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SPECIAL SERVICES.

Harvest Thanksgiving Observed in the Trinity Reformed Church.

The annual harvest thanksgiving services in the Trinity Reformed church, on West Lloyd street, yesterday morning and last evening were of a very impressive character. The services also marked the adoption of a revised directory of worship. Both services were under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Z. A. Yearick, the morning service being conducted in German and the evening service in English.

At the latter service the musical part was augmented by the presence of the choir connected with the Reformed church of Nuremberg, Rev. N. I. Schler, of Kingstown, being the leader. The choir attended service at Grand Manor in the afternoon and a delay in arrival here caused a slight delay in the beginning of the evening service here. The choir rendered several anthems in a very acceptable manner.

Rev. Yearick, in the two scripture lessons at the evening service, read from Matt. VI: 24 and the 10th Psalm, 31. There was also a baptismal service, after which Rev. Yearick preached a short sermon on the text: "Give us this day our daily bread," from Matt. VI: 11, during which he said prayer involves the spirit's dependence. There are some people who are so independent that they are not willing to recognize that they are indebted to the Supreme Being for the blessing conferred upon them. They recognize the power of nature as imbedded in the soil, or the privileges accorded them by the laws and principles of the government under which they live. But there always comes a time when there must be at least an inward acknowledgment of the true dependence—the dependence upon God.

The decoration of the church for the occasion was of an elaborate order. The space back of the chancel was filled by pyramids constructed of all fruits and farm products of the season.

"Lucky Curve" fountain pens and the best ink in the world at Brunner's. 9-11-14

Fast Horses.

It may not be generally known that the Miller Bros., of Girardville, the popular blacksmiths, are the owners of the fastest horses in the county, but such is the fact. The horses, a stallion and mare, were purchased in the West a year or so ago, and their remarkable speed was not known to the present owners for some time after their purchase. So far this year the horses have won prizes at trotting contests this season aggregating nearly \$10,000, the last won being at the State Fair in Bethlehem, where the stallion captured the free-for-all purse of \$1,000 in three straight heats in 2:13, 2:12 and 2:14 time. This week they will run on the Hughesville, Lycoming county track. They are being handled by Sept. Abrams, of Girardville.

Might Have Choked to Death.

Yesterday afternoon a young man accompanied by Wm. Morgan, of Gilberton, called at the office of Dr. J. P. Roberts to receive treatment. The patient had been eating dinner and while enjoying a stem of celery, a small fibre about half an inch in length and the thickness of a pin lodged in his larynx. The fibre was extracted. Had it remained in the larynx any length of time the patient would have choked to death.

Extraordinary Service.

At the Primitive Methodist church, corner of Jardin and Oak streets, next Sunday evening there will be special service of an extraordinary character. It will be something out of the general order of religious service, a special effort on the part of the pastor, congregation and friends, and one of the most interesting and impressive ever held in the church. The choir is making special arrangements for its part on the occasion. Although unique, the service will be strictly in accordance with the gospel.

Change of Meeting Night.

Shenandoah Tribe No. 155, Improved Order of Red Men, has changed its meeting night from Tuesday to Wednesday, the change will go into effect next Wednesday, 20th inst.

Samuel McCutcheon, Sashen.

THOMAS BELLIE, C. of R. 9-18-31

After Thieves.

Druggist Kirlin is on the track of a person who is responsible for some mysterious thefts that have been perpetrated at his store recently, the last of which was the stealing of two boxes of candy.

Peace Disturbers.

John Smith and Frank Requin were both arraigned before Justice Toomey on Saturday night, charged with disturbing the peace. Policeman Foyle was the prosecutor. The defendants settled the case by paying the fine and costs.

Last Excursion.

The last of the summer excursions to Glen Oeko over the Lehigh Valley railroad was run yesterday. Owing to the coolness of the weather but thirty people from town participated in it. Of the series of four excursions held during the past month Shenandoah was represented by a total of 600 people.

Presentation of Gifts.

A number of friends of B. C. Church, lately inside foreman at Turkey Run colliery, tendered him a farewell banquet at Tim. O'Brien's cafe Saturday night. Mr. Church was presented with a gold headed cane and an umbrella. Tim. O'Brien presented the gifts with a few appropriate remarks.

One good sale brings many more.

This is our motto. The Famous.

Mr. Quinn to Resign.

It is understood that James Quinn, who has been in the employ of P. J. Ferguson for several years, as manager of his express agency and theatre, will resign from the position shortly. He has two flattering offers, but it is probable that he will accept one from the Anthracite Steaming Company of Mt. Carmel, as bookkeeper and shipper.

Picnic at Lakeside.

The families of Messrs. W. M. Brewer, E. J. Frasey, M. D. Malone, M. Melley, L. E. Clark and Anton Zie enjoyed a day's outing at Lakeside yesterday. They dined at Jeff. Yost's hotel. The splendid weather afforded the party an opportunity for an enjoyable time.

Huntsinger Accepts.

EDITOR HERALD.—The challenge which appeared in your paper some time ago to meet an "Unknown" from your town will be accepted by the undersigned. If this "Unknown" or his backers will call any time this week at the Opera House saloon, Mahanoy City, arrangements can be completed for the bout.

PHILIP HUNTSINGER.

NEGATIVE, DEFIANT!

Is the Transvaal Answer to Great Britain's Latest Demands.

ANXIOUS FOR ARBITRATION.

The Transvaal Government "Trusts the British Government, on Reconsideration, May Not Deem It Fit to Make More Onerous Proposals."

Pretoria, Sept. 18.—The reply of the government of the South African republic to the latest dispatch, dated Sept. 12, of the British secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, after acknowledging the receipt of the British note, proceeds in part as follows:

"The government deeply regrets the withdrawal, as the government understands it, of the invitation contained in the British dispatch of Aug. 23 and the substitution, in place thereof, of an entirely new proposal.

"The proposals, now fallen through, contained in the Transvaal dispatches of Aug. 19 and Aug. 21, were elicited by the invitation to proposals made by the British diplomatic agent in Pretoria (Conyngham Greene) to the Transvaal state secretary (F. W. Reitz), suggestions which this government acted upon in good faith, and after specially ascertaining whether they were likely to prove acceptable to the British government. This government had by no means an intention to raise again needlessly the question of its political status, but acted with the sole object of endeavoring, by the aid of the local British agent, to put an end to the strained condition of affairs.

"This was done in the shape of a proposal which this government forms, both as regards its spirit and form, to be so worded as, relying upon intimations of this government, would satisfy her Majesty's government. This government saw a difficulty as to the acceptance of these proposals by the people and legislature of the Transvaal, and also contemplated possible dangers connected therewith, but risked making them on account of a sincere desire to secure peace, and because assured by Mr. Chamberlain that such proposals would not be deemed a refusal of his proposals, but would be settled on their merits.

"As regards the joint commission the Transvaal adheres to the acceptance of the invitation thereto given by her Majesty's government. As to the language, this government never made any offer such as is referred to, considering, as it did, such a measure both unnecessary and undesirable.

"The proposed conference, as distinct from the joint commission of inquiry, this government is likewise unwilling to enter upon, but the difficulty is that an acceptance thereof is made dependent upon the acceptance, on the side of the Transvaal, of precedent conditions which this government does not feel at liberty to submit to the world; and, moreover, the British government, at the conference remain undefined.

"This government ardently desires and gladly accepts arbitration, as its firm intention is to adhere to the terms of the London convention of 1884."

THE BRITISH CABINET

Will Meet This Week to Consider the Next Step.

London, Sept. 18.—The reply of the Transvaal government to Mr. Chamberlain's latest note is said to cover nine pages. It is eminently of the "negative and inconclusive" character, which Mr. Chamberlain declared would compel the imperial government to consider the situation afresh. It practically repudiates suzerainty, reverts to the seven years' franchise, and declines to give equality to the Dutch and English languages in the volksraad.

In short, it is politely negative and defiant. The full text may not be available for a day or two, but it will not change the aspect of affairs. The cabinet will probably meet on Wednesday or Thursday to consider the next step.

All the dispatches from South Africa this morning talk of the imminence of hostilities and the preparations for them. In Johannesburg it seems to be taken for granted that the Orange Free State has approved President Kruger's note and promised active assistance in the event of war.

An official telegram posted at Volksraad says that the Transvaal, with the assent of the Orange Free State, repudiates British suzerainty and adheres to the seven years' franchise.

At Cape Town it is reported that Mr. Hofmeyr, the Afrikaner leader, sent a communication to President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, entreating him to do his utmost to preserve peace, but that he received in answer the words, "Too late."

The Morning Post says: "The Boers mean to fight. That is the plain English of it."

The Standard says: "The Transvaal note is unsatisfactory, and indeed a dangerous composition. It might be going too far to say that the last hope of peace has vanished or that diplomacy has said its final word, but it is

difficult to deny that the rulers of the Transvaal have brought their country very close to the brink of disaster which the British government has done its best to avert."

The Daily Mail says: "President Kruger's defiance has terminated a long period of unrest and uncertainty in South Africa, for, whatever may be the issue of the present situation, one thing is certain, that dualism in South Africa will end forever."

The Daily Chronicle says: "We regret that the Boers, by rejecting a fair offer made in fair language, have taken a line giving fresh point to the argument of their enemies that President Kruger is a shifty and impracticable politician, fit only to be spoken across a line of bayonets."

It is supposed that the next move contemplated by the Transvaal is an appeal to the powers, begging them to recommend arbitration on the lines of the conference at The Hague.

A dispatch from Johannesburg says the wildest rumors are current there and that great alarm is felt owing to the unprotected state of the town, especially as Boer signaling is plainly visible on the adjacent mountains.

There was a serious disturbance in the market place of Johannesburg on Saturday afternoon. A meeting called by a labor agitator named Bain, to condemn British policy and to enroll volunteers to fight for the Boers, led to serious fights with the police, lasting a couple of hours. Many persons were injured, among them the recently notorious Dr. Matthews, who laid a charge against a mounted policeman. An immense crowd, singing "Rule Britannia," accompanied him to the police office.

Ladies, we can show you 400 styles of ladies' tailored suits, of all the latest fall shades. Call and leave your order with us. If your dress doesn't fit you, don't take it. THE FAMOUS.

Over Eighty Miles an Hour.

Buffalo, Sept. 18.—With a newspaper train carrying the New York Sunday papers, and consisting of three baggage cars and a locomotive, the Lackawanna railroad yesterday beat all records between Buffalo and New York for a train, covering the 410 miles in the actual running time of seven hours and twenty-three minutes. At this distance was covered at a speed of 59 miles an hour.

Our Fresh Sausage and Puddings.

Are a favorite dish with everybody. Likewise our palatable fresh and smoked meats, Bauer's, Cherry and Chestnut streets. If

Non-Attendant Scholars.

Superintendent Cooper and Trust Officer Coopers are at work on the rolls of the various schools and are comparing them with those sent in by the various ward assessors, to determine, if possible, the names and number of children of school age who do not comply with the requirements of the compulsory education law. According to statistics furnished by ward assessors there are now 4,259 boys between the ages of 6 and 21 years as follows: First ward, 1,054; Second, 414; Third, 414; Fourth, 701; Fifth, 1,198. Between the ages of 8 and 10 there are 2,505. According to the superintendent's report there are 723 pupils unaccounted for who do not attend school. As soon as the names of the non-attendants can be secured notices will be sent out and the parents will be compelled to send their children to school.

Call at the Famous for the latest styles in men's boy's and children's clothing at low prices.

Road Abandoned.

The continued sinking of the surface caused by the workings of Packer No. 2 colliery has made the abandonment of the upper highway at Lost Creek No. 2, near the junction of the road with the Wm. Penn road. Teams now take part way up the road leading to Raven Run, and then cut across to the No. 2 ash bank. It is stated the cave-in has caused a loss of about 500 gallons of good coal to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Hats! Hats!

The celebrated Kosmore make. The best made hat for the money in the market. To be had only at THE FAMOUS.

The Sons of Veterans.

Henry Hornsbee Camp No. 49, Sons of Veterans, will hold a members' entertainment after the regular business to-morrow evening. The special committee has arranged an excellent program which consists of short addresses, solos, recitations, vocal and instrumental music. Invitations have been extended to members of other camps to attend. A smoker will be held after the entertainment.

The biggest variety of stylish neckwear and shirts at THE FAMOUS.

Over \$105,000 Distributed.

Saturday was pay day in this district, and the F. & R. C. & I. Co. distributed \$78,000 among its employees in Shenandoah and vicinity, and with \$20,000 paid by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at the Packer collieries, and \$15,000 at the Primrose colliery, makes a total of \$133,000. Added to this was \$30,000 at the Buck Mountain, Vulcan and Morca collieries, and \$16,000 at Park Place. There was distributed a total of \$179,000 for the district.

Men's and ladies' tailor-made suits made by the Famous are admired by everybody.

County Medical Society Meeting.

The Schuylkill County Medical Society will hold its next meeting at Frackville on October 3rd. Dr. D. J. Langton, of town, will read an important paper on the occasion.

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FREE LUNCHEONS TO-NIGHT.

BECKERT'S. Bean soup, free, to-night. Special lunch to-morrow morning.

RENTZ'S. Beefsteak and fried potatoes to-night. The best free lunch served in town to-night. Mock turtle soup to-morrow morning.

CHAS. BADELIEWICZ'S. Vegetable soup will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.

WEEKER'S. A nice dish of pea soup to-night.

FOOLEY'S. Pea soup, free, to-night. Largest glass of beer in town.

AT CIVIL COURT I

The Judges Become Impatient Because of Many Continuances.

STRINGENT RULE THREATENED!

Cases Continued Twice in Succession May be Excluded For a Year—The School Directors of Gordon Must Make Individual Payment of Costs.

Pottsville, Sept. 18.—Court opened with three judges on the bench at ten o'clock this morning, and among the decisions handed down by Judge Bechtel was one granting a decree of divorce to F. W. Berger from Louisa Berger.

Briefs were asked for in the Hodgert and Harkins cases, in which new trials are asked for.

Judge Marr appointed John Whitaker, auditor of Kline township, in place of M. P. Whitaker, resigned.

Judge Henning handed down the following decisions:

A. J. Whalen appointed Judge of Election at New Philadelphia, to fill a vacancy.

Joseph E. Ganker appointed tax collector of Palo Alto, vice Joseph F. Maloney, resigned.

The petition of Ann D. Harberger for the satisfaction of a mortgage held by M. P. Phillips was granted.

The petition of W. F. Helfenstein for the satisfaction of a mortgage, as also a similar application by Calvin Price, was denied.

Judge Bechtel called over the trial lists for this and next week's terms of civil court. There was a lively passage at arms between Hon. John W. Ryan and J. F. Whalen, Esq., relative to two cases in which they were interested, the application for a continuance being based on the absence of certain papers. The cases have been pending since 1870. Judge Bechtel said he would continue the cases again, but if a similar application should be made at the next term, non-suits would be entered.

So many cases were continued to-day Judge Bechtel stated that the judges are considering the adoption of a rule to exclude from the trial lists for at least a year any case that is continued twice in succession.

The cases announced as settled were: Anthony Somanus vs. Victor Hand, rule to open judgment; argument continued until next Monday.

The bond of Michael Wolfgang, supervisor of Gordon, was approved.

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Alias subpoenas in divorce was granted in John vs. Annie Shevitt.

Judgment in default was granted in A. Primrose and Company vs. Morris Loeb.

Peter Halley, of St. Clair, recently convicted of assault and battery, with intent to murder, was sentenced to pay costs and \$3 fine, and 60 days imprisonment.

The case of the executors of Samuel Heffner vs. W. D. Seltzer was argued. The case involves a question as to Mr. Seltzer's fees as a lawyer.

In the case of the Phoenix Silk Company vs. Shearer and others, constituting the Pottsville Board of Trade, the motion for a new trial was withdrawn.

The bond of W. Thomas Lee, treasurer of the Shenandoah School District, was approved.

Letters of administration were granted to Timothy Miles on the estate of James Doyle, late of Shenandoah, deceased.

Judge Marr ordered the School Directors of Gordon to pay, as individuals, the costs of the proceedings to oust them for failing to elect a primary school teacher, and thus delaying the time for the opening of the schools from August 29 to September 12. Judge Marr said that no right existed to saddle the school district with the costs.

Clinton Valley Coal Company vs. Thomas M. Griffith, motion for writ of attachment of an Auditor for Delano will be filed was given.

Petitions in divorce filed and subpoenas issued in the cases of Mary A. vs. Daniel Bowman, Richard vs. Lydia A. Staab and Edward vs. Elizabeth H. Patterson.

Gustave Labows vs. W. J. Whitaker, judgment secured.

M. P. McLoughlin was appointed auditor to make distribution of the estate of E. Haine and to dispose of exceptions.

James Welsh, of Shenandoah, was excused from jury duty.

Lizzie A. Snyder, of Shenandoah, convicted of keeping a bawdy house, was in court for sentence, but was remanded back to prison. Judge Bechtel stated that reasons had been filed to defer sentence.

In the suit of the Logan B & L Association vs. William Wilhelm, a verdict was taken for the plaintiff for \$1,201.93.

Marriage licenses were to-day granted to Valentine Weber and Katie Ryan, both of Mahanoy City; Harry A. Houser and Eda E. Laik, both of Tanawana.

The following transfers of liquor licenses were made: George J. Smith, First ward of Mahanoy City, to John Smajda; George Bowles, Third ward of Shenandoah, to George M. Shearer; Edwin C. Peger, Pennsylvanian Hill, Pottsville, to Charles C. Rauch; Job Reynolds, Middle town, to Walter H. Price.

Among the deeds recorded to-day were the following: Rachel Morgan, executrix, to Frank Morgan, premises in Girardville; Mary Schwalb and husband to Fietta Peart, premises in Hubley township; Michael Hillan and wife to Florence Short, premises in St. Clair.

The Orphans' Court Judge Dunn disposed of the following cases: Estate of Adam L. Dermuth, deceased, decree of distribution filed; estate of Ralph Oliver, \$2,300 bond approved; estate of Ralph Kemble, \$30 bond of trustee approved.

Judge Henning announced that he will decide the Cas township school district case during the week.

News Published.

At the morning service in the Annunciation church yesterday the approaching marriage of Patrick E. Roddy and Miss Margaret Wade, both of West Chester street, was announced. The event will take place on Wednesday, 27th inst.

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10-4 White Blankets, red and blue borders, worth 60 cents; our price, 45c.

10-4 White Blankets, red and blue stripes, worth \$1.00; our price, 75c.

10-4 Grey Blankets, blue and red stripes, 37c a pair.

10-4 Grey Blankets, 60 cents; our price, 50 cents.

11-4 Fine Grey Blankets, 95c; worth \$1.25.

11-4 Light Grey Blankets, blue and white border, at \$1.35; worth \$1.75.

All-Wool Blankets.

10-4 White Soft Finish, \$1.98; worth \$2.25.

11-4 Fine Quality, \$3.79; worth \$4.50.

11-4 Extra Fine White, \$5.15, 6.25, \$7.50.

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FINE xx FEATHERS—42c., 54c. and 68c. per lb.

A lot of Skirt Patterns at 18c. each.

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Linoleums, Oil Cloths and window shades. Best assortment in town. Remnants of Carpets and Oil Cloths cheap.

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