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TERMS.

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PENN'A. R. R. TIME TABLE.

Passenger trains leave Mifflin Station as follows:

EASTWARD.	
Philadelphia Express,	12 43 a.m.
Harrisburg Accommo.,	9 48 a.m.
Pitts Express,	10 15 a.m.
Mail,	6 35 p.m.
Atlantic Express,	9 15 p.m.
WESTWARD.	
Pittsburg Express,	12 58 a.m.
Cincinnati Express,	2 05 a.m.
Pacific,	5 58 a.m.
N. & Passenger,	10 10 a.m.
Mail,	3 35 p.m.
Fast Line,	6 45 p.m.
Mixed,	8 15 p.m.
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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Last Friday morning was a hard one on railroads.

E. D. Parker, Esq., left last evening for Denver City.

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The next was a declamation—"Little Boy's Speech"—by Charley Blackwelder. The title might have been changed to "A Peep by a Little Boy." He looked like a mere speck on the platform. He said his piece well, and everybody felt like giving Charley a kiss. Charley withdrew amidst a murmur of approving merriment, and was followed by a

Minor Drama—"Two Beggars"—by the following pupils: Lula H. Caveny, Ellie Haller, Tillie M. London, Davis Simons, Katie C. Goshen, Mary E. Heck, Mollie Kreider, Bella Tillett, Lottie London. The whole play was well rendered, but the crowning feature was found in Granny McBride. The attitude, the cap, the white shawl across the shoulders and tied at the waist, the whole appearance of dress and demeanor revived in mind the grandmothers of "Auld Lang Syne" days. There was an act that was frequently repeated that created the suspicion that the being ensonced in Grandma's clothes was not Grandma, but some rosy-cheeked girl, and that was when she spun, she as often turned the wheel backwards as forwards. Grand Ma don't do such things you know. Who knows but that the act was thrown in on purpose?

Do not suffer with headache when one application of Pain Cure Oil will relieve you.

The "Two Meggers" was followed by Tableau, "The Old Corn Crib" which

The Free School Entertainment Last Friday Evening.

The first time since our school days that we attended an entertainment by Free school scholars was on the evening of the 11th, in Graybill's Hall. That was the time, and that was the place designated by the teachers for holding the annual entertainment of the 4 Free schools of Mifflintown, taught respectively, by David A. Harman, principal, Miss Lizzie R. Harman, O. Holmes Dyngier, Miss Clara V. Daugherty.

There was a murmur in the Hall at the time we entered that was different from that usually heard in large audiences, which required a thought of inquiry to understand that its peculiarity was owing to the voices of children mingling with voices of grown people.

There was abundant time to look over the audience, as attention was not immediately drawn to the stage, as is generally the case on entering playrooms, for there was nothing doing on the platform that could be seen; the curtain was down. We took a seat with a self congratulatory feeling that we had arrived early, and was in to see and hear all, from the beginning.

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THE DUTHER CONGREGATION OF LEWISTOWN HAVE MADE OUT A CALL TO REV. J. C. BURKHOLDER, OF LEWISBURG, TO COME AND PREACH FOR THEM.

Last Saturday evening a pair of boots and a wash rubber were stolen from A. J. Herzler's store at Locust Grove, during business hours.

The only place in town where people should go to buy Holiday and Christmas presents is at Cheap John's Store. He sells his Goods at such low prices, just to suit the times.

Miss Loring, a Syrian missionary, lectured in the Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon. After the meeting a Missionary Society was organized by the ladies. Mrs. Irvin is president of the Society.

Look out for Books, at the Post Office. He is in the city now. He always has, at the Holidays, the largest stock of fresh Confectionery and Toys in the county. Look out for the grand opening on Saturday.

A few days ago a house owned by Thos. Parsons and occupied by Wm. Trigle, between Lewistown and McWayton, took fire on the second story from some unknown cause, and was entirely destroyed. Loss, about \$800.

There is a dog wandering about in certain parts of Chester county, with a tin kettle tied to his tail. Since his misfortune he cannot be induced to come near man, woman or child. He is as distant to his owner as to a stranger. He trusts no one and acts as if this world is all a vain trick."

The King of the Sandwich Islands passed through this place last Friday night, about midnight, in a special car, on his way to Washington. At Altoona, while the train stopped, two reporters of the Altoona Tribune sent in their cards and were admitted to the presence of his Royal Highness. It will all do very well for the reporters, excepting Captain Cook and the wampanoag.

Yesterday evening a week since, the Lutheran Church at Licking Creek was broken into by thieves and the contribution boxes rifled, and the cover of the communion table taken. May the thief in whose possession it is, every time he sees it, think of the crucified thieves near two thousand years ago. Red Bank school house was entered the same night, and the tap-bell and clock of the institution stolen.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.—I take this method to inform my friends that I will be absent for a short time, and that Drs. Speth and Garber will attend to my practice until my return. Dr. Speth can be consulted at my office in Mifflintown every Wednesday from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

D. C. SMITH, M. D.

PROFITABLE SPORTING.—Some six or eight sportsmen from the lower end of the country spent the past two weeks in the "lonely forests" about Licking Creek, hunting for deer. They had several shots, but the deer always happened to be at the wrong place, and consequently were not hit. They returned home, bringing as a trophy of their labor a perfectly developed and full-grown peacock.

THE thanks of the Mifflintown Free Schools are due those citizens who so kindly assisted us in various ways during our entertainment of the 11th inst., also to all who so generously encouraged us by their presence and attention.

D. A. HARMAN, Principal.

was, simply an old boot on a stand. The old boot was turned out, and the pleasant song, "She Sleeps in the Valley" took its place. The song reached an end and with it melody died away to give place for a dialogue, called "The New Scholar," which was a pleasant little play, participated in by the following scholars—Flora Kepner, Minnie Willis, Tillie Creswell, Bertie Haller, Katie Eika, Katie Stroop.

The next piece was a declamation, The Snack in School, by Andrew Parker. Andrew's speech was followed by Miss Minerva Harman in an Elegy on "The Closing of the Year." Miss Harman, had scarcely commenced to read, when the lights began to fail; there was something wrong with the gas apparatus, slowly, but as surely as fate itself the lights died out. There was a quiescence about the slowly declining light in fancy seemed like the dying rays of light that flicker on the border of the "Valley of the Shadow of Death." A real sense of danger did not possess the mind, but there was an uncertainty about the management of the gas that was exceedingly unpleasant. After an adjustment of the gas "machine" the lamps were relit and the entertainment continued.

Frank Weygant succeeded "The Closing of the Year," in "Little Litters"—a declamation. "Little Litters" was succeeded by a song, "The Sweet Story of Old," by the Fourth School. The Sweet Story was succeeded by a dialogue, "The Young Orators," by Harry McClellan and Eddie Watts. The contention of the orators was succeeded by a peaceful declamation, "The Scholar's Mission," by William E. Eika. At the conclusion of this well-spoken piece it became us to leave the Hall, which we did, and that is all that we saw of the entertainment. The people who were there are not yet through with the good talk about it.

THE Evangelical Alliance of the United States has issued the following programme for the Week of Prayer:

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Thanksgiving and Confession. Review of the past; Thanksgiving for its varied mercies; humiliation for personal and national sins. Prayer for God's blessing in the future.

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