. There was very little of the pathetic in the program. There was deep steel.

BELLEFONTE TO HAVE MONTHLY BARGAIN DAYS

INAUGURATED BY MERCHANTS' PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE.

TO BEGIN JANUARY 22 AND 23

On the Days Specially Selected Each Month All Members Will Offer Special Bargains—Out-of-town Patrons Can Make Use of Parcel Post.

The leading merchants and business men of Bellefonte recently formed an association for the purpose of improving the general business in the town. It is known as the "Merchant's Progressive League of Bellefonte." One of the movements they have undertaken is to establish special trade days in the town, once each month. All members of the league will offer special bargains in their respective stores or places of business, on a certain date. In this way persons who come to town on these special dates will find a general line of goods offered at rates that will prove a great inducement to all.

The first date selected will be on Wednesday and Thursday, January 22 and 23rd. In our next issue the league will use several extra pages of this paper to set forth what they will have to offer. They selected the Centre Democrat as the medium for announcing these sales, for the reason that it reaches the greater portion of the people throughout the county.

Last summer this same idea was undertaken, and in each instance that it was advertised in this paper the merchants of the town found that many new customers from far and near came to their stores to make purchases. This plan of having general bargain days over the town is the scheme of Elmer E. Davis, and owing to other engagements last summer he could not give it proper attention, and it was discontinued, and it proved a great disappointment to all who formerly had joined the movement. Mr. Davis has consented to give the general management of these special sales days his personal attention during the next six months, and for that reason we predict that it will prove a great success.

Watch coming to the town in the schedule two rates for the same weight packages are given. The first column applies to the three Rural Free Delivery Routes that go out directly from the Bellefonte postoffice, where the rate is lower. The other schedule applies to all other points in the county, as well as places that are within 50 miles of Bellefonte:

Bfte R.F.D. Routes		50-Mile Zone.	
1 pound	5c	1 pound	5c
2 pounds	6c	2 pounds	8c
3 pounds	7c	3 pounds	11c
4 pounds	8c	4 pounds	14c
5 pounds	9c	5 pounds	17c
6 pounds	10c	6 pounds	20c
7 pounds	11c	7 pounds	23c
8 pounds	12c	8 pounds	26c
9 pounds	13c	9 pounds	29c
10 pounds	14c	10 pounds	32c
11 pounds	15c	11 pounds	35c

Inquiry was made at the Bellefonte office, as to the extent of the Parcel Post business in the past week. The first day only a few packages were received, but since then there has been a steady increase in the number received and sent out. Thus far it has not been sufficient to require additional help, but the carriers find that their sacks are fuller and the burden is heavier on them.

The general public is not yet fully acquainted with the advantages of the new system of sending merchandise by mail or the regulations, and for that reason no estimate can now be made of its extent or benefits.

Persons sending packages should remember that ordinary stamps should not be used, as the special Parcel Post stamps only will be necessary in all cases.

Hospital Notes.

Admitted for treatment—Milligan Richards, Julian; Robert Way, Port Matilda; Elmer J. Clark, Wadley; Steve Boskorik, Clarence.

Operations—Mrs. Emily M. Shawley, Curtin; Mrs. Mary Doughman, Curtin; Mrs. Louise Shawley, Bellefonte.

Discharged—Martin Keller, Centre Hall; Mrs. Leda Korman, State College.

Thirty-four patients are now in the hospital.

A Waste of Energy.

Woodrow Wilson does not take kindly to the custom of Presidents shaking several thousand hands at every public function. He believes the President of the U. S. can devote his time and energies to a better advantage. Woodrow is right again.

And less noisy applause than ordinarily, however, when one of the performers sang "The Songs My Mother Used to Sing."

Although there was frequent and direct reference to the surroundings of players and auditors, it was never unpleasant. Through it all there was constantly evident a peculiar and curious sense of humor obtainable in no other surroundings.

Gray and worn faces brightened from the beginning of the performance and were lighted up with real merriment and absence of care while the performance lasted and long after it. The audience went to dinner after the show. The fare for the day was special. Appetites had been sharpened by good humor and the meal closed the first and jolliest day of the year for Warden Francis' guests.

After sunset, and until sleeping came, a low murmuring wisp of humming rose to the high-ceiled house of stone and steel.

RECENT DEATHS.

RHOADS.—We are again called upon to chronicle the passing away of another of Bellefonte's best known citizens and business men, Edward K. Rhoads, whose death occurred on Monday morning at 9:55 o'clock at his late home on West Line street. The announcement of Mr. Rhoads' death was a great shock to the citizens of the town, as very few people had any knowledge of his critical illness. Mr. Rhoads for many years had been a sufferer from nervous complications but at no time had his condition seemed serious. He went to his office at the coal yard on Thursday and attended to business, apparently in his usual health. Thursday night he was seized with vomiting spells which rendered him very weak. In this condition he was attacked with hiccoughing which gradually depleted his remaining strength, until the end came on Monday morning at the hour above stated. He was aged 45 years, 5 months and 20 days, and is survived by one sister, Miss Rebecca N. Rhoads, at home, and Joseph J. Rhoads, of Altoona. Edward Keasbey Rhoads was the son of the late Daniel and Maria D. Rhoads, and was born in Bellefonte, July 16, 1867. His father, Daniel Rhoads, who died in 1893, was one of Bellefonte's most prominent and intellectual men, and was elected associate judge of Centre county in 1887.

The subject of this sketch received a good education at the Bellefonte academy, and when but 16 years of age he entered the coal office of Lawrence L. Brown, as bookkeeper. Before he reached his 20th year Mr. Rhoads had been made manager and head bookkeeper of the business, and in his 21st year he assumed the ownership. He continued in this business up until his death, enjoying the full confidence of the entire community. Mr. Rhoads was at all times actively connected with the business interests of Bellefonte. For a number of years he served as president of the Board of Trade, and since 1893 had been acting secretary of the Board of Trustees of Bellefonte Academy. Deceased inherited the Quaker faith from his parents, and his life was lived consistently with its beautiful and simple teachings. He was the soul of honor in all his dealings with his fellowmen, and was held in the highest respect by all with whom he came in contact. Funeral services were conducted from his late home on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. Schmidt, of the Reformed church, and Dr. Hawes, of the Presbyterian church. The following named acted as pallbearers: Harry Valentine, John Blanchard, Dr. J. M. Locke, George Valentine, D. Wagner, Dr. R. L. Weston. Interment was made in the Friends cemetery.

STRAUB.—The unexpected death of Mrs. Alice Annette Straub, wife of Elmer E. Straub, at her home on the Alexander homestead farm in Spring township, on Tuesday morning, has indeed been a sad bereavement to her family, as well as a multitude of acquaintances, who little thought their friend should so soon pass from this life. On Monday night Mrs. Straub suffered from toothache, and being unable to rest, did not go to bed. She also complained of pains in the muscles of her arms and shoulders, and though nothing serious was anticipated her husband wanted to summon a physician, to which she objected. As she showed no signs of relief when morning came, Mr. Straub came to Bellefonte about 5 o'clock on Tuesday. In the meanwhile Mrs. Straub felt a faintness overtaking her and asked her daughter Anna to get her a drink. She at once lapsed into unconsciousness, and from that state passed peacefully into death, which occurred about 5:30. Acute indigestion is attributed as the cause of her demise. Alice Annette Straub was the daughter of the late James R. and Mary Alexander, some years ago one of the prominent families of Bellefonte. Her birth occurred Feb. 6th, 1858, while her parents were residents of Pennsylvania. Before she had attained young womanhood her father, in connection with his brother, the late Hon. Cyrus T. Alexander, purchased a tract of land in Spring township on which the old homestead was located, where she deceased has spent her entire lifetime. This land contained about 200 acres lying north of Millersburg and Bellefonte. Later her father conducted lime kilns, and operated the first implement and seed store in Bellefonte. About nineteen years ago deceased was united in marriage with Elmer E. Straub, to which union two children survive: Anna and James, both at home. Mrs. Straub was devotedly attached to her family and her greatest joy was in making her home a happy one, not only for those who dwell therein, but all who partook of her hospitality. Rev. Hawes of the Presbyterian church will conduct funeral services at the Straub home this afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which time the funeral cortege will move to the Union cemetery where interment will be made.

LOWERY.—Christian Lowery, an aged and well known farmer of Benner township, died at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rocky, at Fillmore, on Saturday after a two weeks illness with paralysis. He is survived by one son and three daughters, namely: William, of Nittany; Mary and Rachel, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Rocky, above mentioned, of Fillmore. He also leaves two brothers, Joseph and Henry, of Bellefonte, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Markler, of Pleasant Gap. Deceased was the son of Christian and Hannah Lowery, and was born in Benner township February 17, 1838; he had therefore reached the age of 74 years, 10 months and 17 days. August 19, 1862, Mr. Lowery volunteered his services to his country during the period of the Civil war, and enlisted as a private in the ranks of Co. C, 148th Penna. Regt., serving until June 1, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge. In August, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Katherine E. Close, and had since then resided in Centre county. Mr. Lowery was a consistent member of the M. E. church and a man highly respected in his community. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church at Fillmore on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. M. J. Runyon. Interment was made in the Meyers cemetery.

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DO WE HAVE TOO MANY CHURCHES AND PASTORS

HAS SECTARIANISM BECOME A USELESS BURDEN.

POOR SALARIES FOR MINISTERS

And Small Congregations Is the Result in Most Cases—A Move For Union Churches—Many Advantages and More Efficient Work.

(The following article is a part of our Howard correspondent's regular letters this week. We find that it deals with a question of general interest thus we deem it worthy of a prominent position on the front page. The timely observations made by Col. John A. Woodward, relative to the sectarian situation in his home town of Howard, is no exception, and similar conditions prevail in every small town throughout the country. This article, descriptive of Howard's various churches, could be easily adapted to hundreds of similar towns by a simple change of a few names. We therefore commend the following to our readers for careful perusal and reflection, as we consider it contains an accurate description of conditions, that are hardly practical, as well as some suggestions that might lead to more efficient religious effort in many places.—Editor.)

On Friday, Dec. 13, in the small town of Alma, Mo., the Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and members of the Christian churches decided to unite in one congregation and support a non-sectarian church. Separately none of the four was strong enough to keep up an institution. All denominations will be represented on the governing board, and all sectarian teachings will be avoided. Members will have their choice of procedure. Baptists, for instance, will be immersed, while those who do not want immersion will be allowed the form of ceremony they desire.

This was probably the wisest action that any of those churches have ever taken, and it might well be imitated in very many of the small towns and sparsely settled localities everywhere and in none would it be more advantageously carried out than in our goodly community of Howard. To be quite frank, we are greatly over-churches, and greatly to our disadvantage, as a Christian community. You don't believe it, do you? Well, let us see: In a population of a little more than six hundred, speaking of the borough proper, we have five fairly good, comparatively new, church buildings—Methodist, Evangelical, Reformed and two Disciples—owned and used by the denominations whose names they bear. These buildings, with a seating capacity of approximately fifteen hundred, in these five churches there is a total membership of less than three hundred. No one of them wholly supports a pastor, each being one of an aggregate of from three to five appointments several miles apart. In no one of the five churches is there regular morning and evening preaching service on any Sabbath. Two of them have, at this time, no pastor and no stated preaching either in the near future. The other three have each a pastor, resident here, who preach at an aggregate of thirteen "appointments," scattered over an irregularly circular area of which Howard is the center, and which is fifteen or eighteen miles in its greatest diameter. The small proportion of the small salary which the Howard congregation pays to each of these pastors is paid somewhat irregularly, and in some cases less than \$1000 a year, sometimes a not entirely negligible fraction of the energies of the pastor is required to get it. Is it any wonder that religion, under such circumstances, is a little cool, not to say frigid. You see, brethren, as we spread around in our sectarian layers a little too thin to keep warm. An average of one worshipper propped up in the outer corner of each pew is a little too far apart for vital calorific.

Suppose we try a little of the get-together spirit, fill up the pews of one church, take off our sectarian seats, touch elbow, select a pastor who will preach Jesus Christ and Him only, leaving sectarianism aside for the nonce, touch elbows in spirit as in person and see if we cannot get some of the vitality of religion into our hearts and lives, which we make christianity, and the power in the community which it should be. It can be done in Pennsylvania as well as in Missouri; Howard can do it as well as did Alma, and no place needs it more.

Brungart—Rishel.

At the parsonage of the Lutheran church in Centre Hall on Saturday evening, Dec. 28th, Miss Rosie Irene Rishel and Harry I. Brungart were united in marriage by Rev. F. W. Barry. The bride is a popular young lady and the daughter of the late M. L. Rishel, of Farmers Mills. The groom is a native of Hebersburg, and is a sales agent for the Grand Rapids Plaster Company of Michigan, with headquarters in Pittsburg.

Tyrone Y. M. C. A. Gets \$4000 Gift.

The Y. M. C. A. of Tyrone, Pa., received a handsome New Year's gift of a \$4000 lot from A. A. Stevens last week. The donor presented the plot of ground to the association as a memorial to his son, the late George B. Stevens, who took an active part in the work. The association have planned to erect a modern home upon the land, operations of which will begin in the early spring.

Has Opened Pool Room at Mill Hall.

J. C. Gilbody, the former well known merry-go-round proprietor, has rented the Kauffman store room in Mill Hall, for the purpose of opening up a pool room, and has had the interior of the store room repaired and painted; electric lights installed and two pool tables set in. Mr. Gilbody intends to run a first class place of business and has already received much encouraging patronage.

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