

BETHANY.

Bethany, Dec. 23.—Mrs. J. J. Hauser spent Tuesday in Scranton. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Starnes went to Scranton Tuesday to consult an eye specialist as Mr. Starnes has had great trouble with one of his eyes. Dr. Frey made an examination and didn't find any foreign substance which was supposed to have been there. After treating the eye Mr. Starnes felt very much better.

Patrons of the school enjoyed a very interesting programme Friday afternoon and much credit is due the teacher, Miss Purdy, in training the twenty-four scholars who did so well. The programme was as follows: "Santa Claus," song by the school; recitation, "Santa Claus," questions by Elizabeth Pritchard; "A Telephone Message to Santa," by Helen Bodie; "Christmas Speech to Santa Claus in China," Robert Paynter; "Just Before Christmas," Clarion Hauser; song, "The Naughty Little Mouse," Tamar Pritchard; "Santa Claus," Leslie Pathiek; "A Little Speech by a Little Girl," Edna Cleo; "Talking to Santa," Ruth Yerkes; song, "Where Does Santa Claus Live," by the school; recitation, "Moderate Wish," Charles Paynter; song, "He is a Funny Old Fellow," Edwin Pritchard; solo, with school joining in the chorus; recitation, "Sister Susie's Beau," Marshall Ward; "It Was the Night Before Christmas," Helen Bennett; song, "The Women Who Lived in a Shoe," Stella Dudley and Doris Blake; recitation, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," Mildred Avery; "Santa Claus at Home," Hilda Smith; "Betty and the Bear," Doris Blake; "A Catastrophe," Donald Ballou; song by the school, "Children, Why Are You Here?" Nellie Pritchard was the accompanist. All enjoyed the prettily decorated tree which was lighted after the entertainment and a general social time was spent. Miss Purdy received a very fine cut glass flower vase from her scholars. There will be school three days this week, then vacation the remainder of the week.

The Sunday schools will have their exercises and tree in the Methodist church to-night (Wednesday). Helen Manning returned from New York Wednesday to spend Christmas at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clemo of Beech Grove will give a family dinner party on Christmas which will include fifteen people. Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard and family are invited for Christmas to the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jennings who will also give a dinner party to fifteen people.

RARE OPERATION PERFORMED ON PIKE COUNTY LASSIE
Portion of Spinal Column Removed—Bone Sewed Together and Placed Around Spinal Cord, Fortifying the Thread of Life.

A tiny wisp of Pike county girlhood, says the Milford Dispatch, had the distinction of undergoing recently what is probably the most unusual and marvelous surgical operation ever performed in the world. Josephine Stafford, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Stafford, of Lehman township, was the subject of the operation, and is at present in the Post Graduate Hospital in New York city, convalescing from the operation with a part of one of her shin bones performing the functions of several of the vertebrae of the spinal column. As a masterpiece of modern surgery, this delicate operation has only been performed two or three times in the United States and scarcely that many times in Europe, or in fact in all the other countries of the globe.

The girl has suffered with tuberculosis of the spine since a short time after birth. As she grew older the disease developed and at three years of age it became alarming. Her parents endeavored to find a cure for it. Many doctors have examined the child and given up the case. Many have tried to effect a cure without any success. Several operations of a variegated nature have been tried

with no change in the condition of the patient.

Some months ago Mr. Stafford heard of Dr. Fred Aldee of New York, who had some time before made a trip to Europe and at the Europe Medical Congress had performed successfully for the first time a transplantation of bone to stamp out of the spine the deadly tuberculosis. Investigation revealed that the prominent physician would perform the operation at the Post Graduate Hospital in New York.

About four weeks ago Mrs. Stafford accompanied her daughter to the hospital. There the operation was performed. The large bone of the lower part of one of her legs was cut and a good sized piece taken therefrom. The sliver of bone was then cut into four parts. The diseased portion of the spinal column was then cut from the spinal cord. The four pieces of bone were sewed together with kangaroo tendons and placed around the spinal cord and fastened together, fortifying, as it can aptly be termed, the thread of life.

The patient rallied rapidly from the effects of the anaesthetic. It was expected that it would be at least six months before she would be able to recover from the operation. However, her strong constitution, it is thought, will enable her to come to her home in Pike county much sooner.

Mrs. Stafford returned home last week from the hospital and brought strong hopes that her daughter would soon be home.

Dr. L. B. Smith of Bushkill, who has been interested in the case, states that the operation is about the rarest known to him. It gives a permanent cure to an hitherto incurable disease. He also states that Dr. Fred Aldee of New York is the only surgeon who can successfully perform that operation. Physicians and surgeons everywhere were interested in its outcome.

"WAY DOWN EAST."

Typical of New England rugged honesty, simple traits and charity, "Way Down East" comes to the Lyric Tuesday, Dec. 23. For nineteen years this famous play that arouses memories of childhood, of clean, wholesome living, has been before the public. A play that touches the heart and emphasizes the little virtues that make all humanity better is bound to live and be always interesting. As familiar to the majority of theatregoers as a household word, for this reason no description is necessary. All that needs to be said is that there is no purer, sweeter or more wholesome play in existence, none of which holds the mirror up to nature more truly and none which has more real inspiration in its every line and feature than this famous rural play.

A special new production is announced this season, and an exceptional cast headed by Mr. William Lawrence who for the past years has been identified with the part made famous by the late Denman Thompson in "The Old Homestead." The musical features are of the same high order as in previous years. This grand old play of New England endorsed by clergy and press for eighteen years will undoubtedly be greeted by a capacity audience, at both performances. A bargain matinee will be given. Prices 25c and 50c. Night prices always 25c to \$1.00.

"Red Shadow" is Hon. John E. Barrett's great story of the Wyoming Valley. It tells all about the famous massacre. It grips. It thrills. It is the seed of local patriotism. Big book. Price \$1.25. Cheap at double the money. At Leine's drug store.

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Church Notes

Dr. Swift's Adult Bible class had fifty-seven members present at Sunday school December 21, of which thirty-one were men and twenty-six ladies. This class is gaining new members each week by personal work.

Dr. Russel H. Conwell, a Baptist pastor who lectured in Honesdale on "Aeres of Diamonds" a few years ago, has gone to the seashore for his health. He was taken ill at his home in Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. Henry Rouglas Robinson, Episcopal bishop of Nevada, died in New York city on Saturday from a complication of diseases.

Church Publicity, by Christian F. Reisner; the Methodist Book Concern, publishers, New York.

Church advertising is a development of the last decade. Previous to 1900 very little had been done to apply to religion the methods that count for so much in business. Systematic and intelligent advertising had no place in church work for several reasons: first, because it required the expenditure of money; second, it was used by theatres, circuses and swindlers, and, therefore, should not be employed by religious institutions; third, if people could not be induced to attend church by the appeals of the clergy at the regular church service, how could it be expected to influence them through newspapers?

Dr. Reisner, who is pastor of the Grace M. E. church in New York, has just bought out an authoritative book on Church Advertising. Only one other has ever been published, and that was by Charles Stelzle and was entitled "Principles of Church Advertising." Dr. Reisner's is a much more comprehensive treatise than Dr. Stelzle's. It discusses every form of publicity that can be used for church exploitation, and gives examples of the best kind of copy to use in the different mediums employed.

The author himself has been one of the most successful of church advertisers. When he came to Grace Methodist Episcopal church three years ago the average attendance at the services was 200. To-day the average attendance is over 1,000 and 1,000 new members have been added to the roll. Perhaps one reason of Dr. Reisner's success is that before he became a clergyman he was a newspaper man. His training gave him a knowledge of publicity methods, so that now as a clergyman he recognizes news when he sees it, and knows how to appeal to the masses.

Among the subjects treated in the volume under consideration are these: "Why Should Churches Advertise?" "Does Publicity Pay?" "The Minister Who Advertises," "Paid Newspaper Advertising," "Featuring the Sunday Night Service," "Making the Church Prominent," "Outside Advertising," "Aiding Sunday Schools and Children by Advertising."

Dr. Reisner's "Church Publicity" should be in the hands of every clergyman in the United States because of the practical help it can give the churches in enlarging their spheres of usefulness.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEMS.

The Cradle Roll Department of the M. E. church, Honesdale, will meet in the Sunday school room Friday afternoon, Jan. 2, 1914.

Autumn Leaves has conquered all difficulties and now has a front line Sunday school. Schools that have not adopted a Graded Lesson series should use the graded supplemental lessons with the Uniform Lessons or they cannot attain Front Line.

Good Bibles, latest revision, cost prices from 26 cents up; testaments, 5 and 10 cents; single books, two cents at 1101 Church street, Honesdale.

The Elementary Workers of our county are preparing for a convention.

Class No. 5 of M. E. Sunday school of Honesdale are taking a trip around the world.

Everyland has some exceedingly interesting articles. Read them, use them.

Send names of scholars having a perfect record this year to Mary E. Jones, Honesdale.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The following pupils have not been absent nor tardy during the first three months of school:

Table listing student names and grades from First Grade to Eighth Grade.

ERROR IN PICKEREL SEASON CLOSING.

In our last issue The Citizen stated that December 31 was the last day for catching pickerel, instead it should have read December 21. The rabbit season closes Dec. 31.

TO BE A TIME OF JOY FOR HIM

This Little Story Shows Just What a Lot of Good Things the Bachelor Nisses at Merry Christmas Time

"My wife has been questioning me for the past three weeks about what I would like for Christmas."

"Well, I suppose you told her?"

"Yes. The first thing I thought of was an umbrella. I really need an umbrella, because it is quite a distance from my house to the train, and I have to walk it. A nice umbrella would come in handy on rainy days. Then there are some books I would like very much. I gave her a list of them as nearly as I could at the start, and have been adding to it day by day as I happened to think of something else in that line. I mentioned cuff-buttons and studs for full-dress occasions, and I gave her to understand that if she didn't feel like troubling herself over the matter I would be glad to take the money she had set aside for me and buy myself some cigars. Last night I had occasion to look into a closet we don't use much, and there I found my present, all ready to be placed before me on Christmas morning."

"Of course, then, she hadn't adopted your suggestion as to the cigars."

"No. I'm going to be made glad with a beautifully worked sofa pillow."

At Christmas Time By S. E. KISER



Along the road to Bethlehem

Three weary wise men slowly fared, And wondering shepherds gazed at them And bowed the heads which they had bared.

Three wise men who had journeyed far, Rode slowly o'er the hills that night, Still following their guiding star Whose constant beams were broad and bright.

At Christmas time they heard a voice "That sweetly sounded far on high; 'Rejoice, ye sons of men, rejoice! The words rang clearly from the sky. The trembling wise men paused to hear The song that angels sang to them, And ceased to doubt and turned from fear.

That Christmas night in Bethlehem.

We hurry through the busy days And in the market-place contend; We strive to win in shameful ways, Forsaking brother, wronging friend; We foster greed and cling to pride, We have no time for being kind, We rudely push the lame aside, And give no guidance to the blind.

We madly struggle after gain, Forgetting all the Master taught; We worship riches, and disdain To heed the message that He brought— Yet, even so, at Christmas, love Assails our hearts and chastens them And brings us glad remembrance of That holy night in Bethlehem.



We cease a little while to hate, We turn a little while from sin; We greet the stranger at the gate, And reaching forth we lead him in, And, happily remembering The babe that in the manger lay, We still acknowledge Him our King, As they did, that first Christmas day.

Three shadowy wise men slowly fare Along the shadowy highway still, And shadowy shepherds watch them there And see the star blaze o'er the hill, And men, wherever men may dwell, Still hear the message borne to them; That God still reigns and all is well, The star shines on o'er Bethlehem.

No Room for Any More. "Goin' to hang up your stockin' Christmas, Mickey?" "Naw."

"Better. You might git it filled." "It's filled now." "What with?" "Holes."

His Gift. He gave the girl a pair of skates, And now his heart is full of hate; He merely stands around and waits And inwardly rebels at Fate, While one more favored far than he Is or may ever hope to be, Kneels where she stands, so fair, so sweet, And fastens them upon her feet.

Joy Ahead for Him. Don't forget that the clothes you are not going to wear any more may look mighty good to somebody.

1914 FORD MOTOR CARS are now ready for delivery. A Xmas present that would not be forgotten. Send in your order and we will make delivery. 127 Ford Motor Cars Sold in Wayne County in 1913! This is enough to convince you that the wise ones are buying FORD MOTOR CARS. Some good territory open in Wayne County for good, live agents. Write me and I will send you our proposition. FLOYD E. BORTREE, Distributor, ARIEL, Pa.

The WEEK'S DOINGS

Lieut. Becker's Mother Dies in Ignorance of Her Son's Plight.

New York.—The mother of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, who is in the death house in Sing Sing awaiting execution for the part he played in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, died at her home here on Friday last. She was very old, and had been bedridden for years. She died in ignorance of her son's plight.

For more than a year she had not been permitted to read a newspaper. When her son Charles ceased to visit her, another son, John, told her Charles was suffering from rheumatism and had been sent to a sanatorium. This explanation sufficed.

JUDGE LINDSAY WEDS.

Juvenile Court Founder Takes Bride in Chicago.

Judge Ben B. Lindsay, founder of the Juvenile Court at Denver, Col., who was in Honesdale last summer in the Chautauqua, and Miss Henrietta Brevoort, stepdaughter of Dr. F. J. Clippert, of Detroit, Mich., were married in Chicago on Saturday.

Must Keep Beaux From Exchange.

Operators of the Bell Telephone Co., in Scranton, are gloomy over the order issued by Miss Anna McAndrew, the night chief, forbidding the girls to allow their beaux to bring them closer to the exchange than one block. And it's all because, as the 'phone girls are saying, a big brother of one of them leaned down to whisper something to his little sister, whom he had taken to work, and the night chief thought he kissed her.

Assistant Postmasters Out of Civil Service.

Washington.—All assistant postmasters will be exempted from the civil service under the post office appropriation bill, which has just been completed by the House Committee on post offices and to be reported immediately after the holiday recess. The Democrats of the committee voted to put into the measure a provision substantially similar to the one in the sundry civil bill under which deputy collectors and deputy marshals from civil service.

The bill carries approximately \$303,000,000, a cut of about \$3,000,000 from the estimates submitted by the post office department.

Winter Wheat Increase Nearly 3,000,000 Acres.

Washington, D. C.—An increase of 8.6 per cent, or 2,888,000 acres, in the area planted to winter wheat in the United States this fall compared with the revised estimated area sown last year is reported by the Department of Agriculture. The total area is 36,500,000 acres. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 97.3 per cent of a normal, the highest December 1 condition recorded since 1903. The condition of winter wheat last year was 93.2, 86.6 per cent in 1911 and 89.2 per cent the ten-year average.

Imaginary Line to Become Real.

Washington, D. C.—A barbed wire fence along the Mexican boundary to check incursions into American territory was proposed in a bill introduced last week by Senator Ashurst.

A total of \$350,000 would be appropriated.

HORACE VOSE DEAD.

Sent Thanksgiving Turkey to Every President Since Johnson.

Horace Vose, of Westery, R. I., widely known as the purveyor of turkeys for Thanksgiving Day dinners at the White House, died on Saturday. He was 73 years old and had been suffering from heart trouble for six months. When 15 years of age Mr. Vose began the business of raising turkeys and during the first term of President Grant conceived the idea of offering the choicest of his flock for the President's Thanksgiving dinner. Since that time he has annually provided a turkey for the White House although on the occasion of his final gift last month his bird shared honors with a turkey from the South.

Largest Telescope. A telescope large enough to receive an automobile and having a disk 73 inches in diameter will be erected in the Ottawa, Canada, observatory. The new telescope will be larger than the Lick instrument. The contract has been awarded to the new searcher of the skys.

FARMERS SHOULD RAISE CATTLE.

Pennsylvanians are losing an opportunity to engage in the profitable growing of cattle for the market, according to Secretary of Agriculture N. B. Critchfield, who declares in a foreword in a department bulletin of beef production that the State is well adapted to the raising of farm animals. Secretary Critchfield says:

"There are large acreages of land in Pennsylvania from which the timber has recently been removed, that if cleared up and seeded with grass suited to their conditions, would produce great quantities of nutritious pasturage and forage. Such lands, not reforested, should be turned to the production of live stock, and cattle of the best breeds were placed on them the farmers in the south eastern part of the state, who have better conditions for raising corn than can be found anywhere else in the United States, would be able to get their 'feeders' without going out of their own state and many thousands of dollars could thus be saved to Pennsylvania farmers."

Modern Woodmen of America.

Modern Woodmen of America, Maple City Camp, No. 10914, elected the following officers last Friday evening for the ensuing year: Consul, George P. Ross; clerk, Herbert Hiller; banker, A. C. Lindsay; auditor, L. S. Partridge; escort, Fred Grambs; warden, Clarence Bond; secretary, Gustave Loscig; trustees, W. H. Karlsake, H. H. Hiller, W. I. Buerket.

Following the election a smoke and phloche were indulged in for the remainder of the evening.

SHIRAZ TAKEN TO FARVIEW INSANE ASYLUM.

Sheriff Reynolds has in Philadelphia for a couple of days, removing Arasse Gibingo, a prisoner who had become insane, to the State hospital at Farview. Gibingo was examined by a commission before he was sent to the penitentiary, which adjudged him of sound mind although he showed symptoms of insanity at that time—Montrose Republican. He was the man who so brutally assaulted Mrs. Gordon near Unionda about a year ago.

"Red Shadow." Price \$1.25. Leine's.

FAULTY DIGESTION

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Put Your Foot Down On Stair Climbing. Doesn't it seem that the telephone always rings when you are on another floor? And have you ever stopped to count the wearisome steps which the answering necessitates? But there is an effective remedy. An Extension Bell Telephone on the other floor will bring all calls to you—will put you on the same floor with your telephone, ALWAYS. Call the Business Office today and order this step-saver. It costs but a few cents a week. "Practice the Telephone Smile." The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa. T. A. Garvey, Local Mgr., Carbondale, Pa.