

# CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMNS

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## SPREADING INFORMATION

### LAKEVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goble entertained on Sunday last the following: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keesler, Mrs. Frye and Miss Julia Compton of Tafton, Pa.

R. W. Murphy of Hawley, called on his mother here on Sunday.

Miss Alma Bea and Frank Sheeley were callers at W. D. Sheeley's on Sunday.

Mrs. A. Degraffe, of Honesdale, is spending a time with her parents, John Bishop and wife.

Mrs. A. Goble, Mrs. Charles Daniels and Miss Minnie Locklin spent Saturday with friends at Hawley.

A number from Hawley attended the dance at this place on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Utz is spending a time with her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Murphy, of Hawley.

L. Cohen left on Sunday for New York City on business, having been called by telegram on Saturday night.

The Ladies' Aid was held at the parsonage on Wednesday, March 2, 1910.

Mrs. James Noble and sister, Miss Lulu Bidwell, were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Locklin.

Jacob Youngs sold his farm at this place to Mr. Richter of Uswick. Mr. Youngs moved his family to New York City last week.

Mr. H. Spielvogel spent the past week in New York on business.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Davy, a daughter, on February 22, 1910.

Philip Sheeley made a business trip to Arlington on Sunday, Feb. 27, 1910.

William Herwig lost a cow of late.

### ALDENVILLE.

We are having an old-fashioned thaw, rain and general flood, and at present the ice is piled high in the creek.

On Friday night of last week a good-sized audience greeted Prof. Albert of Bloomsburg State Normal School, when he delivered his lecture on "The Country's Need of Men."

District Teachers' Institute was in session all day Saturday. Many interesting papers and discussions were the chief feature.

It is reported that the Board of School Directors on Saturday met and voted to build a new high school building in Aldenville. It's about time as the old one now being used is certainly a poor excuse for one and is really a menace to the health of the children. A paper has been circulated and enough work subscribed to put a basement under the proposed new building. Let every one show a friendly interest toward this progressive movement in the interest of educational advancement.

Maurice Pethick has employed John Shuper to assist him the coming season.

### BEACH LAKE.

March came in like a lamb, so of course it will go out roaring like a lion. The great amount of snow has been wasting away so fast for the last three or four days; yet the overflow of water is passing down the stream so gently that not much inconvenience or damage is done by it, near our locality.

General health is good here at present.

A number are taking the advantage just now to do up their visiting before spring work begins.

Mrs. Brown has gone to spend some time with her daughter.

Miss Eliza Dunn is spending some months with her sister in Owego, N. Y.

Mabel Decker is visiting her sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Budd went Friday to spend some time with their relatives.

Rev. Mr. McVeigh started Monday for a vacation.

The Lodge of the N. P. L. had an oyster supper at Thomas Trevorton's Saturday evening. Since the recent great fall in the dividend a number have dropped out.

Spring changes are now contemplated, but as far as we learn not so many will take place this season. People are now waiting for spring as they have had winter long enough.

We are wondering who our census enumerator will be, and also wondering what changes will be in the coming conference, and still we will be on the anxious seat during this life.

### BETHANY.

The many friends of Bessie Louise Jones and William H. Collins will be pleased to hear of their marriage at the parsonage at 1 o'clock Tuesday, March 1st, by Rev. W. B. Signor in the presence of relatives and friends. After the ceremony the wedding party sat down to a dainty repast. In the afternoon the bride and groom were driven to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Collins, of Prompton. They expect to make their future home in Scranton. The bride was attired in a dark blue broad cloth traveling suit. Her home was formerly in Bethany.

### FILIPINOS LIKE NEW SHOES.

Are Treasured by Natives Far Above All Other Articles Imported.

Perhaps of all our possessions, either personal or commercial, the Filipinos like our shoes best. In their estimation it may be said the shoes come next after independence. Natives have been known to go hungry in order to sport a pair of oxfords with military heels, bulldog toes and big, low laces, says the Bookkeeper. The price was the only thing displeasing about our shapely footwear. The customs laws were indicted for the fault. Yet the price rarely interfered where physical endeavor would result in the ownership of a pair of attractive zapatos Americano. Still it was claimed that many a longing native could not raise 25 (which looks much bigger when reduced to the equivalent in pesos) to adorn his little brown toady-wooties.

### Facts About Balloons.

No balloon has ever remained in the air more than fifty-four hours at one time, as far as is known.

Neither has any air craft of this kind ever traveled more than 1,000 miles without stopping.

No person has ever been lifted more than seven miles above the earth's surface in a balloon.

Unmanned balloons have attained a height of fifteen miles above the earth.

One of the greatest dangers of a high ascent is the changing density of the atmosphere.

The bursting of a balloon in midair is not necessarily a fatal accident. Every balloon is provided with a "ripping cord," which cuts a hole in the envelope, out of which the gas escapes. The silk bag is then carried by the air into an upper portion of the netting, where it forms a parachute and drops safely to the earth, unless unforeseen complications develop.

### Scottish Shepherd's Dancing Cure.

A curious Highland remedy was the dancing cure as it was practiced many years ago in Strathpey. A Highland shepherd, one Donald McAlpin, a famous dancer, was reputed to have cured his mistress of a mysterious malady by means of dancing a reel with her, and this story being noised abroad gained him the reputation of being a successful physician. His humble cottage, overlooking Strathpey, was besieged with crowds of patients who hoped to get rid of their ailments by a dance with Donald. The shepherd did not hesitate to take advantage of this stroke of good luck and soon had a large and thriving practice. He engaged as assistant an ancient piper, who did the duties of apothecary, and the two between them evolved a course of treatment for almost every ill to which the flesh is heir.—The British Medical Journal.

### Music as an Anaesthetic.

A physician of Geneva, in Switzerland, has successfully employed music to soothe and tranquillize the dreams of persons who have taken ether or chloroform in order to undergo surgical operations.

The music is begun as soon as the anaesthetic begins to take effect, and is continued until the patient wakes. It is said that not only does this treatment prevent the hysterical effects sometimes witnessed but that the patient on recovering feels no nausea or illness.

Another physician uses blue light to produce anaesthesia. The light from a sixteen candle-power electric lamp, furnished with a blue bulb, is concentrated upon the patient's eyes, but the head and the lamp are enveloped in a blue veil to shut out extraneous light. Insensibility is produced in two or three minutes.

### Pointed Paragraphs.

Idleness is the master key to poverty.

We are apt to look upon candid friends as enemies.

Trouble never tries to dodge people who are looking for it.

The younger a man is the more he knows about women—he thinks.

When a man begins to blow in his money a lot of people get wind of it.

The secret of success lies in doing well what you can do and cutting out what you can't do.

Many a man's success is due to the fact that he went ahead first and made it right afterward.—Chicago News.

### Humor and Morality.

We have extirpated gross humor from our modern literature; but we must not suppose that we are therefore more moral than the Elizabethans, whose literature was full of gross humor. It may be that we are only more afraid of ourselves and each other. This kind of fear is destructive not only of gross humor but of humor of all kinds. In its essence humor is brave as it is honest; but with cowardice and dishonesty there come base substitutes for it, substitutes that make fun of noble things with a humorous air and so bring humor itself into discredit.

### The Courtship Gate.

We have been shown a design for an upholstered front gate which seems destined to become very popular. The foothold is cushioned, and there is a warm soapstone on each side, the inside step being adjustable, so that a short girl can bring her lips to the line of any given mustache without trouble. If the gate is occupied at 10.35 p. m., an iron hand extends from one gate post, takes the young man by the left ear, turns him around, and he is at once started toward home by a steel foot. The girl can, if she likes, set this part at a later hour than 10.35.

## GRANGE.

### PRUNING AS TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

The owner of a peach orchard of several thousand trees, situated near Pittsburg, wrote to Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, in regard to pruning. He said:

"In pruning our Iron Mountain trees, we find so many different conditions that we are pruning each individual tree about as we think it will bear. We are cutting all back pretty close, possibly too close for the next crop; that is, where a tree is apparently in thrifty condition, we are cutting the top limbs back about one-half, without regard to last year's growth. We are also opening up the inside of the trees, and spreading out the side branches. These trees were allowed to grow too high.

"Also, in regard to the Bray's Rarities, which you advised me in a former letter to cut back closely, with the view of forming new tops. Do you mean that the entire block should be cut back closely, or be worked out by cutting a portion each year for two or three years?"

The answer of Prof. Surface, in regard to the above, was as follows:

"Your idea of distinct attention to each individual tree, according to its needs, is the only one that can be correct. We must take to working at our trees as a stockman works at his stock, with a view to the individual needs of each. It may be that cutting back the top of a very healthy tree as much as one-half is not too much. Of course, if this involves the cutting off of last year's growth, it means the removal of many fruit buds some of which may be needed for this year's bearing. As you know, these fruit buds are on only the growth of last season. If there be not many fruit buds that are healthy, this is the time to do the cutting back and force new and healthy growth next summer, which will bear well the following summer.

"In pruning your Rarities, be one or two systems should be kept in mind, one of which is complete topping for immediate renewal, and the other is partial topping each year, with partial annual renewal. To the unskilled person, or one who would not give them constant and proper attention, I would recommend the former method, but for you (and for myself if they were my trees) I should recommend and employ the second method."

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a coat of oil or grease to prevent rusting.

"I am frequently asked if an ordinary iron kettle can be used for this purpose without injury to it, and take this occasion to say that the lime-sulphur wash will not seriously affect any metal excepting copper. Copper kettles should not be used, as the copper will be dissolved and the kettles ruined. Common iron kettles, such as are used in butchering, or even ordinary galvanized iron wash tubs can be used successfully in boiling lime-sulphur wash. It is not necessary to boil the entire barrel full of this mixture at one time. Eight or ten or more gallons of the material can be prepared in the concentrated form and then diluted to fifty gallons by adding water after boiling."

### FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call today was 2 1/2 per cent time money and mercantile paper unchanged in rates. Closing quotations of stocks on the New York exchange March 2 were:

Anal. Copper... 89 1/2 Norfolk & West... 101  
 B. & O... 112 1/2 Penn. R. R... 120 1/2  
 Brooklyn R. T. 75 Reading... 103 1/2  
 Ches. & Ohio... 85 1/2 Rock Island... 59 1/2  
 C. C. & St. L. 81 St. Paul... 102 1/2  
 D. & H... 120 1/2 Southern Pac... 127 1/2  
 Erie... 21 1/2 Southern Ry... 20 1/2  
 Gen. Electric... 153 1/2 South. Ry. pr... 67 1/2  
 Ill. Central... 43 1/2 Sugar... 12 1/2  
 Int. Met... 22 Texas Pacific... 20 1/2  
 Louis. & Nash... 137 1/2 Union Pacific... 137 1/2  
 Manhattan... 137 1/2 U. S. Steel... 49 1/2  
 Missouri Pac... 71 1/2 U. S. Steel pr... 12 1/2  
 N. Y. Central... 123 1/2 West. Union... 10 1/2

### Market Reports.

BUTTER—Strong; receipts, 4,222 packages; creamery, specials, 23 1/2c; extras, 23 1/2c; thirds to firsts, 23 1/2c; held, seconds to specials, 24 1/2c; state dairy, common to firsts, 24 1/2c; process, firsts to specials, 25 1/2c; western, factory, seconds to firsts, 25 1/2c; imitation, creamery, 24 1/2c.

CHEESE—Firm; receipts, 1,124 boxes; state, full cream, full make, special, 17 1/2c; fancy, 17 1/2c; good to prime, 16 1/2c; current make, best, 15 1/2c; common to fair, 14 1/2c; skims, 1/2 lbs. full make, specials, 14 1/2c; good to prime, 13 1/2c; current make, best, 12 1/2c; fair to good, 8 1/2c; common, 8 1/2c; full skims, 14 1/2c.

EGGS—Closing firm at decline; receipts, 14,420 cases, state, Pennsylvania and nearby, white, 22 1/2c; brown and mixed, 20c; 2c; brown, fair to prime, 20 1/2c; western, firsts, 20 1/2c; seconds, 18 1/2c.

LIVE POULTRY—Easier; chickens, per lb., 18 1/2c; fowls, 18c; roosters, 18c; turkeys, 14 1/2c; ducks, 14 1/2c; geese, 12 1/2c.

### Niagara Falls.

So far as our present knowledge goes, the earliest printed reference to the great cataract is in the record of a voyage by the celebrated Jacques Cartier in 1535. Its position was first mentioned by Champlain in a map attached to his voyages, published in 1613. The earliest description of the falls is that of Father Hennepin, who visited them in 1678. His account was published with a sketch giving a full view of the cataract. The name "Niagara" means "thunder of waters," and was given it by the Indians. It is impossible to answer the query concerning the age of Niagara Falls. Opinions differ, some placing it at 500,000 years, others as low as 20,000 years. The larger figure is probably nearer the truth.

The Same Old Story.

"Permit me to use your shoulder for a Walling Place," says a letter in the Globe's mail to-day. "In the morning I arise at the same old time, go to work, do the same old work all morning, and return at noon to the same old lunch. It is the same old programme in the afternoon and the same old supper at night. In the evening I sit on the same old porch with the same old wife, and we watch the same old neighbors and they watch us. We have good health, I have a fair income, we have had no great misfortune, but with all this to be thankful for, this monotony is killing me. Can you suggest a remedy? Are there no wise men who can compound Contentment Pills?"

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