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EMMELINE, BY ADA BEERS FOSTER.

A startled group of people stood on a low stone bridge, looking with anxious curiosity up the dusty highway. They had been drawn to the spot by a series of wild cries, which apparently came from that direction.

All that they saw at first was a dense cloud of dust, kicked up by the clumsy feet of an advancing team of horses. They saw next a large, white-covered wagon, which they at once recognized as belonging to the "poor farm," located a few miles further down the river.

It was creeping slowly along through the dust and heat of a July day; as it finally came abreast of the little group, faint moans were heard issuing from within.

Behind the wagon, clutching it fiercely with both hands, bare-headed, with gray, disheveled hair and miserable wild eyes which were fixed immovably upon some object in the wagon, was a tall, gaunt woman of forty or more. Unmindful of the heat, of the clouds of dust about her, and of the strata of dust through which she plodded, she clung tenaciously to the wagon, as if she feared it would elude her frenzied pursuit.

She saw nothing of the crowd which clustered about them as the driver drew rein in answer to a question put to him by the village doctor, who happened to be on the spot, and who at once proceeded to administer an opiate to the occupant of the wagon.

One little old woman standing somewhat aloof from the others, went up to the haggard creature—who still stood as if blind and deaf to everything but what went on in the wagon—and reaching up timidly, gently patted her on the arm, saying softly and with infinite compassion,— "Oh, poor Emmeline!"

The half-crazed soul turned her sad eyes on the speaker for an instant, but said nothing, her attention being again riveted on the helpless invalid before her. She lay on a bed of straw, a faded quilt thrown over her, and a pillow beneath her white-capped head. She was very old. She was paralyzed and blind. The county authorities were taking her to the infirmary, having satisfied themselves that she was neither safe nor comfortable under the erratic care of her irresponsible daughter, Emmeline.

The two, mother and daughter, had lived together for many years. When Emmeline was herself she was a most devoted nurse, and took the tenderest care of her helpless old mother. But alas! there were days together when the poor, deluded creature wandered frantically about the country, seeking wildly for that which had gone out of her life long years ago, when she was a young and pretty girl.

The mother, at these times, lay alone, at the mercy of her neighbors. They never neglected her; but they had at least concluded that the poorhouse was the proper place for the poor invalid, and took concerted action to that effect.

It had been arranged to remove her during one of the daughter's frequent absences. They almost succeeded, but not quite, for Emmeline came tiredly dragging into the rear door of her poor little home as the men were carrying the sick woman out at the front.

The sight maddened her. She fought desperately, with tooth and nail, to regain possession of her neglected charge, who comprehended nothing of the utter misery of the situation. When Emmeline found that her onslaught was futile her mood changed for a moment, and she begged piteously to be allowed to have her mother back again, making all sorts of promises as to her own future conduct. The thought appalled her, evidently, that her neglect had compelled the poor old woman's removal from the home they both loved, humble though it was.

Emmeline was still intensely proud, and, in her sanity, self-supporting. When, therefore, she fully realized where her mother was to be taken, there to live out the remainder of her life and there to die, her tortured mind trembled on the verge of utter chaos.

She had followed the wagon from the door, uttering, now and again, threats loud and deep against those who, she considered, had conspired to rob her of all that a cruel fate had still left to her. As they drew near the village she began screaming and crying, only ceasing when they stopped at the bridge.

When the physician had finished his ministrations, having made the invalid as comfortable as the circumstances permitted, the driver touched up his horses, and the unwieldy wagon creaked dismally as the wheels slowly revolved.

"Now, Em'line," he said, not unkindly, as he looked back over his shoulder at her, slightly checking the lazy horses, "I don't want no more of your nonsense. You leave go o' this here waggin! D'y'e hear?"

For answer, Emmeline stooped quickly, and picking up a stone, raised her long arm and was about to send it at his head. Fortunately for Jehu, the doctor, who was standing beside her, caught the uplifted hand. Then, still holding her arm, he nodded to the driver to go on. As the wagon moved slowly away, Emmeline at first struggled furiously to free herself. Suddenly she grew quiet, stood erect, her eyes following the receding vehicle. Not a word escaped her so long as it remained in sight. When it disappeared, she turned slowly to the people about and said quietly, but between set teeth, and with a gleam in her eyes,—

"I shall never rest until I find out who is at the bottom of this; and when I know, let them look out, that's all!"

Then she turned wearily away, and with her gray head bent on her chest, went slowly back to her desolate home.

"Dear Lord!" said the little old woman softly to herself, as she stood gazing wistfully after Emmeline. "How little one knows what one will have to go through with in this hard world! To think Emmeline should have come to this! Poor thing—poor thing!"

Emmeline walked steadily on until she reached her door. Then she paused, and standing on the step, shaded her eyes with her hand and looked searchingly along the river road. She stood thus for many minutes. At least a long-drawn breath escaped her, and sinking on her knees, she extended her arms as if to clasp to her aching heart the form she would never hold there again. The white-covered wagon was now on the opposite side of the river, and in plain view of the wretched daughter for half a mile at least. Soon it was hidden once more, and for the last time. Emmeline's head sank on the door-sill, and she crouched there, silent and motionless. A length she arose and stepped into the room where, for the last five years, her mother had been confined.

fascinated by its sparkling waters. There had never been a day, since the awful catastrophe of her life befell her, that she was out of sight of the river. In her wanderings she always kept close to it, and seemed to feel for it an affinity she evinced for nothing human save her mother.

Twenty-three years ago this summer, Emmeline was to have been married. Her wedding clothes were all ready, even to the dress, and all done by her own skillful fingers; for she was then the dressmaker of the village. She was always as busy as possible, and her needle kept a comfortable home for both her father and mother, the former being one of those "constitutionally tired" people incapable of any prolonged exertion. Emmeline was an only child, and as pretty a girl as there was to be found in the county.

A tall, slim, sweet-faced maid, with blue eyes and fair hair, and a manner gentle and refined to a degree not common in that rustic community.

The man whom she was to marry, and whom she loved—as such quiet women often do—to the death, was an honest, thrifty young fellow who considered himself extremely lucky in having won the love of Emmeline. He was a railroad engineer, and his vocation was the only drawback to her happiness. She was always afraid of an accident befalling him. Was it a premonition?

It was a very wet spring. Late in April a week of driving rain had rendered unsafe for travel the railroad bridge a mile from the village. But this fact was ignored by the company, and trains were running as usual up to the very last.

George Norris' train was due in the village at seven in the morning. It was his last "run" previous to his marriage, which was to take place the following day. All that night Emmeline had not slept. At dawn she softly left the house and set out for the bridge, impelled by some force she could not resist. She walked rapidly down the track, the rushing, swirling, angry river sweeping along beside her. The lowlands were all submerged, and above loomed a sullen sky.

She was soon at the bridge, and sat down in a grassy spot to wait—for what she knew not, only that there was something coming to her that caused heart to beat suffocatingly, and turned her hands to ice. She trembled and shivered, and soon found it impossible to remain inactive. She walked fitfully up and down, listening with throbbing brain for the whistle of the train.

At last she heard it at the next station, a few miles distant. Soon a rumbling sound seemed to fill the valley, and then she saw the train round a sharp curve and slowly and cautiously enter the long wooden covered bridge. Emmeline was just drawing a breath of relief as it emerged but a few feet from where she stood, and caught a glimpse of George at his post, when—how it was or what happened was never clear to her—the engine plunged heavily down—down—into the raging river below.

The village was aroused a few minutes later by the awful intelligence. Men, women and children flocked to the scene of the disaster. They found Emmeline standing pale and still on the edge of the embankment, a part of which was washed away, leaving a chasm through which the water was rushing madly.

Underrived by the continuous rains, when the engine ran out from the bridge upon it the embankment crumbled beneath its weight. George Norris went to his death, and a far worse fate was in store for the woman he had loved.

Emmeline stood there hour after hour. Deaf to all entreaties, she remained throughout the day, silent, immovable, her eyes fixed on the portions of the engine that protruded above the waters. As twilight came on, and the rain began to fall, she roused herself, and breaking away from the protecting arm of her father, leaped into the river. It was done so quickly, so unexpectedly, that although there were many people about, it seemed an eternity before an effort was made to save her. She was sinking for the last time when she was finally rescued.

It was weeks before Emmeline knew more of her sorrow, save in her feverish ravings. Then at length she came slowly back to life again—alas that she should be so! It was very soon evident that it was another Emmeline who had returned from the verge of the grave.

In appearance she was entirely changed. Her pretty, fair hair had been cut close, and when it grew out again it was streaked with gray. Her eyes were dull and lifeless, or fierce and wild, according to her mood. Her fresh and delicate complexion was ashen, and the charm of her sweet countenance was forever gone.

When her strength returned she resumed her occupation, and would sit

week in and week out, never opening her lips on any subject save in regard to the work in hand. It was all done mechanically, and her patrons soon complained that she didn't begin to have the taste she used to have, or do her work so well. It was but a short time before a new dressmaker appeared in the village, and soon secured the patronage of most of those who had for years employed Emmeline. She found that she must needs look for other means of support. In the course of a few years she was reduced to the necessity of depending almost entirely upon the roughest sort of work, and thankful to obtain even that. But she had never become quite strong, and the wash-tub and the scrubbing brush soon undermined her already broken health, and undoubtedly aggravated the disorders of her mind.

Her father died, and she and her mother lived alone—God only knows how. As the years crept on, Emmeline grew more and more erratic, less gentle, and less tractable; and as a younger generation grew up, and the older died off, she found less of sympathy and toleration among the people about her. This tended to increase her mania, until the period of her mother's removal, she was rarely quite herself.

Three or four days passed, after her mother's removal, and there was nothing seen nor heard of Emmeline. A cold rain came on, falling incessantly for two days. At nightfall of the second day she was seen coming home. She was wet through, and staggered slightly as she walked. She went around the house several times, stopping occasionally and muttering to herself, unmindful of the rain and of her deplorable condition. At last she went in.

After an hour or so, as no smoke issued from the chimney, a couple of women who lived near, and who had seen her come home, went to see if they were ill or in need of anything. They found her huddled on her mother's bed, still in her wet clothes, shivering and trembling with cold. She was very quiet and tractable. They undressed her and put her in her own bed in the adjoining room. She drank some tea they made, but it appeared impossible for her to eat the delicate toast they placed before her.

Before midnight she was raving in the delirium of fever; now of her mother, then of George; the name of one or the other on her poor, parched lips continually. And so two weeks passed away; and then, very early one morning, as the nurse slept soundly, Emmeline softly left her bed, and sinking on her knees beside it, drew out a little old black trunk. Her weak hands could barely manage to open it. When she at last succeeded in doing so she lifted out something wrapped in an old linen sheet, patting it tenderly as she placed it on her bed. She unpinned it and took out a dress of a fashion long gone by—once white, now turned yellow by the hand of time.

One article after another she took from the sheet, pressing her lips to each as she laid it beside the dress. There were white kid gloves and a pair of slippers—yellowed also, but which had never been worn. An old-fashioned straw bonnet with creamy feathers came next. She held it on her hand and smoothed her cheek against the plumes. After she had placed them all upon the bed, she remained kneeling, panting from her exertions, for some little time. But at last she rose and slowly began to put on the garments she had expected to wear twenty three long years before, on her wedding-day.

She had to rest many times, but she steadily persisted, and at last sat on the edge of the bed, fully dressed, even to her gloves. She had put on her bonnet also, and it looked most piteously grotesque on her poor old gray head and above her white and creased face.

She sat there motionless, her gloved hands folded in her lap, and her slippered feet crossed, staring blankly at the opposite wall. The nurse still slept heavily in the next room. With a strange smile on her lips Emmeline finally arose, smoothing her dress and readjusting her bonnet. Then she turned toward the door, saying softly,—

"It must be time."

She opened the door. The dawn was breaking. Paint streaks of red appeared above the eastern hill-tops. The birds were chirping and twittering in the woods near by. The heavenly sweetness and freshness of a new born summer day rested like a benediction upon all nature.

Emmeline paused for a moment or two, and looked uncertainly about her. Then, suddenly, as if imbued with new life and strength, she set out at a pace simply wonderful for a person in her condition. She went rapidly through the village, as she had done on that fatal morning so long ago. She pursued the same course, and soon reached the spot where she had last seen her lover. She stood looking at the water,

still with that strange smile on her faded face. As she stood, she heard the reverberating shriek of the engine at the next station. She started and turned her face toward the bridge. It was not the old covered wooden bridge of that other morning, which then had for a brief space hidden the approaching train from her view, but a modern iron structure, and she could watch the train coming nearer and nearer. She moved off the track, standing on the very edge of the embankment, with her eyes now on the water. As the engine left the bridge, she turned partly around and waived her hand toward it. Then she threw up both hands, crying in a voice shrill and clear and piercing,—

"George, George, I am coming!"

The next instant the white figure was in the river. She sank almost immediately, in almost the identical spot where George Norris lay buried beneath his engine nearly a quarter of a century before.

Her body was never found, although a vigilant search was kept up for days. She had found a grave where he whom she had loved and mourned through all the vicissitudes of her hard life had found his.

The little home was sold, and the proceeds paid her mother's funeral expenses; for the poor old woman died the same week, never knowing of her daughter's tragic death.—Waverley Magazine.

work, because if the hole wore away ever so little it would make the wire larger, and that would spoil the job. Instead, it is drawn through what is practically a hole in a diamond, to which there is, of course, no wear. These diamond plates are made by a woman in New York, who has a monopoly of the art in this country. The wire is then run through machinery, which winds it spirally with a layer of silk thread that is .0015 of an inch in thickness—even finer than the wire, you see. This wire is used in making the receiving instruments of ocean cables, the galvanometers used in testing cables and measuring insulation of covered wires."

A New Airship.

JOHN EVANS, OF SHAMOKIN, SAYS HE WILL SAIL TO CHICAGO AND TO EUROPE.

John Evans, a mechanic of Shamokin, Pa., has almost completed the construction of an air-ship which he claims will revolutionize aerial navigation. He proposes to give his first exhibition at the fair of the Shamokin Agricultural Association next month and says that his point of landing will be Chicago. Then he will sail to Europe.

Mr. Evans has been at work on his invention for more than five years. He maintains that his model worked excellently several months ago when he made a trial ascension.

The balloon will consist of a cigar-shaped gas chamber twenty feet in length and measuring twelve feet in thickness at the largest point. Suspended from this will be a car, shaped like a row-boat, composed principally of wire. It will also be twenty feet long and will be from ten inches to five feet in depth.

In the rear of the boat will be constructed a propeller, which will be worked by a powerful storage battery. The inventor claims that he will have complete control of the ship and will ascend or land at pleasure.

The Time to Laugh.

As a matter of fact a boy never should laugh at his father until he (the boy) is 18 years of age, at least. Earlier than that it is not safe. A boy over near the university has for several evenings stood up to eat his meals, and all because he neglected the above rule of conduct. His father takes great pride in the Hambletonian colt he is raising. The old man fairly delights in pottering around the stable, and he can hardly wait until that colt is 4 years old and trots a mile to harness in 2:05½, as it surely will. The other morning the pater was fussing around in an old silk hat and equally venerable great coat, pitchfork in hand, and while he was walking about the colt's heels the boy gave the animal its feed.

The colt does not allow any familiarities while feeding, and when the old man, in a stooping position, backed up against him, the colt lashed out with both feet. The man stood so near that the kick broke no bones, but he was shot as from a catapult right through the clapboards on the side of the barn. His head was driven through his tile, and when he extricated himself from the splinters the rim of his headgear hung around his neck like a ruff. He regarded the whole business as rough, and delivered an oration through his hat which the boy regarded as amusing. The youngster laughed. First he stood and laughed, then he laid down and laughed, and rolled over and over and hugged himself and still laughed. But when that devoted father got clear from the wreckage he seized the nearest strap, and the boy has not smiled once since. The boy knows now that he is not big enough to laugh at his father.—Minnneapolis Tribune.

Explained.

"This isn't my flannel suit," said Harkins to the pawnbroker. "This is a half-dozen sizes smaller than mine." "You are mistaken," said the pawnbroker. "That is your suit, but it has been in soak so long that it has shrunk."

Still in Doubt.

New reporter. "Do we say the 'Chicago Fair' or the 'World's Fair?'" Eastern editor. "I am not sure yet. If it turns out well it is the World's Fair, but if it is a fizzle we shall credit it to Chicago."—Indianapolis Journal.

Invention is sometimes thought to have reached its limit, but of the energy in a pound of coal when burned, some one has calculated that only 1 per cent. is used in moving a passenger and only one-half of 1 per cent. in incandescent electric lighting. The rest goes in friction and waste. The problem of the next century is going to be the saving of this wasted 99 or 99½ per cent. Just as the problem of the last century has been to secure the use of 1 per cent. which moves trains and the ½ per cent. which makes an electric light.

Wire Finer Than Hair.

"We are at work just now on some pretty small wire," said a Pittsburgh metal worker recently. "It is 1-500th of an inch in diameter—finer than the hair on your head, a great deal. Ordinary fine wire is drawn through steel plates, but that wouldn't do for this

Home Flashes and Sparks From Abroad.

—Yes, —A man may know considerable —And say but little.

—And another man may know considerable, say a good deal, and after all really say but little.

—The trouble with this man is he knows enough but he gets his information mixed up, and before finishing one subject he jumps into the middle of another field.

—But there is, however, a good deal of difference between a man who knows considerable and says but little,

—And the fellow whose knowledge is very limited, and who wags his tongue most of his time trying to impress others with the notion that he knows a great deal.

—The Ladies Guild of St. James' Episcopal Church held their monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. Lydia Gurtler, Saturday July 29th.

—The Sunbeam washer sold by Mowry and Lathaw of Spring City is a very good washing machine.

—Ursinus College is arranging for a prosperous and aggressive academic year, beginning this fall.

—Last Thursday afternoon a number of the young ladies and gentlemen of this place picnicked on Hunsicker's Island. After an afternoon spent in pleasure, supper was served.

—Wednesday evening, last week, Esquire Zimmerman, proprietor of Prospect Terrace, entertained his guests with a straw ride to M. A. Anderson's farm, near Black Rock.

—The Misses Casselberry of Lower Providence recently took a number of the young folks of that place for a straw ride to Areola, where some of their friends are camping. The evening was spent in dancing. Refreshments were served.

—The Alberta guests were conveyed to the Weldon House in Mr. Abram Hunsicker's large wagon, last Thursday evening, where a pleasant time was had.

—We are constrained to observe, briefly, that the local editor of the Norristown Register is a very imaginative, extravagant and interesting fabricator.

—E. L. Markley, of the Grand Depot, Royersford, has a new advertisement in this issue. Read it.

—The most crushing blow that has ever fallen upon the lawyers of Philadelphia is their inability to find a weak place in the Drexel will.—Svensen Gazette.

—When a man comes to ask you for your opinion he really asks for your confirmation of his own.—Atholton Globe.

—Not always; it depends upon the man is.

—A man traveling one of the saw-mill roads in Dooly county avers that the road was so crooked that he met himself coming back.—Atlanta Journal.

—Silas Kingkner, had the thumb severed from his right hand by a circular saw while at work at Guest, Grater & Co.'s planing mill Norristown, Thursday afternoon.

—A lynching bee in the South never ends in disappointment. If the right negro is not found some other one is, and the fun goes on.—Kansas City Journal.

—During the temporary absence of Mrs. Walter Fenton, at King-of-Prussia, Friday, the house was entered by a thief, who ransacked closets and drawers, appropriated \$250 worth of watches and jewelry and \$75 in cash.

—Peter Connor, of Philadelphia, jumped off a moving coal train at Conshohocken Tuesday morning and had his right leg cut off and the other mangled.

—Amos L. Evans, aged 72 years, was instantly killed at Conshohocken Tuesday morning by being struck by a train on the Schuylkill Valley Railroad. He was a resident of Conshohocken.

—Baby, a cat belonging to Mrs. Cragin of Worcester, Mass., is believed to be the giant of the domesticated feline race. It is 2 1/2 feet long, 16 inches high and weighs thirty pounds.

—If people will pay their small bills the big bills will be better able to take care of themselves.—Baltimore American.

—The philosopher who wrote that a good name is better than riches never had a case in an American court of law.—Buffalo Courier.

—Joseph Fanning, about 25 years old, of Pottstown, has been sent to jail in default of \$700 bail, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill George N. Malsberger, president of the Pottstown Passenger Railway Company.

—Mrs. Webster, who resides near Kennett Square, Chester county, gave birth to vigorous triplets a day or two ago. Scores of neighbors have since visited her home to look upon these three of a kind—a genuine novelty in Chester county.

Deaths.

Matthias Yost, one of the oldest citizens of Lower Providence, died of inflammation of the bowels at his residence in Evansburg, early Monday morning, aged 86 years. The deceased was an esteemed resident of Evansburg for many years. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. H. H. Robinson of Perkiomen Bridge, and a grandson, Dr. M. Y. Weber, of Evansburg. The funeral will be held to-day. Interment at St. James' Episcopal cemetery.

William, the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Yellis, died at the home of the parents, Philadelphia, the latter part of last week. Funeral Tuesday; interment in Trinity cemetery, this place.

HARVEST HOME MEETING.

A harvest home meeting will be held in the Green Tree church on Saturday, August 5, at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. T. Meyers will deliver the discourse.

Y. W. C. T. U.

The Y. W. C. T. U., of Yerkes, will hold its regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mr. D. W. Favinger on Monday evening, August 7. All are welcome.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR.

Harvey Christman, of Limerick, has been appointed Deputy Revenue Collector of this county at a salary of \$1,400, the appointment to take effect August 1.

THE TURF.

There will be several interesting races at H. H. Schlichter's Limerick Centre track on Saturday next. A special feature will be the contest between the trotters owned by H. Kreamer and A. Major.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Winter Bran \$15.50 @ \$16.50; flour, \$2.55 to \$4.15; corn, 48c.; oats, 39c.; butter, 24 to 28c.; live fowls, 13c. @ 14c.; dressed fowls, 14 @ 14 1/2c.; Timothy hay, \$1.15 @ \$1.25; straw, 65 @ 75c.; beef cattle, 3 1/2 to 5c.; sheep, 2 to 4 1/2c.; lambs, 3 1/2 @ 6 1/2c.; hogs, 8 @ 8 1/2c.

CONVENTION OF KNIGHTS.

A convention of Knights of the Golden Eagle of Castles and Commanderies from Montgomery, Berks, Bucks, Chester and Lehigh counties, will be held at Pottstown on Saturday, August 26. Delegates will be present from 72 castles and 8 Commanderies. A gala day for the members of the organization is anticipated.

PENSION EXAMINERS.

Dr. W. B. Shaner, of Pottstown, has been notified by the Pension Department at Washington that he has been appointed Pension Examining Surgeon, and in connection with Dr. Charles H. Mann, of Bridgeport, and Dr. Harry H. Whitcomb, of Norristown, will constitute the Examining Board of this county, with headquarters at Norristown.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.

Early Friday evening David Hunsberger, aged 19, was struck and instantly killed by a south-bound express train on the North Penn Railroad, near his home in Hatfield township. He was walking close to the track and the engine was rounding a curve at high speed when he was hurled with terrific force against an embankment. The jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

LIGHTNING'S WORK.

The thunder storm Wednesday evening of last week was severe in the vicinity of Limerick Square. The large pole at Limerick's hotel was struck by lightning and shattered and the hostler, who was standing near, was stunned. The house of Leaman Brooke was struck and a curtain set on fire; the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

OUTING OF A CLOVER CLUB.

The Clover Club of Allentown, composed of 75 enthusiastic members who represent the various business interests of the city named, came down over the Perkiomen railroad last Thursday morning and spent the day at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel. The invited guests increased the number of the party to 110, among the latter being no less a public dignitary than Mayor Allison. Headed by the Pioneer Band—a good one—the club marched up Broadway to the toll-gate and counter-marched to the Bridge—after the chicken dinner. The clam bake, the base ball game and the various other diversions of the day were fully enjoyed. The display of fireworks in the evening was quite elaborate and attractive. The paper balloons with explosives attached were particularly admired by the folks about town. If we are right in our judgment, and we think we are, Allentown need not hesitate to boast a little about her Clover Club.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS.

The season is well within sight when picnics absorb much of the attention not only of the young but also of the old, for men and women never grow to old to attend picnics, eat picnic pie and big (?) plates of ice cream.

The Lutheran and Reformed Sunday Schools of Trappe will hold a joint picnic in the Almshouse grove on Saturday, August 26. The Humane Band of Royersford will do attractive service as musicians.

The Garwood Sunday School will picnic in the same grove on Saturday, September 2. Garwood's picnics have been very popular gatherings for years, and there is no reason why this year should prove an exception.

The annual Sunday School festival of St. James' Church, Evansburg, will be held in the grove on Saturday, August 12, and be continued at night. The Centre Point Band will play afternoon and evening. Ice cream and refreshments as usual.

A SUCCESS.

The entertainment given in Bomberger Memorial Hall, Friday evening, by the Work Committee of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity church, was a success, both as to attendance and the merit of the program rendered. The net proceeds amounted to \$31. Program: Orchestra, Laros Family; Quartette, Mrs. Fetterolf, Mr. Hendricks, Miss Hendricks, Mr. Bartman; Recitation, "Oriska," Miss Curly; Instrumental Solo, Miss Robison; Soprano Solo, Miss Hendricks; Recitation, Dagger Scene from Macbeth, Mr. Johnson; Bass Solo, Mr. Royer; Recitation, John Jenkin's Sermon, Miss Culbert; Instrumental Duet, Miss Weinberger and Mrs. Dunlop; Soprano Solo, Miss Wireback; Recitation, selected, Miss Royer; Instrumental Solo, Miss Hendricks; Vocal Duet, Mrs. Fetterolf and Miss Hendricks; Recitation, "By Special Request," Miss MacGreggor; Orchestra, Laros Family.

Bucklen's Arnica Salva.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Trichinosis, Itch, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is an ardent to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25c. per box. For sale by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, Collegeville, Pa.

At the Almshouse.

Directors Bergey and Supplee met at the Almshouse last Thursday, transacted the usual routine business and then attempted to elect a Director to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Mumbauer. Mr. Bergey nominated Michael Wagner, of New Hanover, with orders in hand from headquarters to stand by his choice until the crowing of the roosters in the Almshouse henery next morning, or longer if necessary. Mr. Supplee nominated John Taggart, of Upper Hanover, voted for him, voted for him and voted for him. After a number of ballots were taken it was decided to postpone filling the vacancy until the meeting in November. Orders were passed for the payment of bills amounting to \$1900. Suitable resolutions upon the death of Director Mumbauer were adopted.

WRESTLED WITH A THIEF AND WON.

Last Friday night I. C. Landes, of Yerkes, was on his way home from the Almshouse, when he was overtaken and forced him to engage in a wrestling match. A lively tussle ensued and blows from bare knuckles upon the face and head of the thieving Irishman kept him in control until Charles Williams arrived and assisted in completely overpowering the intruder. By this time the neighborhood was aroused and down over the hills came the sons of toil armed with forks and other implements of warfare, and there was soon collected sufficient physical force to down a dozen house-breakers. The captive, who gave his name as Jacob Weaver, was brought to town and promptly ushered into the presence of Esquire Zimmerman who held court in the presence of the numerous guests at the Terrace. It was ascertained that Weaver had broken into the cellar at Mr. Detwiler's place and had stolen some butter, cheese, &c. The Esquire instructed Constable Weikel to escort Weaver further on and land him at Fort Bickel, Norristown. And again Yerkes is ahead in physical prowess and courage.

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