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CHURCH SERVICES.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 8.30 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, pastor.

St. Paul's Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, Oaks Station, Rev. R. J. Douglas, rector. On and after Sunday, June 4, morning services will be held (D. V.) in Union Church, Westhill Corners near Shannonsville, to begin at 10.30.

Afternoon services throughout the year at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks, at 3.30. Sunday School at St. Paul's at 2.30.

United Evangelical Church, Trappe. Services next Sunday at 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.00 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. Services next Sunday as follows: Sunday School at 8.45, and preaching at 10 a. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 4 p. m. Regular business meeting of the W. M. S. on Saturday at 3 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. D. C. Kauffmann, pastor. Sunday School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, Sunday, at 10.30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League services Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting, Thursday at 8 p. m.

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. R. Brodhead, pastor. Sunday School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 2 p. m. Preaching, 7.30 p. m.

Lower Providence Baptist Church. Preaching services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. every Sunday. Rev. Wm. Courson, pastor. Bible school, 9.30 a. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7.30. Shannonsville Mission, every second Sunday evening at 7.30. Bible school, Sunday, at 2.30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Tuesday at 7.30 p. m.; Rev. S. O. Perry, pastor.

Trinity Church. Wednesday evening, prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. Sunday: Sunday School at 9 a. m.; preaching at 10 o'clock; the regular Junior O. E. prayer service at 2 o'clock to be omitted. The Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, Miss Annie H. Bartman, leader, at 8 o'clock. The pastor will be present for prayer services in the Shippsville church, Sunday, at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

HOME AND ABROAD.

Moonlight nights, Trolley parties, And cake walks. Snitz and cider parties may come along later.

Standing in the presence of two portly gentlemen, a college professor recently observed: "Corporations do have souls."

That will do. The Episcopal Sunday School of Evansburg enjoyed a day's outing at Sanatoga Park yesterday (Wednesday).

A cluster of eighteen crab apples attached to eight inches of stem was taken from a tree on Mrs. Kratz's place on Fifth avenue.

Wm. Ogden has purchased a fine young horse from D. H. Casselberry.

A marriage license has been issued to William Merkle, of this borough, and Miss Anna Heine-mann, of Philadelphia.

The new county bridge at Yerkes is a very substantial improvement and one that is much appreciated.

W. H. Gristock Sons are furnishing the lumber for A. D. Reiff's new barn.

There will be a rebate of 5 per cent. on school taxes paid to Collector Prizer on or before Aug. 31.

The Worcester stone crusher is in operation on the farm of Ellwood W. Anders. About 1000 tons of stone will be crushed and placed on the road between Fairview Village and Centre Point.

The Limerick Creamery has 80 patrons who are the owners of 569 cows.

Comly H. Watson, near Fall-sington, Bucks county, gathered 900 bushels of onion sets from one and one-quarter acres of ground.

The Keystone Telephone Company is extending its line from Greenlane to East Greenville.

Andrew S. Rahn, of Limerick, has obtained a pension of \$6 per month.

Several new free rural delivery routes will be placed in operation throughout Chester county, this fall.

Death.

Samuel F. Laver, of Pottstown, died at his home last Thursday, aged 64 years. He was one of the veteran hotel keepers of Montgomery county, and for twenty years was the proprietor of the Fruitville hotel. A wife and three sons survive.

Trolley Day.

Wednesday, August 30, will be "trolley day" for the employes of the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company. All the fares collected on that day will be turned over to them by the Company. The faithful motormen and conductors must encounter much inclement weather during the year, and they are expected to be courteous and obliging without. Take a trolley ride on the 30th, and a long one, for it will be fully appreciated.

A Mother Tells How She Saved Her Little Daughter's Life.

I am the mother of eight children and have had a great deal of experience with medicines. Last summer my little daughter had the dysentery in its worst form. I thought she would die. I tried everything I could think of, but nothing seemed to do her any good. I saw by an advertisement in our paper that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was highly recommended and sent and got a bottle at once. It proved to be the very best medicine we ever had in the house. It saved my little daughter's life. I am anxious for every mother to know that an excellent medicine it is. Had I known it at first it would have saved me a great deal of anxiety and my little daughter much suffering. Yours truly, Mrs. Geo. F. Burdick, Liberty, R. I. For sale by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist, Col- legeville, Pa.

New Postoffice.

The postal authorities have granted a postoffice at Trooper. For the present the office will be located in the house of Samuel Barr, adjoining Maple Tree School.

Escaped from Jail.

By saving through a padlock, William Z. Hunsberger, a prisoner in the Montgomery county jail, broke out of that institution early Tuesday morning, and is now at large.

Grangers' Picnic.

The Merion Grangers held their annual picnic at Eagleview, near the Perkinson Bridge last Thursday afternoon and evening. Over 100 persons attended. Dancing was enjoyed in the pavilion of the Perkinson Bridge Hotel.

Trolley Parties.

The lower and middle sections of this borough have been much enlivened the past week by trolley parties from Norristown. Good behavior has been the rule, to the credit of the visitors to be it said.

Leased a Hotel.

John G. Tyson, for thirty years proprietor of the Veranda House, Norristown, has leased the hotel entire to John L. Burkert, formerly proprietor of the Hotel Hartranf. Mr. Burkert will take possession first of next month.

Met Death on the Rail.

William O'Brien, of West Conshohocken, was struck by an excursion train on the Reading Railway, at Bridgeport, about 10.30 Sunday night, and instantly killed. He had stepped out of the way of a freight train, and failed to observe the approaching excursion train.

A Pastor Taking His Vacation.

There will be no services the next two Sundays at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe. The pastor, Rev. W. O. Pegely, is enjoying his annual vacation, visiting friends in Bucks county and elsewhere. Services will be held every Sunday morning as usual.

Too Much Tanglefoot.

A young man, hailing from Philadelphia, was struck by a trolley car, Thursday evening, charged with disorderly conduct. He had imbibed too freely. The trolley imposed the usual fine. The case was not sufficiently grave in character to warrant further punishment.

Blood Poisoning.

Wayne Pierson, the well-known auctioneer of Upper Providence, is seriously ill, suffering from blood poisoning. For weeks past he has been afflicted with a sore hand. At present both hand and arm are greatly inflamed and swollen, and his condition is reported to be critical.

Detwiler Family Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Detwiler family was held at the "Old Homestead" in Charlestown town-ship, Chester county, Thursday. Nearly 200 descendants and friends of the original family were present. At the noon hour a sumptuous repast was served in the good old country style, with everything done to a turn, and plenty of it.

Family Reunion.

The seventh annual reunion of the Beyer family was held Thursday afternoon at the residence of James Beyer, Norristown. There were 73 persons present and an election of officers by the association resulted: President, Wesley B. Beyer; Vice President, Jefferson Beyer; Secretary, Wm. D. Beyer; Treasurer, James Beyer.

A Rally of Luther Leagues.

The second annual rally of the Bucks, Montgomery and Chester County Luther Leagues will be held in Menlo Park, at Perkasie, on Friday, September 1. The Hon. G. L. Wellington, U. S. Senator from Maryland, will be one of the speakers, and the vocal music will be under the direction of Mr. W. F. Day, of Sellersville, assisted by a large choir. A special train will leave DeKalb street station, P. & R., Norristown, at 8.25 a. m., stopping at Main street and Belfry. Tickets, adults 65 cents, children 35 cents.

Monday Evening's Storm.

The wind blew a gale Monday evening and about enough rain fell in this locality to settle the dust. The trolley party of the employes of Taubel's mill, on their way from Norristown to this borough encountered the storm, which caused considerable excitement, one or two of the ladies fainting. Some of the party were "soaked" by the rain. The scenic railway at Chestnut Hill Park was struck by lightning and partially destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. Further west and north, in Berks, Lebanon, and Schuylkill counties, the storm was very severe, and much damage was caused by lightning. A number of barns were destroyed, involving the loss of many cattle.

Great Grangers' Picnic.

The great picnic for 1899 will be held at Williams' Grove, Pa., August 28th to September 2d. The display of Farm Machinery will certainly be the best ever shown. The Carriage Exhibit will be something immense. Horticultural Hall will be as attractive as ever, and the Live Stock Department will be fully up to the standard. Among the attractions will be a Ferris Wheel, Steam Merry-Go-Round, High Grade Tent Shows, Bands of Music, Electric Lights, Electric Fountain, and a 20,000 Candle Power Search Light. During the week some of the most prominent Grangers, Agriculturists and Statesmen will occupy the platform and discuss the questions now engaging the attention of the people.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures, have made it a great favorite with the people everywhere. For sale by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist.

Attempts to Wreck Trains.

It is reported that several attempts have been made to wreck trains on the Perkiomen railroad, near Ironbridge. Recently spikes have been placed between the rail joints and bolts, and screws and other obstacles have been placed on the tracks by some miscreants.

Excursion to Chestnut Hill Park.

The Lutheran Sunday School of Trappe will excursion via trolley to Chestnut Hill Park next Saturday, August 26. Cars will leave this borough at 7.30, 8 and 8.30 a. m. Special cars will leave Norristown at 9.30. Round trip fare, 30 cents. All are welcome to accompany the school.

Third Annual Convention.

The third annual convention of Schwenkfeldt Sunday Schools was held at Pennsburg last Thursday. Many representatives were present from all over Montgomery, Bucks, and Chester counties. Rev. H. A. Bomberger, of Philadelphia, was one of the speakers. A number of addresses on interesting subjects were made.

A Brakeman Killed in the Wreck.

A broken wheel on a freight car was the cause of wrecking fifteen freight cars and delaying traffic for five hours, between Hatfield and Suderton, last Saturday morning. Middle Brakeman Sweitzer, Philadelphia, was buried under a carload of pig iron and died before he could be removed.

Sermon on Money.

Dr. Hendricks preached a thoughtful sermon upon the theme: "The love of money is the root of many evils," at Trinity, Sunday morning. He took both a negative and affirmative view of his subject, and illustrated the good as well as the evil frequently attending the acquirement and disposition of wealth. It was a good sermon on a hot morning in August.

Large Tomatoes.

Mrs. G. Z. Vanderville, of this borough, recently took from her garden three tomatoes that weighed, respectively, 1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 pounds, and Mrs. Vanderville has reason to think well of her tomato patch. We are not quite sure that her good neighbor, Dr. P., is not a bit envious of those specimens, for he is considerable of a gardener himself.

Colliding Trolley Cars Injured Twenty Persons.

Two crowded trolley cars on the Chestnut Hill line collided, head on, near Norristown, Sunday forenoon. 150 passengers were aboard the cars at the time, and about twenty persons were injured, one or two seriously. The collision might have resulted most disastrously to human life, and the wonder is that no one was killed. It has been stated that the accident was due to the carelessness of one of the motormen.

Public School Examination.

At the next commencement of the public schools of this borough two classes will be graduated. One in a three years course, the other in a two years course. All applicants who wish to enter the three years course will present themselves at the examination to be held Friday, Sept. 1, at 8.30 o'clock. Said examination will be given to all pupils who do not hold certificates of admission to the present senior class. All pupils who have completed the first year's work of the High School will be given an opportunity to graduate in the two years course. All pupils who have not been in attendance at the schools should see the Principal and be classified before opening of school, Sept. 4, 1899.

Open Meeting of Keystone Keystone Grange.

The open meeting of Keystone Grange at Shuler's hall, near Trappe, Wednesday evening of last week, was very well attended. Hon. H. H. Fetterolf, of Collegeville, was the presiding officer and James H. Weikel of Trappe, Secretary. Miss Landes, the teacher in elocution at Millersville Normal School, favored the audience with selections excellently rendered, Cook's poem on "Old Glory" and "Chariot race" from Ben Hur, being very much appreciated by the audience. Our German friend Leidy, of Mingo, rendered a number of selections in broken Pennsylvania dutch that brought down the house and created much merriment and applause. Geo. W. Bartholomew, of Yerkes, made a short address, referring to the advantages to be derived in connection with the Grange. The Grange choir furnished a number of pieces of music in a masterly manner, that added much to the evening's entertainment; after which a vote of thanks was unanimously extended to those who contributed to the entertainment of the evening. XX.

PERSONAL.

Joseph Dettra, of near Oaks, listened to Dr. Hendricks' interesting sermon, Sunday morning, and then visited his son, J. Harry Dettra and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris, of Philadelphia, visited Miss Leonora Casselberry, Evansburg, Sunday.

Dr. J. Jones Bowman, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his daughter Mrs. W. P. Feinton, over Sunday.

Dr. B. F. Place and J. Henry Hooven, Esq., of Norristown, were "snapping" some of the beauties of the Perkiomen, on Saturday.

Miss Mabel Alderfer, of Philadelphia, visited Dr. J. H. Hendricks and family over Sunday.

Miss Emma J. Hahn, of Chester, Pa., visited friends in this locality last week.

Mrs. Hilschman, of Stroudsburg, is visiting Mrs. Supper.

Dr. J. H. Henderson and wife, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. G. W. Lane of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. David.

Mrs. George Schlotterer was the guest of her brother, Mr. W. H. Weber, near Trappe, last Sunday.

Prof. George B. Kratz, of Pittsburg, and Mr. H. E. Kratz, of Allentown, visited friends about town last week.

Miss Ann Eliza Smith, Mrs. Letitia R. Atkinson, Mrs. Wm. H. Sloter of Doylestown, and Mrs. H. Kratz of New Britain, accompanied by her daughter Elizabeth, who just returned from Cuba, were the guests of Dr. Weinberger and family, last week.

Miss Elizabeth Gristock, of Philadelphia, is spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Harriet Gristock.

Miss Rosenberry, of Philadelphia, and Miss Annie Riegner of Pottstown, spent the past week with Miss Laura Halteman.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hendricks, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in Collegeville.

Miss Bessie Wells, of Pottstown spent several days with her friend, Miss Mabel Hobson.

Mr. Wilbur Halteman has returned from a visit to Salem, N. J.

Miss Hannah Koffel has returned from a four weeks' visit to East Greenville.

Mr. A. K. Hunsicker, tinsmith and stove dealer at Perkiomen Bridge, has returned from a trip to Kansas.

Mr. John S. B. Harley, of Philadelphia, was in town Monday. He is visiting Mr. Abram Cassel and family, of Skippack.

Misses Belle and Kathryn Detwiler, of Norristown, Miss Annie and I. H. Detwiler, of Ironbridge, and Miss M. Garges, of Norristown were the guests of F. P. Farringer and family, Sunday.

Ex-Commissioner Samuel K. Anderson, of Norristown, and Dan S. Heebner of Lansdale, were in town Thursday. Mr. Heebner is in his 90th year and is a most remarkably well preserved individual. He walks erect, and his mind is clear. For many years he has been a prominent and useful citizen of Lansdale.

Miss Sara Shaffer, of Waynesboro, is visiting her friend Mrs. A. B. Hess.

Rev. and Mrs. Wehler and family are visiting in New Oxford, Pa.

Miss Nora Bolton is visiting friends in Worcester.

Mr. Charles Heiny, of Albany, Pa., is spending several days in Collegeville.

Mrs. Lewis Faust, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Loux.

FAIRVIEW VILLAGE.

Rev. Dr. Lamar preached at Providence Presbyterian church on Sunday last, in the absence of Rev. Brodhead. Dr. Lamar is a clear thinker and speaker, full of encouragement and sympathy. He spoke at the evening service also and was well liked by everybody.

Theo. Morgan Jr. spent several days, over Sunday, at Atlantic City.

D. H. Ritter, of Jeffersonville, sold a car load of unbroken mustangs on Saturday last, ranging in price from ten to forty dollars.

William Getty, of Eagleville, still continues in a very weak condition. Mr. Getty is eighty-four years of age and has been bedfast for several weeks past, but his recovery is expected.

YERKES AND VICINITY.

The Sunday School class taught by Miss Eunice Logan held a picnic on Saturday, August 19, in Long's meadow, near Arcola. Quite a number of visitors were in attendance. Among them were Mrs. A. G. Gotsals and Miss Bessie C. Gotsals, of Norristown, and Miss Lizzie Gerhart, of Philadelphia. They all had a very enjoyable time, and voted the picnic a success.

Misses Frances and Mary Allebach, and Lizzie Coe, of Norristown, spent Sunday at Locust Farm.

Miss Etie I. Ashenfelter, of Pottstown, is visiting relatives in this place.

Joseph Detwiler, the blacksmith at Forgedale, took a potato from his patch that weighed one pound and seven ounces. And now he is on the front seat in this locality.

FROM TRAPPE AND ROUNDABOUT.

Overheard: "John, were you with me yesterday, when I was alone?"

The Menonites had service in the "Little Brick" church Sunday evening; song service at 7.45, preaching at 8 o'clock. Rev. Eisenhower, a converted cowboy, of Kansas, preached an impressive sermon.

A Ladies' Aid Society has been organized at the United Evangelical church. Anybody, regardless of church name, may become an active member by paying monthly dues.

A. D. Wagner, of Spring Valley creamery, is kept very busy making cider.

The potato crop has turned out to be later than some people had expected.

E. Beckman, proprietor of Fountain Inn, has remodeled his bar room.

Four boys—three small and one large—were recently caught stealing watermelons from Jacob Springer's truck patch. Such infractions of the law are liable to lead to prosecutions. Don't boys; don't steal.

Harvest Home Festival at Glen Farm.

The ninth Harvest Home Festival at Burgess F. J. Clamer's Glen Farm, this borough, last Saturday afternoon, was an occasion full of interest to the many who had accepted the generous invitation to be present. The charming landscape that slopes from the farm mansion toward the ever attractive Perkiomen river, afforded a picture of animated activity, and out upon the carpet of green, over which was wafted a cooling breeze, while the hot rays of the sun on an August day were intercepted by stately trees rich in foliage and fruit, many of the choicest varieties of the field, garden, and orchard, were presented. Two large columns, supporting an arch, clothed with green and ornamented by many unique fruit designs formed by the deft hands of the master spirit of Glen Farm, attracted much admiration. The national colors were exhibited by the blending of the various shades of the orange of crab apples. The crescent, anchor and sickle on each column were formed in the same way. Surrounding the base of the columns were arranged many specimens from field and garden, including stocks of wheat, corn, oats. Potatoes, apples, cantelopes, watermelons, pumpkins, etc., etc. Near by were on exhibition Scotch sheep, Chester White porkers, fine poultry, pigeons, and flying squirrels, the latter having been captured in felling an old tree at Glenwood some time ago. The harvest home exhibit was excellent in every way, and Mr. Clamer succeeded admirably in pleasing his many neighbors and friends, thus being repaid in part at least for his artistic labor. The Keyserford Orchestra discoursed good music during the afternoon, including the ever popular air "Home, Sweet Home." Entirely impromptu, though timely and appropriate, remarks were made by F. G. Hobson, Esq. The ascension of two large paper balloons was witnessed with much interest. They were wafted southward and soon passed from view. A photo of the fruit columns and visitors was taken by Mr. Gilliam Clamer.

FROM OAKS.

We accompanied the combined excursion of the Mont Clare and Port Providence Sunday Schools to Sanatoga Park, on Saturday, and there we were just too tired for anything, and said to others this excursion is enough for me for this twenty-five years, we are ready for another one of the same kind, as we enjoyed it very much. There can be not anything to be compared to a trip by trolley, over the hills, through the dales, by the pleasant farming country, that we do not get to see back from the line of the Reading Railroad in this part of old Montgomery. No one should miss the trolley ride to Ringing Rocks Park. The sight of the huge boulders, thrown together by some mighty convulsion of ancient days, is most wonderful. This was the first time since 1864, just thirty-five years ago, we visited the ringing rocks, and since that time this acre of mighty rocks have settled ten or twelve feet, perhaps more, since that time, which proves our former opinion, that there is a subterranean cavern underneath these

rocks; satisfied this was the crater of a volcano at one time, a vent, a safety valve, when this old earth was new. These rocks give forth musical sounds, tapped by a hammer, and anyone musically inclined and possessed of wonderful patience, could run the scale on these rocks and in time play the Two-Step "Kinging Rocks," composed by Prof. John F. Miller, of Pottstown. Not every rock gives forth a ringing sound. The several earthquake shocks we have had, particularly that of Charleston, S. C., several years ago, perhaps might have caused these rocks to settle, and they have become more compact and do not give forth the same clear, musical ring as they did in days gone by. We could not find the location of the cave, for there is a cave there, when we first visited the rocks and would have explored it if we had been prepared to do so. There is a cave there, however. The settlers hid their horses there when the British army came out of Philadelphia, enroute to Warwick, to destroy the manufacture of being on that place; but fearing of being trapped, crossed the Schuylkill and returned to Philadelphia and safety. Some other time we may spread ourselves on this subject. The iron workers of Pottstown were holding their picnic at Kinging Rocks Park, and when we made our return the cars were doubled and loaded to their capacity, on their way out to the park. While awaiting the arrival of a summer car to take us back to Sanatoga, the Phoenix Military Band arrived and marched down the street, headed by the Pottstown Drum Corps, enroute for the iron workers picnic. They halted at the Montgomery House and discoursed some very pretty music, which we were glad to moisten their mouth pieces and keep their lips in shape. We were very much amused at a man coming across the street, with several packages on his arm. Just as he stepped on the pavement there was a crash; a quart bottle filled with the finest liquor dropped to the pavement, and great was the fall thereof of glass and whiskey, a total wreck. What called forth our admiration was the perfect composure of the man who dropped the bottle of spirits, who was in high spirits on High Street. He did not even utter a word, but he stepped out a bottle of whiskey. Some stranger to us dropped his blade, not a Damascus blade, but Toledo or Chicago blade, but a clean cutting, beveled Pottstown blade. Should said stranger desire Saturday's copy, we will mail it to him, by first sending address. The advantage Sanatoga has over Ringing Rocks is more and better water. We saw but two men slightly of the balance hunting a beer saloon, on the Rocks. So dry was the saloon, that one of them said he could not spit over his chin, and he had no whiskers on his chin no doubt it was more of an effort than we considered it to be. Pottstown is a pretty place and has improved most wonderfully since the time we knew it. The camel's back, on the main street, at the Hill School, is being cut away. A drive, cut through the school buildings on the hill which will cost the borough thousands of dollars. But the people of Pottstown are alive to the wants and needs of her citizens, and we are more inclined to the belief that what is much needed is a new county, with Pottstown its new county seat.

PHILADELPHIA IN GALA ATTIRE.

PHILADELPHIA, August 21, 1899.—Beginning early in September with the Grand Army Encampment to be followed by the National Export Exposition continuing until November 30th, in the course of which the International Commercial Congress will be in session, Philadelphia will be for three months in gala attire. It will be an eventful period in the City's history and the strangers within its gates will have come not only from every state in the Union but from all parts of the world. Many distinguished visitors will be present and the City of Brotherly Love, through the National Export Exposition, will open the way and set the pace for the advance of America's foreign trade to the goal of commercial supremacy.

In anticipation of these events, of interest to the whole community, the City of Philadelphia is making extensive preparations for the artistic decoration and patriotic display on a most elaborate scale. It will eclipse all previous efforts and establish the standard of measure for all future attempts. To all visitors it will be a thing of beauty and joy during their entire stay. Nothing will be left undone that will add interest and attractiveness to the occasion by doing. The private citizen, the business interests, and the municipal government are warmly enlisted in the work and equally interested with the Exposition Management in converting the city by decoration and illumination into a scene of bewildering beauty for a period of three months.

If you are tired and dull, can't get rested, and have no appetite, take Host's Stomachic. It enriches and vitalizes the blood.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We have many calls for farms of all sizes near Collegeville. We would like to hear from owners wishing to sell or exchange their farms. Address, JAMES G. CAISON, JR. & CO., 284 and Spring Garden St., Philadelphia.

WANTED.

A girl to do general housework. Apply at LAMB HOTEL, Trappe.

FOR SALE.

Horse power (Hebber's make), nearly new. Call on D. S. PORTER, Oaks Station, Pa.

FOR SALE. A Polo Auto buggy, in excellent order; price \$800. Address, BOX 64, Port Kennedy, Pa.

FOR SALE. One-horse treadpower, thrasher and cleaner in running order. Will be sold cheap, since owner has no further use for it. Inquire at THIS OFFICE.

FOR RENT.

A blacksmith shop in Upper Providence, half-mile west of Trappe. Apply on the premises to C. C. KELLY.

FOR RENT.

A part of a house in Collegeville. Apply to MARY V. BERTOLLET, Collegeville, Pa.

ALL KINDS OF Overhauling and Carriage work done at the Perkinson Bridge Carriage and Wagon Works (next to Davis' blacksmith shop) in the best manner at the right prices. Give me a trial. DANIEL GOODMAN.

CIDER MILL. The Older Mill at Spring Valley Creamery, Trappe, will be in operation every Tuesday after August 1st until further notice. 7-20-4.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS. The undersigned is ready to receive Collegeville Borough Taxes for the year 1899, at his office on Main street, from 7 to 9 a. m. On tax-payers ordered to pay, a rebate of 5 per cent. will be allowed. E. A. KRUSEN, Borough Treasurer, Collegeville, Pa., July 26, 1899.

THRESHING.

Thrashing and feed cutting done by JOHN H. CASSELLBERRY, Lower Providence, Pa.

Public Sale of 245 Indiana County Hogs, Shoats and Pigs!

Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1899, at Bean's hotel, Schuylkill county, 235 Indiana County Hogs, Shoats and Pigs. This stock was selected with special care and consists of the healthy, well-shaped kind, and is worthy the attention of those looking for the good and paying stock. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m. Conditions by FRANK SCHWENK.

PUBLIC SALE OF FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, AUGUST

RAILROADS.  
Philadelphia & Reading Railway  
Engines Burn Hard Coal—No Smoke  
IN EFFECT MAY 14, 1899.  
Trains Leave Collegeville.  
FOR PERKINSON JUNCTION, BRIDGEPORT AND PHILADELPHIA—Week days—6:20, 8:15 a. m.; 12:45, 3:30 p. m. Sundays—6:29 a. m.; 6:13 p. m.  
FOR ALLENTOWN—Week days—8:49, 10:24 a. m.; 3:22, 6:36, p. m. Sundays—8:20 a. m.; 7:45 p. m.  
Trains For Collegeville.  
LEAVE PHILADELPHIA—Week days—7:21, 9:21 a. m.; 1:36, 5:21, p. m. Sundays—7:06 a. m.; 6:31 p. m.  
LEAVE BRIDGEPORT—Week days—11:59 a. m.; 2:27, 6:04, p. m. Sundays—7:53 a. m.; 7:08 p. m.  
LEAVE PERKINSON JUNCTION—Week days—8:33, 10:12 a. m.; 3:00, 6:32, p. m. Sundays—8:13 a. m.; 7:38 p. m.  
LEAVE ALLENTOWN—Week days—6:25, 6:55, 10:50 a. m.; 4:35 p. m. Sunday—4:35 a. m.; 4:35 p. m.  
ATLANTIC CITY DIVISION.  
IN EFFECT JULY 1, 1899.  
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MARBLEHEAD GHOST CLOCK.  
Keeping a Vow Made by a Man Shortly Before He Died.  
Of the fact that strange phenomena exist which people are obliged to accept without being able to explain them the quaint little town of Marblehead furnishes an instance in the shape of an old clock, or the almost empty case of one, belonging to Mrs. Pitman, who lives on Reed's hill, not far from the railroad station.  
Even the most skeptical have been obliged to admit its existence and mysterious workings and to confess their inability to explain the power that controls it or to advance any reasonable theory upon the subject. It has been visited and examined by thousands during the past few years—by clergymen, scientists and others—highly learning and gifted, and they have all come away convinced that there was no delusion or trickery in what they witnessed and filled with wonder at what they had seen and heard.  
It is simply the wooden case of an old fashioned eight day clock, entirely destitute of works and containing nothing save the coiled wire that once formed a portion of the striking apparatus. It was the property of Mrs. Pitman's father and has never, to her recollection, been other than it is now—without pendulum or mechanism.  
For some reason unknown to others it was prized very highly by the old gentleman and was kept on the mantel of a seldom occupied room on the second floor of the house. The family, comprising besides Mrs. Pitman her father, children and grand children were church-going people and were never known as so-called Spiritualists, and she knew nothing of the mysterious powers possessed by the old clock until one evening when she heard it strike clearly and distinctly, if in perfect order. She listened with amazement until the strokes ceased, and then, turning to her father, was about to express her surprise and ask him for an explanation of the words which he said "very quickly": "It is striking for me. I am going away."  
She laughed in disbelief, and he added, "I mean that I am going—never to return."  
"But there are people who say that those who die do come back sometimes," she said, refusing to regard the matter generally.  
But he looked at her intently as he said, slowly and solemnly, "Then, if it is possible, I will return to you, my daughter, and in a way you cannot mistake."  
Nothing more was said at the time, and a few days later the old gentleman died—very suddenly.  
Mrs. Pitman had given little thought to her father's words, until one day when in the room where the clock was kept she was startled by hearing it tick with the same regularity and distinctness as though the missing works were again within the case and moving the long gone pendulum.  
She hastened to call her brother, and as the two stood listening to the monotonous "tick tick" of the invisible pendulum she told him for the first time of what her father had said to her shortly before his death.  
He listened to her with impatience and when her story was finished he asked, angrily, if she believed their dead father would come back to earth and manipulate the old clock. And he warned her to say nothing to the neighbors about the matter for fear they might "think her crazy."  
Several clock-makers were called in, but none of them could find anything to account for the strange ticking within the case, which now began to come quite frequently.  
Mrs. Pitman soon found that the clock would reply to questions which could be answered by a simple "Yes" or "No" and that the responses were always sensible, and, when relating to future events, were borne out by subsequent facts. These answers would come not only for her own benefit, but for that of others as well, so that many have consulted it through her "mediumship"—if such it can be called—and always with satisfactory results. At times, and when the visitors are musical, there will be heard a tinkling, as if invisible fingers were picking on the wire, and upon one occasion there came the melodious tones of a lady playing the opening notes of an air which had been the favorite of a recently deceased relative.—Boston Transcript.

Observe  
That a cut price sale is now on in the Carpet Department in order to hurry off hold over patterns. There are some remnants big enough for a small room.

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FARM AND GARDEN  
LOGGED CLOVER.  
Much Depends on the Way It is Cut.  
Present Crop and Aftergrowth.  
On very rich land clover often grows so large that its own weight brings it to the ground, and if this breaking down occurs while the air is still the clover is usually twisted so badly that surface with a mower and on smooth soil it is almost impossible to cut it, says American Cultivator. A good deal depends on the way the clover is cut, not merely for the present hay crop, but for the aftergrowth. If cut close to the ground, there will be a large amount of coarse stalks that are difficult to cure, though they may be when cured as sweet and nutritious as any of the hay. If not cut close, as must be the case when the mower runs the way that most of the clover leans, a long, coarse stubble is left from which the clover growth is very small, much as it would be if a mass of young buds were left to grow on a newly transplanted tree, instead of reducing the top to merely one bud and allowing that to make all the growth it will.

Most farmers for the good of the clover try to cut as low as possible. Indeed we have known some when the mower has left long stubble to follow it with the scythe and cut down what the mower knives passed over. Where the clover has been beaten down by rains most of it will fall one way. It is then possible by what is called "carrying the scythe" to cut the whole against the fallen clover, and by letting the knives down close to the ground get the whole and make a closer cut than could be done by the most skillful mower working in the field.

In cutting clover no sod is left. The clover plants do not send out many small leaves at the base of their stems, as all the grasses do. Consequently a clover stubble has bare feet, and as it crudes a gun makes the shoe slippery in walking over it. As this gun quickly dries when it is exposed to the air, it makes a smooth coating over the feet.

It is the gun which the thick clover stalks contain that makes clover hay ferment so quickly when piled in masses. Yet so long as it is not diluted with rains or dew this heating will usually dry out the clover without injury, so that it can be put in the barn without fear that it will there rot down into manure. After one heating in a small heap this clover has its moisture drawn out of it and is really much less likely to heat injuriously than it was before.

A Convenient Spraying Outfit.  
The figure shows an outfit for spraying potatoes or fruit trees, which the New Hampshire station recommends as convenient. A pump specially designed for spraying is mounted on a barrel of about 50 gallons capacity and drawn

on a wagon with one man to pump and another to apply the spray. In spraying potatoes a liberal length of hose should be used—50 feet or more.

A farmer naturally hesitates to drive over a field of thrifty "tops," but the injury is hardly to be considered as against the benefit of spraying. With a good length of hose the necessity of driving over the field is reduced to a minimum.

The Summer Calf.  
As at this season the bands of young calves are turned out into their summer quarters—i. e., a small inclosure adjacent to the farm buildings—there to pass the succeeding months, an Ohio Farmer correspondent thinks a few words regarding their care may not be amiss: In the first place, it is altogether better not to turn a very young calf out to pasture unless it can have a clean, darkened stable to stay in during the middle of the day. Especially is this true during July, August and September, when the fly nuisance is at its worst.

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As compared with our imports, our domestic exports showed an excess of \$594,242,299, or more than twice the excess for 1897, which was the largest previously reported, says the chief of the section of foreign markets in his report to the secretary of agriculture.

Fine Cantaloupes.  
Rural New Yorker tells that Mr. Hale of Georgia, of peach orchard fame, has 300 acres of cantaloupes on his farm, which were planted to help out the shortage caused by the failure of the peach crop. His New York agents sold one car load of cantaloupes for \$5 per crate. The varieties were the Paul Rose, Osage and Netted Gem. This was said by some to be, without doubt, the finest car of melons that ever arrived in New York.

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