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THE SMALLPOX SCARE.

That there are reports of smallpox existing in sections of this and adjoining states cannot be denied for many newspapers contain them. Doubtless in many instances they are grossly exaggerated and vague rumors are heralded as startling acts and the numbers greatly magnified. In Port Jervis, to instance, we have ascertained from the best informed and most reliable sources a single case reported to be smallpox developed recently. The subject was a colored person and the case was fatal, but it is by no means certain that the disease was genuine smallpox. It may just as likely have been what is known as Cuban itch and the unsanitary and other favorable conditions of the subject for the ravages of the malady caused a fatal termination. As a precautionary measure a number of houses of colored people, the inmates of which had been supposedly exposed, were quarantined, but so far no other cases have developed. These houses are remote from the business parts of the town and even assuming, which is very uncertain, that the one case was smallpox the prompt action of the authorities gives assurance that the spread is wholly checked. There is no scare in Port Jervis and there is no reason why one cannot visit that town with every reasonable assurance of immunity. Our neighbors may not appreciate this unsought certificate of good character, but we believe in giving even the "devil his due."

HYMNS OMITTED.

A committee on revision of hymns of the M. E. church has concluded to omit from the collection the two sacred songs, "He Ledeth Me," and "Sweet Hour of Prayer," the latter for the reason that it contains a line the last of the song:
"And shout while passing through the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer."
The reason is that the line conveys the suggestion that there will be no prayers in Heaven, while the belief is that God will be worshiped there with unending praise and prayer.
Some of our forehanded dealers are beginning to lay in a stock of ice for next summer. Where ice is gathered for general family use skating should not be permitted on the pond. Obviously if persons pat ice in drinking water they want to know that the ice is perfectly clean and there can be no such assurance if the pond has been used for skating. This may seem a little cruel on those fond of the sport but a moment's reflection will convince that people will much more enjoy the cooling draught in summer if they know that it is not contaminated. There are certain germs which are not killed by freezing.
Judging from the number of deer reported to have been killed in this county during the past season there must be very few left. The forests are rapidly disappearing and soon these beautiful animals, if any remain, will have no cover. The law against hunting deer with dogs and out of season should be rigidly enforced and the proper authorities should have the machinery for so doing in good working order before another season.

Not a republican vote cast in Port Jervis at the last election and not a single teacher present from that township at the institute, if, indeed, there is a school within her territory! Do these two separate facts have any correlative significance?

The attorney general of Minnesota under the language in the state constitution which says, "Nor shall any man be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship," decides that the Lord's prayer cannot be used in the public schools. It has always been understood that that prayer was used by both Catholic and Protestant denominations.

THE CHURCH COLUMN.

(By Rev. C. E. SCHEWEL.)
The topic for next Sabbath morning is, "Dead with Christ," and in the evening, "The Wrong Way that Seemeth Right."

It was with great pleasure that our people had the privilege of hearing Mr. Smeal last Friday night. We hope that the privilege may be granted again soon.

The Ladies Aid society have very kindly consented to furnish candy and oranges for the Christmas tree. All the children will be glad to know this.

It was the pleasure of the writer to conduct the opening exercises at the institute and add a little to its interest in the way of furnishing music. It is our belief that every public institution, and especially the public school, should receive the hearty support of all thinking people.

After the holidays are over it is the purpose of the writer to give a series of Bible readings on the following topics: Immortality of the soul, baptism, the Sabbath, and the second coming of Christ. These will be open to all who are interested in these topics. There are being discussed by many and are producing no little trouble in the minds of some people who have been taught the orthodox views of the church without being taught the reasons for our faith. It is the purpose of these Bible readings to give the reason for the faith that is in us.

At the communion service last Sabbath the largest number gathered at the Lord's table that has been seen since the present pastorate began. This is a proof of growth and should fill every member of the church with joy. At this service three were baptized, and three were received into full connection, and three were received on probation. There are several others who have expressed a desire to join the church but desire further instruction first. It is well to give great attention to the meaning of a Christian life and the duty that one takes upon himself when he joins the church before that step is taken. To join and then be a hypocrite is a most deplorable thing to do.

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Charles Reilly of Edgemoor was in town Monday.

Samuel H. Peters of Bushkill was a visitor in town yesterday.

S. St. John Gardner of Shohola was in town Monday on business.

Fred Washbrook of Blooming Grove spent a couple of days here recently.

T. R. J. Klein, wife and daughter, Maude, have gone for a few days' visit at South Branch, N. J.

A. Q. Wallace took an early train to New York a day this week to lay in a supply of goods for the holidays.

Frank E. Patterson of Wilkesbarre, bank examiner, was in town last Saturday in pursuance of his official duties.

The Basale Daily Herald owned by George W. Hughes, formerly proprietor of the Strouburg Times, is in the hands of a receiver.

The ice which closed the river during the recent cold snap has all gone out. No one probably will regret if it does not again appear this season.

S. St. John Gardner, a judgment creditor, bought the Bachmann property in Shohola sold by the Sheriff last Monday for \$550.

The play of "Cranford" will be given in Brown's Hall Dec. 23d. It is a three-act adaptation of Gaskell's story of English life in the last century.

The venerable John Whittaker, formerly of Delaware township, is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. H. Hornbeck, in this borough. He has passed his eightieth milestone in life's journey.

The Pennsylvania railroad has natured plans to reach New York by a river tunnel which will pass under the North river, the borough of Manhattan and the East river. The cars will be operated by electricity thus avoiding noise, smoke and dirt.

The entertainment by Dr. Byron W. King announced to take place in the Hainesville church last Friday was a mistake. It will be given this Friday evening. Those who do not go will miss a great treat. Dr. King as an entertainer is an army and a host himself.

The Deekertown post office was recently entered by burglars who stole the safe open and secured about \$700 in stamps and \$200 in cash. Money order blanks and other valuable papers were also taken. The same office was robbed some four years ago.

Andrew Albright, owner of Swartwood lake in Sussex county, proposes to test the constitutionality of the law to condemn for public use fishing on the lake. He has obtained a writ of certiorari to cancel the appointment of commissioners, alleging that the law is special legislation.

Speculation is rife over the possible candidates next year for governor of this state. Among the names mentioned are Ex-Senator Lion Cameron, Ex-Auditor General Stewart, Ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres, Congressman Connell, Attorney General Eakin, Secretary Griest, and there are several more under cover.

The Sunday school Christmas festival of the Church of the Good Shepherd and distribution of gifts will be held this year in Brown's Hall Christmas eve. One pleasing feature will be recitals on the violin by Miss Lillah St. John of Port Jervis and she will also accompany the piano for the carols. She is an excellent performer and her playing always is a cause of much gratification to her listeners.

At Strouburg recently Judge Craig in the case of Elmer W. Moore, receiver for the Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance company vs. E. J. Ewert directed a verdict for defendant for the reason, among other matters, that plaintiff had not complied with the act of May 11, 1881, regarding policies. The suit was brought to recover assessments on policies of insurance. The company claims to have a number of policies in this county on which assessments are due.

Smallpox appears to be spreading throughout the state. Over in the Wyoming valley Plymouth has been quarantined and has no communication with the outside world. In Wyoming county the farmers' institute has been postponed and in Philadelphia a large number of cases are reported.

Thinking of Gifts.

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THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Rev. C. E. Scudder conducted devotional exercises Thursday morning by reading from 1 Timothy, making a few remarks and offering an eloquent prayer. The teachers sang "The Laughing Song," and Miss Partridge resumed her talks on language. She insisted the pupils must have thoughts and proper order or arrangement of thought to develop the subject on which he writes. This depends largely of the teacher who should teach the subject in oral language before the child reduces his ideas to writing. Writing is the crystallized form of language. Punctuation, capitalization, abbreviation and other forms were treated by the speaker, but the principal part in writing exercises is industry in the child in putting its own thoughts on paper.

Mrs. King then illustrated regarding proper position, breathing, etc. Dr. King reviewed his talks on elocution, using blackboard illustrations to explain his arguments, and recited Barbara Fritchie with a laughable parody on that poem.

In the afternoon Miss Partridge further discussed her previous topic and Mrs. King reviewed the lessons in physical culture given during the week. Dr. King then gave an excellent talk on Shakespeare. The committees on finances and resolutions were then appointed and Superintendent Sawyer explained several facts regarding teachers' certificates.

In the evening Dr. and Mrs. King appeared in character impersonations and in their unimitable manner charmed a large audience in Brown's Hall. Their popularity is well measured by the crowds they attract and certainly their cordial reception is a well merited recognition of their abilities. Mrs. von der Heyde as usual pleased her audience with her singing, a quartette led by Mr. Scudder gave a fine selection and the piano duet by the Misses Kier displayed taste and skill.

The following resolutions were adopted by the teachers:
WHEREAS, We, the teachers of Pike county, in annual institute assembled at Milford, feeling conscious that our time has been spent profitably, do adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this has been one of the most successful institutes ever held in Pike county.
Resolved, That we extend our thanks to County Superintendent George Sawyer for the excellent manner in which he has conducted the several sessions and for the able corps of instructors provided for our entertainment.
Resolved, That we feel grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Byron W. King, Miss Lillah E. Partridge and Miss Elizabeth Lloyd for the helpful instruction imparted by them.

Resolved, That to the local talent of this community, who assisted at the different evening entertainments, the ministers of the local churches for conducting devotional exercises, and any others who assisted in any way toward making the institute a success, we are deeply indebted.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to Miss Florence Hochotte for her services as pianist.

Resolved, That to the county commissioners for use of the court house and the janitor, Mr. Steele, for caring for the same, we express our thanks.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be furnished the Milford and Port Jervis papers for publication.

MARION WILLIAMS,
CAROL L. HORNBECK,
AGNES B. HOPPS,
ELIZABETH HOCHOTTE,
CHARLES S. HOCKE,
Committee.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Pike County, to me directed, I will expose to public sale by vendor or outcry at the Sheriff's office in the Borough of Milford, on SATURDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D., 1901,

at ten o'clock in the morning of said day, all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situated and being in the Borough of Milford, County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: to wit: Beginning at the corner of George street and Third street, thence along Third street to "Dug road," thence up said Dug road to Cranberry alley, thence along Cranberry alley in George street, thence along George street to Third street to the place of beginning.

IMPROVEMENTS—Upon the above land are erected three good frame dwelling houses, with outbuildings; an excellent garden, with small fruits, on rear portion thereof.
Said land taken in execution as the property of the estate of John T. Armstrong, deceased, with notice to Family Arrangements, trustee for John T. Armstrong, Jr., as terre tenant of part of the said premises, and will be sold by me for cash.
E. VANDERBARK, Sheriff,
Sheriff's Office, Milford, Pa.,
Nov. 29, 1901.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Letters testamentary upon the estate of Kate B. Van Wyck, late of the township of Milford, Pike county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the said estate will present them at once, and those indebted thereto will please make immediate payment to
ROSS B. BRODHEAD,
C. W. BULL,
Executors.
Milford, Dec. 5, 1901—1-3-02.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

State of Pennsylvania,
County of Pike.
Notice is hereby given to all persons bound by recognizances or otherwise to appear, that the December term, 1901, of the several courts of Pike county will be held at the court house in the borough of Milford on the third Monday (10th) at 9 o'clock p. m. and will be continued one week if necessary.
E. VANDERBARK, Sheriff,
Milford, Pa., Nov. 27, 1901.

Executor's Notice.

Letters testamentary upon the estate of (Rev.) Thomas Nichols, late of the Borough of Milford, Pike Co., Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the said estate will present them at once, and those indebted thereto will please make immediate payment to
THOMAS MCBRIDE NICHOLS,
Executor,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.,
or HY. T. BARRER, Attorney, Milford, Pa.,
Oct. 29, 1901—12-6.

NOTICE—All hunting, fishing or other trespassing on the premises of the undersigned, situated in Dingman township, in Dingman Township, on Reynoldskill and Troutkill Creeks, is forbidden under penalty of the law.
Charles J. BOLLEAU,
N. BOLLEAU,
JOSEPH F. BOLLEAU.
Dingman Twp.,
May 17, 1899.

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