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INDIAN CREEK.

Hiram Connor spent Saturday night among Connelleville friends.

F. D. Smearman of Point Marion, spent Sunday here with friends.

L. L. Fish and Steve Reed spent Saturday night in Connelleville.

Radney Woodmancy has completed the new addition to his barn.

Rev. Sellers, pastor of the M. E. church at Ohio Pyle, who is holding revival meetings at Normalville, missed his connections with train No. 48 Sunday morning. He left for Ohio Pyle over the W. M. but arrived there too late to fill his appointment.

S. M. Hutcheson, our live real estate man from Mill Run, was transacting business in Connelleville, Saturday.

Miss Olive Prinkey was calling on friends in Connelleville on Saturday.

J. D. Slater of Mill Run, was a business visitor to Connelleville, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alguire spent Sunday with Connelleville friends.

Mrs. W. P. Miller of Rodgers Mills, spent a day here with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller.

Joseph Illig was a recent business caller at Mt. Braddock.

Chas Newell of Mill Run, has purchased a new automobile.

Edward Fullam was transacting business in Connelleville and Mt. Braddock on Monday.

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NEARBY COUNTIES.

What is Going on in This Part of The State

The Johnstown Ministerial Association has decided upon Sunday, January 3rd, 1915, as a "Go to Church Day" in that city.

John Lutz, 79, Editor of the Bedford Inquirer and oldest member of the Bedford county bar, died at Bedford, Sunday. He was postmaster at Bedford, serving one term.

That the Catholics of the Altoona Diocese of the Catholic church may be compelled to give up dancing, on account of the objection of the Rt. Rev. Eugene A. Garvey, Bishop of the Altoona Diocese, is strongly intimated in a communication sent out by the Rev. Father M. J. Canole, of St. Leo's Catholic church, of Altoona.

Of the 1250 shopmen suspended by the Pennsylvania Railroad last spring, 260 were given their old places in the Altoona shops on Monday. They were needed to help rush work on locomotive repairs in preparation of the winter season. The machine shop forces have been ordered to work fifty hours a week, an increase of five and ten hours.

Judge J. Q. Vanswearinger, in a decision handed down at Uniontown declared that the section of state mining law requiring the maintenance of bore holes for the protection of miners against explosion is lawful and must be observed. P. J. Walsh, inspector of the Ninth bituminous district, instituted suit against a mine foreman of the W. J. Rainey company for not maintaining bore holes. The defendant claimed the holes were of no practical value in preventing explosion. J. E. Cunningham, deputy attorney general sided in the prosecution.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Throughout the County.

Prof. Robt. Gipe, a brother of Harry Gipe of Garrett, died of typhoid fever at Connelleville, recently, aged 26 years. His wife and baby child survive.

Rev. L. P. Young has resigned as pastor of the Lutheran congregations of Salisbury, Greenville, Grantsville, and Keim, where he served for almost nine years. He has been appointed District Superintendent of Missions of the Synod of Western Pennsylvania.

Miss Ethel Laney, youngest daughter of Mrs. Edgar Laney of Boswell, has been removed to Memorial hospital, Johnstown, for treatment for spinal trouble. She is about 13 years old and unable to walk. She was accompanied to Johnstown by Mrs. Charles Allsop, her sister, and Mrs. Monteth.

No successor has yet been appointed for C. S. Ickes, who has resigned as postmaster at Boswell, after a service of two and one-half years and with one and one-half years yet to serve. Mr. Ickes is a Republican. Three applicants have appeared for the position. They are Charles Wetzel, Jefferson McClelland, and Simon Ebaugh, all of whom have petitions in circulation.

Claude Boyer of Boswell, aged about 20, had one of his arms practically severed recently, when a gun he was carrying was accidentally discharged. Boyer and several companions had been hunting some distance from Boswell. Boyer carried his gun under his arm and while stepping over a fallen tree he slipped and fell. The muzzle of the gun pointed upward and Boyer received the load in his arm.

Alex. Launtz, who owns a farm and orchard a short distance north of Somerset, has demonstrated that spraying and other modern methods have improved the quality of his apple crops. Encouraged by his success at local fairs, he sent nine varieties to State College recently for exhibition at the apple exhibit conducted by the Crabapple Club, where he was awarded first prize on the "Wealthy" variety, and prize on the "Wolf River" apples. Exhibits were sent from a number of counties.

The last, and incidentally, the final issue of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Employees Magazine contains an interesting article on Norman B. Ream, the financier, who was born in Ursina, Somerset county. Mr. Ream is a big man in every way. Born a farmer, he worked in the fields of Somerset county, and gradually worked his way up until he went to Chicago and became one of the founders of the National Biscuit Co. When the cyclone almost wiped Ursina from the map last fall, Mr. Ream sent a check for \$1,000 to the fund raised for the relief of the sufferers.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank will be held at its office in Meyersdale, Pa., on the 12th day of January 1915, between the hours of 1 p. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of nine directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

R. H. PHILSON,
Secretary.

Notice to Stockholders.

The Stockholders of the Sand Spring Water Company of Meyersdale, Pa., will meet in the Directors room of the Citizens National Bank on Monday evening, January 11th, 1915, at 7 o'clock for the purpose of electing (9) Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may be properly brought before the meeting.

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Simpson's Christmas

By BEN T. RAND



"OOLS!" said Mr. Simpson. "Idiots!" he added. "Even if they are my own relatives!" he supplemented with a dogged shake of his partially bald head.

The souvenir postal card which called forth his opprobrious language had just arrived.

"Look at this, will you?" He turned the card over in his fingers.

"Peace on earth, good will to men!" Mr. Simpson read the inscription. Then he turned it over.

"We want you with us day after tomorrow for a good, old-fashioned family reunion around the festive Christmas board!" he read in three lines of handwriting on the other side of the card.

"There you are!" he exclaimed wrathfully. "There you are, doggone it!"

He waved the card violently around in the air at arm's length as he continued muttering.

"They send you one of these paper doilies from a madhouse dining room," went on Mr. Simpson to the listening walls of the room of which he was the only occupant—"with 'Peace on earth, good-will to men' on one side, and on the other an invitation to take a six-hour trip out into the slushy country for a rotten meal with a gang of people who drive me crazy at the thought of being related to, every time I see 'em."

"Here I am," he said, regretfully shaking his head over his hard lot in life. "Here I am, planning that I'll be comfortable for at least one Christmas, anyway. Family away in Florida for the winter; me here all alone, to do just as I like—and now along comes this—this summons to spend a day being miserable!"

Suddenly Mr. Simpson sat up straight in his chair.

"By jerry!" he ejaculated suddenly. "By jerry—what's to hinder me from being the martyr in the cause? What's to prevent me from putting an end to this dad-dinged practice—huh?"

"Suppose I don't go to this Christmas reunion? Suppose I stay home here and enjoy my day of peace on earth in the way I want to? What will happen?"

"Why, next year there won't be a single, solitary soul of my relations that will get together in an affair of this kind. I'll have pointed the way—I'll be the example they've been waiting to follow away from custom—and, by jerry, I'll bet you the thing will spread, too!"

"And I'll be responsible for it!" added Mr. Simpson joyously—"if I



stay away, just this once, from this Christmas party I've been invited to! "And think of the good I'm doing to other people, too!" he added. "How grateful the public will be to me for pointing out the way to their own release from this idiotic custom of sacrificing themselves!"

"Why, I shouldn't wonder if there would be a statue erected to me as the first man who stayed away from a family reunion at this holiday! I can see it now, labeled: 'The People's Santa Claus—He Gave Us What We Wanted Most for Christmas!'"

And so, in pleasant reflection upon the perfection of his plan as he had carried it out, Mr. Simpson's thoughts ran until Christmas morning.

It was Mr. Simpson's idea to eat his Christmas dinner, ordered in from a nearby restaurant, in the solitude of his own home, bare as it was of his family.

At one o'clock the waiter brought in the heavy tray. Mr. Simpson superintended the arrangement of its contents on the table in the dining room.

And it was just one-fifteen, as he stood rubbing his hands at the prospect of eating alone on Christmas for the first time in his life—when the doorbell rang.

"Doggone it!" burst out Mr. Simpson. "What's that?"

For a moment he decided not to open the door. Then he changed his mind and went downstairs, two at a time. It might be some bad news from his absent family.

He threw open the portal—and staggered back into the hall.

And after him trooped a gayly shouting and laughing party of sixteen—Mr. Simpson's relatives!

"We came to eat our Christmas dinner here!" cried one of his aunts. "You poor man—we knew you'd be all alone!" gushed a first cousin.

"We didn't want you to eat your Christmas dinner all by yourself," chortled another female relation, "so we brought ours here in baskets to eat with you!"

Mr. Simpson looked over the crowd still streaming into his front hall. His lips pursed tightly as he led the way to the dining room.

But all he said, unintelligibly to his unexpected guests, was:

"Well, I guess they won't put up that statue of me as Santa Claus this year!"

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