

# THE POST.

Middleburg, Jan. 20th, 1876.

Father Boehm's Death.

A Sketch of the Eventful Life of the Oldest Clergyman in the World.

The Rev. Henry Boehm, who on the 8th of last June celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, and who was doubtless the oldest clergyman in the world, died on Staten Island a few weeks ago. His centennial anniversary was observed by the Newark Conference in Jersey City, and the excitement of that occasion prostrated him. His physician recommended his removal to Staten Island, and he went there to live with his granddaughter. His health gradually improved until the 12th ult., when, after preaching in the Methodist Church in Richmond village, he was again seized with illness. His physician found it necessary to subject the venerable patient to a painful operation, from which his system was not able to rally.

Father Boehm was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and for a year was one of King George's subjects. When he became a man there were only thirteen States. Sailing vessels were the only means of transportation by sea and horses by land, and subsequently in his travels about the country he rode more than a hundred thousand miles on horseback. He always expressed the profoundest astonishment at the changes within his remembrance.

He joined the Methodist Church when he was twenty-one years of age, and was soon afterward licensed to preach. For more than thirty years he has been in the Jersey City Conference, and as long ago as 1812 was on the list of superannuates. It is said that his pay for services as a preacher will average about \$200 a year. He was personally acquainted with all the Methodist Bishops from Coke to Peck.

Father Boehm recalled the names of some of the most eminent Methodists of the early part of the century as among his co-laborers and acquaintances, including Dr. White, Harry Kanalla, G. B. Gussert, DeLaware, Dr. Sellers, Dr. Chittler, Jesse Lee, and William Colbert, whom he regarded as giants in the church. He considered that part of his life in which he was the traveling companion of Bishop Asbury as the greatest public benefit he could do that capacity he was the most intimate and daily associate of a man the purity and greatness of whose character, and the vastness and value of whose work have pleased him foremost among the servants of the Methodist body in this country.

He was chosen by Bishop Asbury as his traveling companion in the spring of 1808, and travelled with him until 1813, when the Bishop appointed Father Boehm Presiding Elder of the Schuylkill District, comprising the whole territory from Wilmington to Stroudsburg between the Susquehanna and the Delaware. The journeys of the two were made on horseback, and in one visit through the territory of Indiana, but six habitations were found in thirty-six miles.

**A Curious Story.**  
These gentlemen who take charge of the money offerings in our churches, will appreciate the following: In a certain Free Church on Sunday, the 15th inst., a young man, a young man who occupied a seat near the pulpit, was evidently greatly embarrassed when the collection was taken up. His new was about the first that the collector was thrown, and he placed his hand on his pocket for the collector waiting a moment, and then quickly thrust a bill—evidently the first he could get out of his wallet—into the basket. After the service the young man lingered, and when the congregation had retired, approached the gentleman who had charge of the collection, and who was counting it at the same time, and remarked that he was a stranger in the city, that he was a poor young man, and had, in the hurry of the moment put a \$10 bill into the collection basket by mistake, for one dollar bill. He implored modestly if it would be unfair to ask for the return of the dollars to him. The collector, evidently appreciating the stranger's frankness, and modesty, looked over the collection, and finding the ten dollar bill, offered to return it. The stranger declined, saying that he meant to contribute one dollar, and that, as he had no small change, he would be satisfied if nine dollars be refunded to him. This was proof positive to the treasurer that the stranger was really honest, and he accordingly gave him nine dollars, nearly all there was in the basket, with the exception of the bill, and the stranger departed with many thanks and apologies. After the treasurer resolved upon he was struck by the appearance of the bill and regained it. It was counterfeit.

**A Snow Plant.**  
A notable curiosity which California will contribute to the Centennial will be a snow plant, brought from the snowy mountains of the Big Trees. Mr. Grover secured the plant through the agency of a character called "Trapper Smith," who is remarkable in that vicinity for his endurance in long marches and the amount of whisky he can carry besides other luggage.

The plant is the largest ever exhibited along the coast. The cones number fifteen, are blood red, and grow together in a bunch. The plant derives its name from the fact that it forces its way up through the snow in the spring of the year, and the edges of its green leaves, which are fringed with a fine white fringe, which grows in the form of a crystallization.

The plant is botanically classed as a parasite, a sort of vegetable "tramp," which generally takes root in some rotten tree which lies just below the surface. It is now at the American Exchange Hotel, San Francisco, enclosed in a box and growing. It will be kept in that state until next June, when it will be forwarded to the Centennial, where a place has been reserved for it.

**A Labor convention** composed of one hundred and thirty delegates from Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut was in session last week at Trenton, Pa. The following resolutions were passed:  
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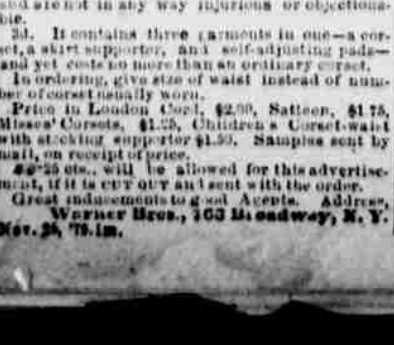
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