

Correspondence

(CONTINUED.)

HOWARD.

Thirty days hath November,
April, June and September,
February hath XXVIII alone,
And all the rest have XXXI.

Richard Grafton.

In Our Churches Next Sabbath.

Presbyterian—Pastor W. F. Carson will preach at Jacksonville at half past ten, 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. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at each of these three appointments.
United Evangelical—Pastor M. J. Snyder will preach at Jacksonville at half past ten and in Howard at half past seven.
Reformed—Pastor E. H. Zechman will preach at Salona at half past ten, and at Mt. Bethel at half past two.

Dean of Agriculture.

No one who is really alive to the overwhelming importance of Pennsylvania's agricultural interests can fail to regret the shortsightedness of the powers that be in separating Dr. Thomas F. Hunt to be removed from the place of Dean of Agriculture and Director of Experiments at The Pennsylvania State College, and carried away to California. It is a serious reflection upon the good judgment of everyone in any way responsible for it. That the Board of Trustees of the College, at the annual meeting at Harrisburg last week chose Prof. Ralph L. Watts, who for four years has been at the head of the Department of Horticulture and Market Gardening, to succeed Dr. Hunt, may be accepted as an assurance that the agricultural interests of the state, is so far as the school of agriculture and the experimental station affect those interests, will not suffer one whit because of the change. Dean Watts has all his life been a searcher for agricultural knowledge, and is a genius in the application of it to the practical work of the orchard, garden and farm. Brim full of the truths of agricultural science, running over with good nature and the kindness of spirit which touches on the best sides of human nature, abounding in energy, and possessing the practical knowledge of farming which comes only of life long experience, he is one of the most inspiring of instructors, and no young man who comes under his influence can fail to feel its uplifting inspiration. The trustees of the College made no mistake when they chose Prof. B. Watts to succeed Dr. Hunt.

Mrs. Marius Miner.

Whose serious illness has recently been noted in the Howard letter, worn with the long struggle, yielded to the inevitable, and peacefully slipped away into the beyond last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Miner was born Mary J. Swartz, near Hubersburg, Sept. 2, 1848. At nineteen she was married to John T. Stitzer, and almost all her life since then was spent in Howard. Two children were born of this union, Harry J., now a citizen of Easton, Pa., and Betty R., now Mrs. E. H. Helter, of Rochester, both of whom survive her. Mr. Stitzer died in 1884, and some six years later Mrs. Stitzer became the wife of Marius Miner, who now mourns the loss of a faithful, loyal wife and cordial loving companion. Mrs. Miner was quiet and domestic in her tastes, and a notable home-maker, much esteemed as a neighbor and friend, and will be greatly missed from the large circle of her friends. For many years she has been a consistent member of the Disciple church, constant in her attendance and living closely to its teachings. The funeral service was held at her late home on Monday afternoon and conducted by Elder McCracken, of Eaglesville. Interment being made in the Schenck cemetery. The pallbearers were C. M. Muffy, John P. Weber, A. A. Fletcher, William B. Henderson, W. L. Cooke and J. Will Mayes.

Light Ahead.

There seems to be little doubt now that our pretty little borough will soon have added to the many comforts and conveniences which make life more worth living here than in very many of the smaller towns, or larger ones either for that matter, of the state, a system of public lighting for our streets. While it is not understood that definite and detailed arrangements has been made, it is certain that Baiser Weber, of the Howard Tool and Iron Co., who has a franchise for the purpose, has erected a line of poles from the rolling to the borough, and is rapidly placing them on the streets. It is also true that it has been arranged to make application to the governor for a charter of incorporation for this purpose on the eighteenth of February. If the lighting, when it comes, shall be as efficient as the work already done seems to indicate, it will be cause for general congratulation. The poles already set are first class ones well set in straight lines and with full regard to the convenience and wishes of the property holders as well as the general public. Let there be light.

The First Train.

Last Friday morning about half past ten o'clock, the first regular train passed over the new low grade line which has been built within the last six months, north of our town. It ran eastward and consisted of thirty-nine loaded freight cars, drawn by engine 764, and was in charge of conductor Dean and engineer Carl Vogt. The speed was about five to eight miles an hour, and no hitch nor halt was found in the running. It was shortly followed by a second freight at a somewhat higher speed. The track was found to be in fine condition, and practically ready for regular traffic. Of course there are many little details to be looked after, and in all cases of new track, it will need close attention and much work for some months to come, before it will be settled down to the perfect condition needed for the rapid movement of the heavy traffic for which it is intended.

President Jackson. The Engineer's Association of the Land Grant Colleges, was organized at Washington, D. C. last Friday, by a meeting of the representatives of thirty-five States, and elected Dean J. Price Jackson, of the Pennsylvania State College, president. Thus is the high standing of Penn State among the land grant colleges again made manifest, and duly recognized. Dean and president Jackson is one of Penn State's own boys, having risen from "Freebie" to Dean by dint of his fine endowment and splendid equipment, and no member of its present, or any of its former faculties, has contributed more than he to the building up of the great institu-

tion now the boast and pride of the state.

Gene. The death and burial, during a week of absence from home, of David McCloskey and John Glenn, both of which events were noted in the last issue of the Democrat, gives the writer an added sense of loneliness which will not be described, for they had been acquaintances and friends for more than half of his life time. Upright men, good citizens, intuitive gentlemen and loyal friends, both of them; and plain and unpretending though they were, their community and their world are the losers, when such men die.

Eighty-one.

Active, genial, contented, diligent in business and in good works, and with the good spirits of half his age, William H. Neff, who has spent the most of his life in burying other people, is still alive, at eighty-one, and expects to look after the funerals of many more of his friends before he leaves the work to other hands. He arrived at this good old age on Sunday the nineteenth, and received the congratulations of his friends with his usual sang-froid.

Burns Hannon has finished his Ebensburg job and returned home.

Frank Zeigler and wife journeyed Lock Haven ward Sunday morning.

Rev. Josiah Thompson, of Snow Shoe, spent Sunday with his relatives here.

J. K. Johnston, Esq., was the guest of his father, Geo. D. Johnston, over Sunday.

Mr. W. L. Hanley, of Philadelphia, was a guest in the C. E. Yearick home Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bechdel enjoyed the brightness of last Sunday with friends in Lock Haven.

Miss Margaret Ray, of Juniata, is enjoying an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Johnson.

The evangelistic meetings which were held in the U. E. church during last week are still in progress.

Harry Diehl is not a student at the Lock Haven Normal, but he has a lively interest in that institution.

Mrs. S. I. Reber spent the latter part of last week with her invalid sister, Mrs. Landenslager, of Mackeyville.

Claire Bittner, of Altoona, spent Saturday night with his friend, Oscar Lucas, and the Sabbath with relatives at Blanchard.

Miss Emma Fletcher is spending a week or two with her brother George, at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, and with other friends.

Presiding Elder H. J. Benfer preached at all the appointments of this charge in the U. E. district last Sunday. He is a strong preacher.

Rev. and Mrs. James Edwin Dunning were in Williamsport on Saturday before last, and Mrs. Dunning remained there until last Thursday.

Mrs. Charles McMurtree, for several years capable mistress of our hotel, spent last Sunday to Wednesday with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Robb came up from their home in Lock Haven Sunday morning to spend the week with their relatives, Peter Robb, and Mrs. Mary Wentzel.

B. Weber Thomas, of Camden, and president-elect Wilson's state, spent the latter part of last week with his parents here, and brought his fine little boy for the grandparents to pet and spoil.

Philip C. Holter left on No. 51 Sunday morning for Pittsburg, where he will stop for a day or two, and proceed to Columbus, O., to take employment with his brother and brother-in-law, for the winter.

Her usual late winter vacation is being enjoyed by Miss M. H. Lucas at the home of her brother in Baltimore, and in other large cities, where she studies the newest styles of millinery for the benefit of the Howard friends and patrons.

Mrs. John M. Robb was again taken to the Bellefonte hospital on Thursday, and on Saturday submitted to a second operation which it is greatly hoped will permanently relieve her of her malady. At last reports she was making good recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Krape, of Greensburg, are visiting friends in the neighborhood, having come on to attend the funeral of David McCloskey. The loss of Harry's right hand by an accident some years ago, has never discouraged him, and he reports good progress in his sewing machine business.

A party of the friends of Mrs. Beel Wyland accompanied her to Eaglesville Wednesday of last week to celebrate the birthday of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Kunes, and had a most enjoyable time. The Howard contingent consisted of Mrs. William Weber, Mrs. Agatha Wyland, Mrs. D. L. Welsh, Miss Mildred Shay, Mrs. W. B. Rossman, Mrs. W. I. Harvey, Miss Madeline Cooke, Mrs. W. E. Confer, and Miss Lucy Shope.

Monday last was the occasion of one of the few anniversaries of her birthday which have overtaken Mrs. Jesse Leathers, and to commemorate it she invited a few of her close friends to enjoy the evening with her. Those present were Mrs. Ruch and Miss Stine, of Northumberland; Miss Harvey, of Sunbury; Rev. McCracken, of Blanchard; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cooke, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Kurtz, Mrs. William Weber, Mrs. Claude Moore, Miss Fisher, Geo. H. Leathers, and Mrs. DeHans of Howard. Elaborate refreshments were served and the gracious hostess rendered some of the excellent music for which she enjoys a reputation.

HUBLERSBURG.

Mrs. E. L. Markle has returned home from a two-weeks visit with her brother, Irvin Bierly, of Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Minnich attended the funeral of Mr. Minnich's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ertle, of George valley.

Mr. Emerick is convalescing at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Youm attended the funeral of the latter's sister, Mrs. Marius Miner, of Howard, on Monday afternoon.

John L. Heckman, of Salona, came to W. B. Heckman's on business one day last week.

Miss Leotta Driver, of Lock Haven, visited over Sunday at the home of Frank Garner's.

Roy Swartz, of Rebersburg, spent Sunday with his mother at this place.

We are glad to see Jacob Walkey on our streets again.

There will be a box social for the benefit of the senior class, Feb. 22, 1913.

"DOMINO" MAKES A TRIP TO PHILLIPSBURG.

(Continued from first page.)

I met Charley Lesher, the Dutchman, coming across from the brick works. I asked him whether he knew George W. Zeigler, the lawyer. "Oh yes I know him" he said. "What is he doing now?" I inquired. "Oh, well, he is still brackising mit de law" he said. "Then he can't be perfect is he?" "Yes he bin perfect, I asked him two things mit de law and he charch me \$5. He bin perfect." (Laugh here.)

I then went to Charley Gullich's automobile shop. I wanted to trade my air ship on an automobile if he would give me some "boot," but that gentleman declined, said he preferred staying on old terra firma to rising up in the air and coming in sudden contact with her.

Just as I was going to cross the railroad tracks on my way to Chester Hill, I saw a freight train approaching from the east and a farmer coming down the street towards the railroad, in a 2-horse wagon. Dick Adams, the watchman at this crossing, was sitting in his coop, sound asleep. I rushed forward, grabbed his faded flag out of his hands and stopped the train just in time to prevent a wreck. I expect to hear from Carnegie later. But fearing I will tire you with my tale of woe, I shall cut out the rest of my "calls." I had announced before adjournment that I would take my leave from the grandstand in the South Park at 2 o'clock, and when I got there I found my airship intact and an immense crowd gathered in the park to see me "off."

Before I entered my car, a very nice lady with golden yellow hair came up to me and begged me to stay over Sunday and said I could keep my flyer in their chicken pen, but I very gracefully declined. Before I entered my machine, I delivered a very fine valedictory, thanked the citizens for the royal reception they accorded me and promised them that if I ever returned, on an excursion in the blue ether, (immense applause.) The Chief Burgess then made a few appropriate remarks and thanked me for the exhibition I gave them in the upper air and invited me to come back.

I then entered my car, and Oh, Gee! I found it half filled with presents that were put in during my peregrinations. Capt. T. Fryberger had sent up a sack of buckwheat flour; Harry Emery, a large box filled with oranges, apples, peanuts; Ed. Jones, a box of groceries; Harry Sergeant, two sticks of dynamite and 5 lbs giant powder; Cincy Hoffer, a box of envelopes; Sol. Schmidt, a copy of the History of Germany; Will Burchfield, a gilt-edged checker board with ivory checkers; Bill Holt and Dave Atherton who just returned from a fishing excursion, each left me a 4-pound trout which they bought from a boy who had better luck than they had; Frank Weber, a Morris chair; one box marked, "from a lady friend," contained two boxes of "Lonies" marked 60c. each. Besides, there were 2 doz. kerchiefs, a lot of neckties, kid gloves and dozens of other things of generous mention. To cut this story short, I entered my silver air ship, turned on the power and gently rose, like an air bubble, to the height of my foot. After staying for the upper air I flung "old glory" to the breeze, and before leaving for home I gave another exhibition of the many stunts I had acquired with my ether car, while the crowd below waived their hats and bonnets and screamed themselves hoarse with cheers, after which I scouted for home, and ten minutes later I was seated at my table partaking of a chicken and waffle supper.

BLANCHARD.

In Our Churches Next Sabbath:
Christian—Preaching at 10:30 and 7:30 p. m., and on week evenings. Sunday School at 9:30, Christian Endeavor at 8:30 p. m., S. J. McCracken, minister.

Baptist—Sunday School at 10 a. m., social service at 11 a. m., Y. P. Union at 7 p. m. No preaching, the minister will preach at Milesburg. S. S. Clark, minister.

Many of our citizens attended the funeral of Mrs. Marius Miner, at Howard, Monday afternoon.

A number of prominent Howard ladies and gentlemen and their wives attended the church services at the Christian Church Sunday evening. Among those who were in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Rodgers, Jr., Miss Nancy Lucas, Mrs. W. I. Harvey, Mr. O. T. Lucas, James Leathers and Miss Hoves.

Clair Bittner spent Sunday at home with his mother.

Rebecca Lucas, of Howard, spent Sunday at the home of Mae Harter.

Pearl Fletcher, one of our most popular girls at one time in days gone by, spent Sunday with her friends, Julia Kline. Miss Fletcher is now one of Howard's popular girls.

Miss Puella Glosner, of Beech Creek, and Miss Gladys Welsh, of Romola, spent Sunday with Mae Harter.

John Miller just recently took up a job of stripping the clay of its covering at Winburne.

John Williams, who went to the Wills Eye Hospital of Philadelphia, is reported that his eyes will have to be operated on. He will be required to stay in the hospital at least three weeks.

Maude Martin, who has been ill for a number of weeks, is very low, with black diphtheria. She was so low on Tuesday evening that Dr. Geo. H. Tibbins administered anti-toxin.

This late epidemic has created quite an excitement and probably the schools will close, but we are hoping that such will not be the case.

YARNELL.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fetzer and daughter Thelma, also Myrtle Reiter, all of Altoona, spent a few days last week circulating among friends here.

Mrs. Clay Shope was called away last Wednesday to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Tate, of Milesburg.

Mrs. Katie Jacobs is very ill with inflammatory rheumatism.

Mrs. Harry Haagen and two little daughters, Winifred and Relda, spent last Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Confer.

Claud Yarnell, of Gary, Indiana, but formerly of this place, is spending some time here visiting friends and relatives.

The United Brethren church of this place will be dedicated on Sunday, February 2nd. Three services will be held during the day at 10 a. m., 2:30 p. m., and 7 p. m. Presiding Elder J. S. Fulton will have charge of the service in the forenoon and evening and Capt. C. E. Pownell of Greensburg, will have charge of the service in the afternoon. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mrs. Lucy Poorman was summoned to Snow Shoe on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Mary Poorman.

UNIONVILLE.

Pretty Clara Hall, of Union township, is visiting her sister at Zion. Mrs. Robt. Ray, formerly Miss Bess Brown, of Driftwood, was a recent visitor among friends in town. Than Mrs. Ray, no more popular or more welcome visitor ever comes to our city.

Wm. Peters, of Philadelphia, a brother of Calvin Peters, of Milesburg, is visiting among friends in Centre county and incidentally, fitting their eyes with proper lenses wherever needed.

About the prettiest and pleasantest people in Altoona, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clapper and their baby boy, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Clapper's mother, Mrs. Francis Ammerman.

Miss Margaret Eckenroth the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eckenroth, spent several days very pleasantly with friends in Tyrone last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eckert, of Ardara, Pa., after an extended visit among friends at Danbury Conn., on their return home, stopped off here for a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Eckenroth. Mrs. Eckert is a daughter of comrade, veteran, soldier, Col. E. E. Erhart, formerly of this place.

Mr. Charley Candy, a "sweet" tempered, happy, jolly fellow of Tyrone, was also a visitor at the Eckenroth home over Sunday.

Owing to my visit to Phillipsburg I am compelled to abbreviate the items.

PINE GROVE MILLS.

Miss Florence Musser, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting at the home of J. R. Smith.

Mrs. Lizzie Henry and son LeRoy are visiting friends in Bellefonte.

Prayer meeting is being observed in the Presbyterian church this week. Rev. Stoy Spangler, of the Lutheran church, filled the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Anna Murray, of Altoona, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Smith. Tomorrow evening is the time for the High school banquet. This is one of the leading social affairs of the season and no one should fail to attend.

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