

LAKE COMO.

Lake Como, March 12. The infant son of Corliss G. and Mabel F. Holcomb died very suddenly of pneumonia at the home of C. E. Campbell, Shehawken, Pa.; and was buried from the Shehawken M. E. church, appropriate services being held by Rev. Wm. S. German. Corliss Edgar Cardey Holcomb was born Jan. 18, 1913, and died March 6, 1913. He was a very bright little fellow and will be greatly missed by the parents. The Buckingham High school held the senior class entertainment at the school house in Lake Como on last Friday evening. A very large crowd was present, and the performers did great credit to the reputation of this school. One of the features of the evening was a mock trial consisting of a breach of promise case. The orchestra played several good selections. The best performance was a drill by the classes under the direction of Mrs. Carey, who deserves great praise and credit. Refreshments were served by the Seniors, the proceeds amounting to about \$35.00. The Epworth League will give a Saint Patrick's social in the hall on the 17th of this month. Richard Randall is still very sick at this writing, with no hopes held out for improvement.

EQUINUNK.

Equinunk, March 13. The ladies of the M. E. church are preparing for a supper to be held in the basement of the church Wednesday evening, March 19th. Harry Knapp, of Chicago, spent the past week at the home of his grandparents, A. Knapp and wife. Oakley Tyner and Elmer Chapman were visitors in Allentown last week. Joshua Pine is confined to his home with lagrippe. Margaret Dillon spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Delos Lester and wife at Hancock. Horton Lord is a guest of Binghamton relatives. Mrs. Thomas Slater is ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Stafford returned to her home here Friday after a several weeks' visit with Callicoon relatives. Philip Finnegan and family will move to Binghamton the first of April. Sylvester Knapp and family will occupy their home here. Marcel Branning, of Inglehart, is visiting his brother Paul. John Tompkins and John Barrett are in Honesdale attending to court duty this week. Edw. Osterhout, of Hancock, is spending a few days with his cousin, Lee Knapp. Little Frank Thurston met with an accident Saturday which deprived him of the ends of three fingers on his right hand. The following pupils of the primary school were present every day of the fifth month: Kenneth Warfield, Frank Thurston, Leon Lord, Granville Frisbie, Arnold Emrich, Willie Bleck, Leonard Joy, Myrtle Ewain, Roberta Lord, Edna Woodrow, Florence and Dorothy Chapman, Wanda Lord, Thelma Hadaway and Sybil Tyner. Wm. Hornbeck and Halsey Youngs of Hancock, spent Sunday at the home of J. K. Hornbeck. Blanche Frisbie, who is attending school at Hancock, spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. Frisbie and wife.

INDIAN ORCHARD.

Indian Orchard, March 13. Several persons have been added to the sick list during the past week. Among them are Joseph Henshaw, Mrs. O. D. Henshaw and Mrs. W. E. Avery. The Ladies' Guild held at Mrs. Samuel Gregory's on Thursday last was well attended. Twenty dollars were received at the meeting, fifteen dollars of which was donated to apply on the shed fund. Samuel Gregory and brother of East Honesdale, were the guests of W. H. Marshall, of Altoona farm on Sunday. Mrs. Richard Ham will entertain the Ladies' Guild on Thursday the 27th inst, when a good social time is expected. W. D. Buckingham, W. E. Avery, E. C. Ham, J. Wegge and W. H. Marshall called on friends at Adams Lake, East Berlin, Welcome Lake and Swamp Brook on Friday last. E. C. Ham will resume work this week at hauling lumber for F. Hollenbeck. Mrs. Russell of Clarendon, Warren county, was the guest of her niece, Mrs. E. C. Ham, on Saturday last. Inspector Oliver, of East Honesdale was calling on and scoring the Berlin dairymen last week. As usual he favored them with considerable valuable information. J. W. Reining and wife, of Vine Hill, were calling on the sick at this place on Sunday. O. D. Henshaw, who is teaching school at Gallies, came home on Wednesday last on account of illness of his children and wife. Joseph Saunders of East Honesdale, was a recent visitor at the home of W. D. Buckingham of Chestnut Grove farm. Joseph Jay from near Bay City, Michigan, is expected to arrive here about the middle of the week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jay. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ham attended their uncle, James Mullen's funeral at Honesdale on Thursday last. Edna Toms, who is teaching school at East Beachlake, is at the home of her grandparents for several days owing to the smallpox scare at Beachlake. L. R. Garratt and wife entertained guests from Torrey on Sunday last. The Sunday school at Christ church has donated ten dollars to be applied on the shed fund. W. H. Colwell and son of Torrey were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Garratt recently. Mrs. Joseph Swartz and son Eddie, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Levi Ostrander of Ateo. W. E. Avery of Brook road, was the guest of his parents, E. E. Avery and wife of the Bethel Fruit farm.

LAST GREAT LAND OPENING TO TAKE PLACE IN MONTANA SOON

A Million and a Third Acres of Rich Homesteads For Settlers.

Great Tract Could Produce Sufficient Grain to Feed the Nation.

WHEN spring suns melt the snows now covering Montana that state will be the theater of a typical American scene staged for the last time. Thousands of women and men from all parts of the country will assemble in Poplar to benefit by Uncle Sam's last great distribution of farm land. It will be a homestead crush rather than a rush. The picturesque race of a former day that marked the throwing open of government land to settlers has given way to the more prosaic method of drawing lots. He who draws No. 1 is entitled to the first selection of a 320 acre allotment, the winner of the second ballot gets the next choice, and so it goes until all the land has been awarded to the lucky ones among the contestants, for there will be several times more applicants than farms. There will be excitement a-plenty in spite of the new manner of distribution. Success will depend not on fleetness, but on luck. Under the former system the prospective homesteaders were lined up, and at a signal they began a rush that was one of the most thrilling sights in the modern west. Oklahoma was settled in that way. It was a race assuredly to the swift. Men on horseback—yes, men and women—spurred their mounts to distance others who sat in buckboards or farm wagons behind fleet trotters or galloping bronchos. He who reached the goal first staked out the best claim. Those who followed took the leavings. For the majority, including practically all those who traveled afoot, nothing was left.

Million and a Third Acres.

It is no small section Uncle Sam will give away in Montana this spring—nothing less than a million and a third acres. The tract is the major part of the big Fort Peck Indian reservation at Poplar. Wise men in Washington have decided that Poor Lo has had the place to himself long enough. They think he will be better off with a few thousand white neighbors, and they also deem it time to lower the cost of living for the hundred million or so of palefaces sprinkled over the United States. It is figured the necessities of life will be made a little cheaper by opening the reservation to homesteaders, since the quick agricultural development that is sure to follow is expected to add 20,000,000 bushels of grain to the nation's annual production. There are 2,068,883 acres in the Fort Peck tract, but the interior department has allotted 723,693 to the Mandans and Sioux now settled there, leaving 1,345,000 acres to be taken up by the descendants of the pilgrim fathers and other immigrants. It is about the richest land in the dry farming region, as is proved by the results obtained in the 3,800 acres now under cultivation. Two years ago the whole tract was bare prairie, and even last year the cultivated area was only 1,500 acres. In twenty-four months the land has been improved, without irrigation and with little rain, to the point where flax has run eighteen to twenty-six bushels to the acre, wheat twenty to twenty-five and oats sixty to eighty-five.

Tract Could Supply Nation.

Professor Thomas Shaw, agricultural expert, is authority for the belief that the million and a third acres to be given to white men will grow enough grain to feed a nation. The big yield thus far is a result of cultivation by Indians alone. What the harvest will be when palefaces get busy with the soil makes interesting reckoning. That it will be far greater than the redskins' best achievement is certain, although it must be admitted that Lo has made fine progress as a farmer in recent years. "On the supposition that the unoccupied land were devoted to the growing of wheat on the summer fallow plan," said Professor Shaw a short time ago after a visit of inspection to the reservation, "which would mean that one-half the area would be in crop at one time, and on the further supposition that the wheat would yield twenty-five bushels per acre, which is a moderate estimate for yields on land thus prepared, the aggregate production would be 19,312,500 bushels. "If this land were entirely devoted to the growing of barley on the summer fallow plan the yield would be 30,900,000 bushels, as barley grown on such land should average forty bushels per acre. If the entire area were devoted to the growing of oats on the same lines the total production would be 38,625,000 bushels, as fifty bushels per acre would not be an extravagant estimate for land thus farmed. "There is another way of showing the immensity of the possible production of this fertile tract of land," the professor continued. "On the supposition that one-fourth of the entire acreage were devoted to the growing of fodder corn the yield at the moderate estimate of two and a half tons per acre of cured fodder would amount to 840,825 tons. If winter wheat were drilled in the fodder at the proper sea-

son, which is August, and if the yield were the same as on the summer fallow, which would be reasonable to look for, the production in wheat would amount to 8,408,250 bushels.

Great Flax Crop.

"If one-tenth of the land were devoted to the growing of flax and the yield were ten bushels per acre the flax crop would amount to 1,345,000 bushels. If one-tenth of the land were also devoted to the growing of barley, putting the yield at thirty bushels per acre, which would be high enough for land not summer fallowed, the production would be 4,035,000 bushels. If one-tenth of the land were devoted to the growing of oats at forty bushels per acre the yield would be 5,380,000 bushels.

"This," Professor Shaw added, "would still leave one-fifth of the land for other kinds of production, such as alfalfa, vegetables and pasturage. The estimated possible production then would stand as follows for each year after the first year:

Table with 2 columns: Crop, Yield. Fodder corn 840,825 tons, Wheat 8,408,250 bushels, Flax 1,345,000 bushels, Barley 4,035,000 bushels, Oats 5,380,000 bushels.

"This," he said in conclusion, "would still leave ample room for other lines of production."

Poor Lo's progress as a farmer has been forwarded by a man who not only is a great believer in the future of the northwest, but who also thinks the one time savage can be made a really useful member of civilization instead of being herded in reservations on a footing of mere tolerance. This promoter of Indian advancement is Louis W. Hill, son of James J. Hill, founder of the Great Northern railway. He himself is chairman of that road's board of directors. Young Hill, with Mrs. Hill and their four children, passes much of his time in the big outdoors. He has made many visits to the Fort Peck reservation and has studied closely the possibilities of the Sioux and Mandans.

To Instruct Indians.

The result of his observation was a conviction that it would pay in a sociological sense to have the Indians instructed in the agricultural methods of the whites. He obtained permission from the department of the interior to send a delegation of redskins to the land show in New York a year ago. The Indians were so much impressed by the evidences of advanced agriculture they saw in New York that on their return to the high plains of Montana they voluntarily became instructors of their brethren in scientific farming, with the logical outcome that the reservation yielded a bumper crop last autumn.

"The figures are rather surprising," said Hill to the writer in St. Paul recently, "for they show that since these Indians returned from New York twice as much acreage has been cultivated on the Fort Peck reservation as was planted last year. It simply goes to show that almost anybody will improve his condition if he gets a helping hand in the right direction."

That comment was made when Louis Hill and his interviewer had returned from the first county fair ever held by Indians, at Poplar, which is about as prosperous a little town as can be found in the country. A big agricultural exhibit had demonstrated what Lo could do as a farmer, and at the same time a great gathering of chiefs and braves and squaws and papooses had shown what a tribal reunion meant. More than 2,000 Sioux, Mandans and Blackfeet were camped in a circle a mile in diameter. For five days they entertained visitors with pony races, war dances, medicine making and other features of life in the open and then switched to a football game between the Mandans and a team of Blackfeet from Glacier National park. The palefaces came away with increased esteem for a race that could grow in a generation from the savagery of the tepee to the civilization of the frontier farmhouse.

DETECT CHECK RAISING BY ULTRA VIOLET RAYS.

New Method Shows Up Faintest Signs of Erasures.

Changes in documents or checks made after the use of a chemical ink eraser may be detected by photography with the aid of ultra violet rays, according to Dr. Robert W. Wood of Johns Hopkins university, who announced his discovery recently.

Dr. Wood exhibited a check raised to \$2,400. The words originally were "twenty-four dollars." The change was made by an expert in a manner that made it impossible to discover the change even with a high power magnifying glass.

The slip of paper was placed under the ultra violet rays for a ten minute exposure. The result was that a heavy smudge appeared after the words "twenty-four," clearly showing that there had been an erasure and something else written in.

LAKEVILLE.

Lakeville, March 13. Mrs. Matilda Bishop returned home Monday after spending a fortnight with her daughter, Mrs. A. K. DeGroat. Mrs. Mary Utt, of this place, went to Scranton Tuesday last to visit her sons, Spencer and Floyd Kimble. Miss Hazel James, of Lakeville, spent last week at Elmhurst visiting her friend, Miss Lena Osborne. While away she will visit friends in Scranton. Miss Julia Welsh entertained friends from Hawley Friday and Saturday last. Wm. Welsh is at the county seat this week serving as a traverse juror. The Ladies' Aid of Ledgeale was entertained at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harloe on Wednesday last. Quite a number from Lakeville met with them. A good time was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith, of Ledgeale, spent Sunday last with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. James of this place.

Hardly a family in this vicinity has been slighted with the grip and some have been gripped pretty hard. Mr. and Mrs. S. Miller entertained the following on Sunday last: Miss Hannah Levy, of Scranton; Mr. and Mrs. D. Finklestein and daughter, of Hawley; and Lewis Miller of New York.

Ladies' Aid of this place will hold a variety supper in the P. O. S. of A. hall Wednesday evening, March 19th. Everybody welcome. Proceeds to apply on minister's salary.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Alpha is entertaining as guest this week Oscar Martin of New York. Mr. Martin has sold his home near Bronx Park. On his return to the city he and Mrs. Martin will go to Germany.

Mrs. Berton Daniels, of Wilsonville, spent Sunday last with her father, Mark Killam, of this place.

F. Bergman left Wednesday last for his new home in New York. Mr. Page and family have moved on Mr. Bergman's farm. We welcome our new neighbors.

Mrs. Spencer Daniels spent Sunday last with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Alpha.

Chas. Frisbie has been confined to the house the past week with the grip. He is improving.

Hildegard Rebekah Lodge request all members to be present at the next meeting, March 19, as there is important business to be transacted.

Mrs. Chester James, of Lake James Hotel, was called to Brooklyn on Monday last to attend the funeral of her grandfather, Mr. Plath.

BETHANY.

Bethany, March 10. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith and son, Graydon, of Honesdale, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Kimble of Pleasant Valley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hauser.

The Methodist Junior choir met Sunday afternoon to practice for Easter under the direction of Mrs. E. S. Blerly and Miss Alice Ward.

Rev. Pritchard announced Sunday evening that he would hold services every evening except Saturday of Holy Week and would preach each evening appropriate to the time of the journey to the Cross, celebrating the "Last Supper" Thursday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mrs. J. J. Hauser is giving a dinner to-day in honor of Mrs. Rush Kimble's birthday. Those present were: Mesdames Bryant, Webb, Amy, E. W. Gammell, Hawker and Rush Kimble.

Those who had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. N. W. Bass when she spoke at the M. E. church here recently will be pleased to hear of her marriage to Rev. J. B. Santee.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION, Estate of

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LAURA M. DECKER, Admin'x. Newfoundland, Wayne county, Pa. Or to her attorney, Furman Sheppard Phillips, 707 Betz Bldg., Philadelphia.



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