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ACCEPT THE TRUTH WHEREVER FOUND. DO RIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHT

Volume 23.

Collegeville, Pa., Thursday, June 24, 1897.

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J. M. ZIMMERMAN, Justice of the Peace, COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

JOHN S. HUNSICKER, Justice of the Peace, BAIN STATION, PA.

EDWARD DAVID, Painter and Paper-Hanger, COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

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J. P. KOONS, Practical Slater, BAIN STATION, PA.

DANIEL SHULER, Contractor and Builder, TRAPPE, PA.

A. J. TRUCKESS, VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, PROVIDENCE SQUARE, PA.

JOHN H. CASSELLBERRY, Surveyor & Conveyancer, All kinds of legal papers drawn.

SUNDAY PAPERS, Different Philadelphia papers delivered to those wishing to purchase in Collegeville.

W. J. THOMPSON, PROPRIETOR OF COLLEGEVILLE MEAT STORE!

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JOHN M. LATSHAW, VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, TRAPPE, PA.

PASSENGERS And Baggage, Conveyed to and from Collegeville Station.

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the station of Nupstad. On returning to the sands six days later, he found them covered by a belt of ice floes or waves about four miles wide and seventy to ninety feet high, reaching from the glacier to the sea, a distance of at least twenty-five miles.

A scorpion carrying a flower is the curious sight seen not long ago by an Aden correspondent of Nature. The flower was a large blossom of what is locally known as the white-gold mohur tree, and the creature held it over its back by one claw, curling up its tail to assist. The nearest tree from which the flower could have been obtained was thirty feet away, with two or three steps and a low parapet intervening.

It might puzzle many to say why the feathers of birds rest closely against the body even in the strongest wind. A German naturalist has made experiments showing that in the bird's flight through the air the feathers are electrified positively and the white down negatively, causing an attraction that smooths down the feathers.

The surprising theory that whooping cough is contagious only before the patient begins to whoop is advanced by Dr. Weill, a French physician. From many cases of exposure he has satisfied himself that all risk of infection ceases at the beginning of the whooping stage or very soon after.

There is a tradition in Marseilles that on particular nights many years ago all the clocks in that city were put forward one hour, a tradition which is said to have had its origin in the following story: There lived in the vicinity of that city an M. Valette, a gentleman of ancient family and of considerable fortune.

As his children grew up, however, he was induced to move to Paris, which place both he and Madame Valette conceived to be more suited to the education of her family. The removal of M. Valette and of his family was deplored by tenantry, to whom he had been as a father, but particularly a M. Le Brun, whom he had left factor on his estate, was, though a just man, of harsh and unaccommodating temper.

M. Valette found it necessary in Paris to adopt a mode of life which but ill accorded with the moderation of his fortune. He made frequent demands for renewed remittances upon his factor, and the latter was forced to use rigorous and oppressive measures to procure for his master the necessary means. The scanty vintage of the preceding year had made such demands doubly hard to obey, and Le Brun became as odious to the tenantry as Valette had been respected and beloved. These circumstances were but little known to Valette, or he would have revolted from a manner of life which wrung from his tenants almost all their hard-earned substance.

One night as he slept in Paris the form of his factor appeared to him covered with blood, informing him that he had been murdered by the tenantry on M. Valette's estate for rigor in collecting his revenue, and that his body had been buried under a particular tree, which it minutely described. The ghost of Le Brun requested, moreover, that M. Valette should immediately hasten to Marseilles and deposit his remains in the grave of his ancestors. To this request Valette assented, and the apparition at once disappeared.

The morning came to dissipate the gloom which the vision of the night had occasioned, and though he had been for some time astonished at the unusual silence of Le Brun, yet he could not help considering the whole as a mere illusion. Stories of ghosts he had always considered as fit only for the nursery. To take so long a journey on such an errand he knew would be regarded as the height of superstition, and so he made no mention of the incident. "You are more thoughtful than usual, father," said one of his daughters to him next morning at breakfast. "I am thinking, my dear," said M. Valette, "why I have been so long in hearing from Le Brun, I need money, and my demands have not been met."

No sooner had M. Valette retired to his apartment than M. Danville endeavored to impress the same opinion on the family of his son-in-law. Apprehensive lest the very presentment of the event might occasion it, or at least be attended by disagreeable consequences, he thought of a device which, as mayor of the city, it was in his power easily to accomplish. This was to cause all the clocks of Marseilles to be put forward one hour, that they might strike the predicted hour of twelve next night when it should be only eleven, so that when the time set by the ghost should be believed by Valette to have passed over without any event supervening, he might be persuaded to give up the fancies with which he was so deeply impressed.

Next day the unhappy Valette made every effort to arrange his worldly affairs, had his will executed in due legal form, received the sacrament and prepared himself for the awful event he anticipated. The evening approached. From a large open window which looked into a beautiful garden he saw the sun go down, as he believed for the last time.

The lamps were now lighted in the hall, and he sat in the midst of his family and parlor of the last supper which, he believed, he was ever to eat upon earth. The clocks of Marseilles tolled the eleventh hour. "My dearest Marie," said he to Madame Valette, "I have now only one hour to live. There is but one hour betwixt me and eternity."

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ever, obstinately declared his incredulity and considered the whole as one of those unaccountable illusions to which even the strongest minds are sometimes liable. He declared his son-in-law must be the victim of some delusion, and although he could not account for his dream his last vision must be mere imagination. No sooner had M. Valette retired to his apartment than M. Danville endeavored to impress the same opinion on the family of his son-in-law. Apprehensive lest the very presentment of the event might occasion it, or at least be attended by disagreeable consequences, he thought of a device which, as mayor of the city, it was in his power easily to accomplish. This was to cause all the clocks of Marseilles to be put forward one hour, that they might strike the predicted hour of twelve next night when it should be only eleven, so that when the time set by the ghost should be believed by Valette to have passed over without any event supervening, he might be persuaded to give up the fancies with which he was so deeply impressed.

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"The angel of death delays his coming. Could all have been a delusion? No, it is impossible!"

"The ghost," said M. Danville in a tone of irony, "has deceived you. He is a lying prophet. Are you not yet safe? The whole thing is the illusion of an unhealthy imagination. You should banish, my friend, a thought which so completely overwhelms you."

"Well, rejoined Valette, "God's will be done! I shall retire to my chamber and spend the night in grateful prayer for so signal a deliverance."

After having been nearly an hour in his chamber, M. Valette recollected that he had assigned in his library a document of importance to his family, to which it was necessary his name should be affixed. In passing from his bedchamber to the library he had to cross by the head of a flight of stairs which led immediately down to the wine cellar. At this spot he heard a faint murmur of voices below, and instantly ran down to the bottom of the stairs to ascertain the cause. No sooner had he descended than an unseen hand stabbed him to the heart.

At this moment the clocks in Marseilles struck one in the morning, or, as it really was, twelve at night—the exact time predicted by Le Brun.

The cellar of M. Danville had been broken into by robbers, who, perceiving themselves discovered, saw no other means of escape than by murdering the ill-fated Valette, by whom they were surprised. These men were unconscious instruments in the hand of fate.

A GENTLEMAN AND A SCHOLAR, A man in Missouri stopped his copy of the St. Louis Star because the paper advocated the election of a woman to the school board. The Star revenges itself cleverly in "The Star Sayings," by publishing the letter from this irate citizen in full, just as it was received:

May 19, St. Louis, Mo. To the Star-Seyvins, Superintendent, Star: Place and Discontinue Sending your paper to me, as I cannot spare such organ that upholds femals that seeks to occupy office which is only inaugurated for man folks only. I prefer wimans to Stay at home Tend to thire housekeeping, as it has been adtoplet from the beginning of the World. Yours Respectfully, C. E. LANG, Groceries, 1819 North Ninth St., St. Louis, Mo.

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"Men of breeding might go as far as his native village to acquire his perfect manners. Wondering who this picturesque and operatic young man might be I afterward questioned the diligence driver (a rascal I had reason to suspect of stealing my bag with all my things and the wonderful bargains in Orotava lace and embroidery I had driven) and learned that he was a village butcher. So with all the trades people here. I wanted to match some stuff sold me by a woman Orotava down at Santa Cruz, and was informed I should apply to Don Pablo, or Don Pedro, and then to Don Nicholas of the Puerto. Surnames are suppressed—every one is still as well born as they were on the peninsula in the days of Lope de Vega and the German Ambassador, asking for a servant's credentials, was presented with proof of his descent from a Gothic King."—Good Words.

HE COULDN'T TALK ENGLISH, HOW A YOUNG LAWYER'S GOOD CASE WAS KNOCKED OUT. It was a venerable lawyer telling an incident of his early career, and even after the lapse of thirty-five years he has the grace to blush. "It was the first case," he said, "in which I had a chance to spread myself. A young man of good family was charged with stealing a watch. He had attended an annual ball given by one of the best German societies of the city. One of the most attractive young ladies there accused my client of taking her watch, and it was found in his possession. The prosecuting witness was so prostrated that she could not appear in court, but the people made their case through the testimony of an uncle, who had attended her at the entertainment, and the officer who had made the arrest. In my opening statement I had impressed the jury with the honorable character and connections of the accused and assured them that we would prove that the watch had been voluntarily given to the custody of the young man for fear my client might lose it in the crowd present.

"This prisoner swore to this line of facts, and said that there had been something of a flirtation prior to his taking charge of the watch. He said that there had been several conversations of from ten to fifteen minutes each during the evening. Two of his friends gave like testimony and I was in high feather, feeling the more confident because all the prosecutor could ask of the witnesses was whether any of them talked German. None of them did.

"When it came to rebuttal, twenty Germans in a row swore that the girl had just come over and couldn't speak a word of English. "All I could do was to look silly and simulate a sickly laugh, while every one else in court was roaring."—Detroit Free Press.

MOVED TO A SAFER PLACE. PENNSYLVANIA IN THE OIL RUSH TIMES WAS RATHER TOO LIVELY FOR HIM. While replenishing his linen at the men's furnishing department the fine-looking old gentleman first chuckled and then indulged in hearty laughter. This called for an explanation and he gave it. "Pardon me, young man," he said in his old school manner, "but I never enter a place of this kind without recalling a bitter experience of my own of which I can now afford to see the ludicrous side. "I once clerked for a big wholesale house in Philadelphia. When I told the proprietor, who had shown a kindly interest in me, that I had decided to go West and try to work up a business of my own, he advised me to make a trial in the Pennsylvania oil field, toward which the first great rush had set in. He would furnish the stock and I was to pay when I could. "My business block was a long, low, narrow building of wood, but I packed it with the usual equipment of a clothing store and took in money with both hands, for the mushroom village was thronged with speculators, well-borers, well-blowers, engineers, surveyors, day-laborers, gamblers and camp followers. I had visions of fabulous wealth when there broke loose the worst gang of thugs and robbers that ever defied the law. They burglarized my store three times in as many nights before I would believe that lightning struck twice in the same place. Then I hired a watchman, weighted him down with revolvers and started for the county seat to stir up the authorities. While I was away my watchman helped the gang loot the whole establishment and haul the plunder away in wagons. I could find just three linen dusters and six cheap neckties. I packed them in a shirt box, sent them to the Sheriff, came to Detroit and prospered."—Detroit Free Press.

NO USE FOR HAY, A SAN FRANCISCO HORSE WHICH PREFERS MEAT AND FISH TO ANY OTHER DIET. The most extraordinary appetite known in a horse belongs to Billy, a handsome bay owned by A. Decourieux & Son, the butchers of the Pacific Fruit Market. Horses are frequently known to show a liking for sugar, and instances are related where they would drink beer, but who ever saw a horse that was fond of meat and fish? Billy's duties are to draw the firm's delivery and his stand is on Merchant street in front of the shop. Here he is often on exhibition, eating with an apparent relish steak, liver, tripe and in short almost any variety of meat handed to him. Sometimes, after having had his fill of oats and hay he refuses to munch meat, but this seldom occurs. Billy's appetite developed several months ago. No one knew of it until one day he was seen to reach into a butcher's cart that was just ahead of him and calmly begin eating a steak. After that he was fed often with the firm's wares, and many a bet has been won and lost on his appetite. The horse formerly varied in his carnal meals by purloining fish, but he was cured in a manner that was ludicrous to the spectators, but very painful for the equine phenomenon. He reached into a fish wagon one day when his olfactories detected the odor of his favorite smelt, but an active and belligerent crab took offense at the intrusion and promptly fastened to his lower lip. Billy shook his head frantically and whinnied in pain, but the crustacean held on until he was crushed by being banged against the side of the wagon. Since the horse has kept clear of fish. Billy is the favorite of the market, and a strange teamster who had the temerity to lay a whip across his back one morning to make room, was nearly mobbed by indignant butchers and fishmongers. He is also the pet of his owner's family, and his sleek hide and general evidence of good care show that he does not lack for attention. —San Francisco Call.

IN THE CANARIES, A tourist in the Canary Islands says: "I know nothing more cheerful to the vagabond than the readiness of friendship among the common people of the Canary Isles. Go where you will abroad, you may shake the hand of the beggar, loafer, peasant and cottager. All have the same free and hearty welcome for you. They seem to delight in outlandish acquaintance, and if you happen to be a woman you instantly appeal to their better selves. Here, as elsewhere, I have kindly memories of people whose names I never knew and who did not know mine. I remember driving by diligence with a brave and heroic-looking young gentleman beautifully clad. He wore long boots, radiant linen, velvet breeches, a short, smart jacket, and a wide-brimmed hat. "Men of breeding might go as far as his native village to acquire his perfect manners. Wondering who this picturesque and operatic young man might be I afterward questioned the diligence driver (a rascal I had reason to suspect of stealing my bag with all my things and the wonderful bargains in Orotava lace and embroidery I had driven) and learned that he was a village butcher. So with all the trades people here. I wanted to match some stuff sold me by a woman Orotava down at Santa Cruz, and was informed I should apply to Don Pablo, or Don Pedro, and then to Don Nicholas of the Puerto. Surnames are suppressed—every one is still as well born as they were on the peninsula in the days of Lope de Vega and the German Ambassador, asking for a servant's credentials, was presented with proof of his descent from a Gothic King."—Good Words.







HOME AND ABROAD.

The excitement of Commencement being over,  
—Collegeville has once more resumed her quiet demeanor.  
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A bright young Southerner, while passing through Collegeville, noted with interest the economy of the borough folks in utilizing the telegraph poles as barber signs. He wishes to know whether we draw our chairs out on the front lawns of an evening and read by the rays of our street lamps.  
—Dr. N. S. Borneman, of Norristown, has a new advert in this issue. Read it.

The National Saengerfest which opened on Monday in Philadelphia on a turning out successfully. The city is one mass of decorations in honor of the visiting singers.  
—The season of the year has come when the small boy delights in trailing the ice wagon through town.

James Steltz has returned to his home in Ironbridge from Charity Hospital, where he received treatment for the hand he injured in the circular saw at Roberts' Machine works, a few weeks ago. Mr. Steltz is doing well.  
—The Collegeville Wheelmen should attend the illuminated street parade to be given by the Norristown cyclists this (Thursday) evening. It promises to be a brilliant affair.

It has frequently been observed that when a young and inexperienced punter passes what was formerly known as Paist's, that he invariably springs one of those dam jokes.  
—The Perkiomen and Reading Turnpike have ordered 700 tons of crushed stone to be placed on the pike between Sanatoga and Limerick.

Mrs. Hoon—"Why do you persist in referring to the folding bed as 'the'?" Why isn't it just as appropriate to call it 'she' as it is a ship?"  
Old Hoon—"Because it shuts up occasionally."  
—Mr. Joseph K. Gutwals, superintendent of the public schools of Norristown, has just completed the 25th year of his occupancy of that position.  
—She—"How do you account for the enormous increase of the English sparrow in America?" He—"They're too ugly to go on women's hats."  
—Chicago Record.

Bicyclers now surely have the law on their side. Judge Swartz, Judge Weand, District Attorney Strassburger, Assistant District Attorney Shaw, and Burgess Wainwright, all of Norristown, are wheelmen.  
—Five theological students of the Reformed Church will travel together as a band this summer and hold Sunday school conventions in Lebanon, Berks and Lehigh counties.  
—An infuriated bull chased a number of women who were walking on the street at Norristown, Friday, but they managed to find a place of refuge.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J. S. Tomlinson, pastor, Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., preaching, Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.  
—Morning service at Union Church, Wetherill Corner, near Shannonville, has been resumed for the summer and fall at 10:30 o'clock. Service in the afternoon at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks, at 3:30. All welcome. Benj. J. Douglass, rector.  
St. Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, Rev. I. B. Kurtz, pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. All invited. Devotional meeting of the League on Sunday evening at 6:45. M. H. Keeler, leader.  
Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10:30 a. m., Sunday School at 2:45 p. m. Also Communion service at 10 a. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.  
United Evangel. Church, Trappe. Service next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Sunday School at 1:30 p. m. All invited. Rev. J. Max Longsdorf, pastor.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messenger, pastor. Preparatory services on Saturday at 2:30 p. m., Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., and Communion service at 10 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. consecration services at 6:30, and preaching at 7:30 p. m., on Sunday. All cordially invited to attend these services.  
Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, prayer service, 8 o'clock; Sunday: Sunday school, 8:45 a. m.; and preaching at 10 a. m.; the Junior C. E. prayer service, 2 p. m.; the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service at 1, Mr. J. G. Kerschner, leader; and the O. E. monthly missionary meeting, at 8 o'clock. The pastor preaches in the Skipkville church, Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

Will Visit Alaska.  
E. L. Hallman, Esq., and wife, of Roversford, will leave shortly for an extended tour through the northwest, along the Pacific coast to Alaska.

Married.

At the groom's home, June 19, 1897, by Rev. S. L. Messenger, Mr. Alvin E. Wagner, of Ironbridge, Pa., and Miss Lillian R. Wronner, of Trappe, Pa.

A Fraternal Visit.

Economy Lodge, No. 397, I. O. O. F., of Evansburg, paid a fraternal visit to Norris Lodge, No. 430, of Norristown last Friday evening, when that lodge entertained the visitors, together with Lansdale Lodge, No. 977, at a banquet given at the Rambo House. There were about thirty members present from Evansburg. H. B. Schmuck, representing the Lodge in responding to the toast "The Hayseeds."

Appointed Assistant Surgeon.

Among the appointments announced from Washington is that of Raymond Spear, of Norristown, to be Assistant Surgeon in the United States Army. He will enter upon his duties as soon as the Senate confirms the appointment.

Summer Convention.

The summer convention of the Schuylkill Valley Christian Endeavor Union will be held on Tuesday evening, June 29th, in the Centennial Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville. The evening session will be the only one held, and is expected to make this session equal to two, ordinarily.

Regulation of Fees.

Senator Saylor's bill regulating the fees of constables, passed finally in the House at Harrisburg, Tuesday afternoon, and is now in the hands of the Governor. The old law of 1893 has been differently interpreted and construed by the courts. Mr. Saylor's bill makes all charges of constables uniform throughout the state, and will prevent trouble in the future.

Class Reunion.

Miss Ella B. Price entertained the class of '86 of Ursinus College at her home in Second avenue one evening last week. A full course dinner was served in elegant style at 7 o'clock. Before separating the class, accompanied by Rev. E. Clark Hightman, sang several college songs. This was the first reunion of '86 since graduation day, eleven years ago.

Insurance Agents' Outing.

About fifty agents of Montgomery county and Manayunk, representing the Prudential Life Insurance Company, accompanied by Superintendent J. H. Mack, visited this borough last Thursday, upon their annual outing. They dined at the lower hotel and participated in a game of base ball in the park during the afternoon. Some of the ball players were heavy hitters.

The Editor Abroad.

The editor of the INDEPENDENT, accompanied by his wife and son Roy, is enjoying the annual outing of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association at Bradford, Pa., this week. They also expect to visit Niagara Falls. During the editor's absence the writer, Frances G. Moser, has been looking after the interests of the paper, and has in charge of the local department of this issue.

Independence Celebration.

The Methacton Literary Society will observe the 4th of July by holding an Independence celebration and festival on the lawn of the Cherry Tree School, Saturday evening, July 3. Prominent speakers have been secured for the event. A full program will be given in next week's issue of the INDEPENDENT. Should the weather prove unfavorable the celebration will take place on Monday evening, July 5th.

Firmen Purchase a Lot.

At a special meeting of the Collegeville Fire Company, Friday evening, it was decided to purchase a lot of ground about 30 feet square, fronting on Fifth avenue, of Mrs. Gideon Fetterolf. The price agreed upon is \$250. A Committee, consisting of J. M. Zimmerman, Esq., J. L. Bechtel and Daniel Walt, were authorized to consummate the deal, which has been accomplished.

Commencement Exercises in Lower Providence.

The fifteenth annual commencement exercises of the public schools of Lower Providence were held Thursday afternoon at the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church. Addresses were made by Rev. Wm. M. Courson, Rev. S. O. Kriebel, A. M., Pennsburg; Rev. C. B. Brodhead and Daniel Keeler. The exercises were interspersed with choice selections of music, glees, quartets, sextets, etc., rendered by the church choir. Following are the graduates: Salutatory, Adele Snyder, Maple Tree school; oration, Abram I. Wanner, Level A. M., Pennsburg; recitation, Anna T. Hunsicker, Evansburg school; class presentation, Emily Shupe, Evansburg school; declamation, Arthur Casselberry, Evansburg school; valedictory, Emma M. Bowers, Level.

A Successful Festival.

The strawberry and ice cream festival that was given on the lawn of the Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, by the Lutheran League of that church on Saturday evening, June 19, was largely attended; and this together with the fact that \$117 gross, was realized, satisfies the young people that they made their first business transaction a success. Following are the names of those who served: The committee, Mrs. Flower—Misses Grace Stearly, Annie Joschke, Kate Bahu, Lena Meyers, Annie Mattis, and Annie Moyer. Cake—Misses Kate Detwiler, Bertha Moyer, Mrs. Benjamin Weikel, Mrs. Howard Wagner and Mrs. Jacob Wisler. Candy—Misses Anna Anderson, Mame Tyson, and Cora Prizer. A number of the gentlemen of the League had charge of the ice cream and strawberries. The cake table looked particularly attractive, there having been eighty-two cakes of every imaginable kind and shape furnished by the ladies.

Y. W. C. T. U.

There will be a meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. of Yerkes on Monday evening, June 28th at the residence of Mrs. Sara Keiff. A cordial invitation is offered to all.

Died.

Emily Siddall, 10 year old, died on Saturday at the residence of her uncle, C. Tyson Kraz, Esq., 1039 DeKalb street, Norristown. The funeral was held on Wednesday, in-terment at West Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$11.50@12.00; flour \$2.75 to \$4.50; rye flour, \$2.40; wheat, 1 1/2 to 7c.; corn, 31c.; oats, 26c.; butter, 1 1/2 to 15c.; poultry, live, 7 1/2@8c.; dressed, 7 1/2@8c.; timothy hay, 70@80c.; mixed, 65@70c.; straw, 55@60c.; beef cattle 45@55c.; sheep, 2 1/2@4 1/2c.; lambs, 3 1/2@4 1/2c.; hogs, western, 5 1/2@6 1/2c.

There was a large attendance at the races at the Spring City Driving Park, Saturday afternoon.

The Collegeville pacers did well; Selam won the first two heats in the 2:50 class in 2:43 and 2:41; he would have captured the third heat had he not grabbed and torn off a quarter boot. Thomas Jefferson won the third heat in the free-for-all race in 2:40, and came in neck-and-neck in the fourth heat with Mr. Latshaw's pacer in 2:54.

Ordination.

Theodore Heysham, of Norristown, who graduated recently from Crozer Theological Seminary, was ordained last Wednesday evening to the Baptist ministry, the service taking place in the Lower Providence Baptist church, of which Rev. William M. Courson is pastor. The examination was given in the afternoon, after which a supper was served by the members of the church to the visitors. Among the officiating clergymen were Rev. Dr. Henry G. Weston, of Crozer, who delivered the ordination sermon; Rev. A. A. De Larme, of the First Baptist church, Norristown, who conducted the hand of fellowship; and Rev. Mr. Courson, who offered the ordaining prayer. Rev. Stewart Heysham pronounced the benediction.

Ladies' Aid Society.

An interesting meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of Trinity Reformed church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Peterolf on Monday evening. After the routine business of the society was transacted the following program was rendered: Recitation, "Naughty Nellie," Helen Miller; Reading, "The Death-bed of Benedict Arnold," Mr. Asher Kepler; Music, Guitar Solo, Miss Bertha Casselberry; Recitation, "The Light House Belle," Miss Linda Robison; Music, Guitar Solo, Miss Bertha Casselberry. It was decided by a vote of the members that the society take a vacation through the months of July and August. Miss Ida Robison invited the members to hold their next meeting at the home of the 6th of September, at the home of her father on Second avenue, this borough.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The School Board of this borough held a meeting on Friday evening at Dr. Culbert's when the plans and specifications for the new school building to be erected were discussed. Judging from the drawings displayed, the new edifice will be an attractive one. The structure will be of Roman brick with slate roof, about 67x40 feet in dimensions, two story high, with tower, which will also contain a room. There will be two entrances, a side and a front, the side entrance to have a vestibule, to be used during the winter months. The Smead & Wills system of heating and ventilating will be used, as highly recommended by fully a dozen schools who have tried it and found it perfectly satisfactory. The directors are now awaiting bids on the building, which are expected to be in by the latter part of this week, when the work can commence at once.

Meeting of the Classis.

An adjourned meeting of the Philadelphia Classis of the Reformed church in the United States, was held on Monday, of this week, in the First Reformed church, 10th and Wallace streets, Philadelphia, the Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., pastor. Business of importance claimed the considerable attention of Classis, both forenoon and afternoon, all of which was disposed of in the spirit of commendable unanimity. J. Hunter Watts, of the class of '97, of the School of Theology of Ursinus College, had his call to the Pleasantville charge, Bucks county, confirmed, and arrangements made for his ordination and installation. Harry H. Hartman, a call to the pastorate of the East Vincent Reformed, Chester county, was also confirmed, and arrangements entered into for his ordination and installation. Mr. Hartman is also a graduate from the Ursinus School of Theology, of the class of '97.

Died Suddenly.

On Friday morning, June 18, Miss Kate Force, aged 83 years, died suddenly at her home in Evansburg, where she had lived for many years. At about 6:30 o'clock, Samuel F. Heysler, a nephew of the lady, on going to her home found everything closed. Being unable to gain admittance, Mr. Heysler secured the assistance of some of the neighbors and forced his way into the house through a second story window, when he was horrified to find Miss Force lying in her bed dead. She had complained to some of her friends the previous day of acute pain about her heart, but had evidently not thought seriously of it. On being called Dr. Weber expressed opinion that Miss Force had probably died of a heart attack. Coroner Kurtz was immediately phoned to, but decided when he arrived that no inquest was necessary. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 10 a. m.; interment was made at Episcopal cemetery, Evansburg. John S. Kepler was the undertaker in charge.

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