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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

About forty dollars were cleared by the ladies of the M. E. church at their sociable on Thursday evening of last week.

Prof. D. M. Lieb and County Superintendent Eiters attended the meeting of the Teachers' Association at Mauch Chunk last week.

A two year-old boy of Wm. Slay, near Philipsburg, was burned to death last week by his dress taking fire from a match with which he was playing.

To-morrow, the 19th, Co. B, of this place, will leave for the annual encampment of the P. N. G. which will be held this year at Mt. Gretna, in Lebanon county.

Rev. Daniel Hartman, of Mill Hall, the noted and venerable Methodist preacher, has reached the 80th year of his age and celebrated that remarkable event last week.

In the death of Col. Henry Royer which happened last week of dropsy and old age, in his ninety-fifth year, Rebersburg lost one of its most respected and venerable citizens.

Mr. William Shortlidge and wife, Mrs. C. T. Alexander and Misses Agnes and Jennie Alexander, all of Bellefonte, have been enjoying the sea breezes at Atlantic City.

According to the Clearfield Republican, butter is so plenty there that one of the merchants dumped 200 lbs. of it into the river recently, to make room for the choice product.

We understand that Mr. Thomas Shoemaker, Superintendent of the Buffalo Run railroad, contradicts the report that preparations are being made for the extension of the railroad.

Mrs. D. H. Hastings, Miss Jennie Saltzman and her mother, Miss Hellen Hastings and Miss Bella Rankin will visit the encampment at Mt. Gretna after spending a week at Avon, N. J.

Misses Rosa Baum and Jennie and Blanche Faule, three pretty maids of Bellefonte, who have been visiting Miss Fannie Schmidt, returned to their homes on Tuesday.—Philipsburg Ledger.

Miss Catharine Harris, of this place, and grand-daughter of ex-Gov. Curtin, graduated with high honors at the Gabriel school, Peekskill, N. Y., at the recent commencement of that institution.

Captain W. P. Doucal died in Milton last week of heart failure. He was a son of the eminent physician, Dr. James Dougal, deceased, and one of Milton's most prominent citizens. He was aged 66.

The board of directors of the American Axe and Tool Company, includes, among others, James H. Mann, J. Fearon Mann, Thomas R. Mann and A. C. Mann. The board is certainly well manned.

Herbert Bartley, an employee of this office, had the second finger of his right hand badly crushed on Tuesday morning last while fixing the driving shaft of the large press, his finger having been caught in a flying pulley.

It is surprising, indeed, to note the amount of travel there is on the three early morning trains leaving this place. Owing to the exceptional connections made by them they have become very popular with our citizens.

It is reported that Mat Quay's candidate for Governor will visit Bellefonte in the near future and exert his persuasive powers on the large number of recalcitrant Republicans who are averse to supporting the favorite of the Boss.

Charles Lloyd, of Houtzdale, attempted to celebrate the Fourth by exploding dynamite. He succeeded in badly injuring his face, blowing off an ear and shattering his right arm to such an extent that amputation was necessary.

In the tennis tournament played on the court on East Linn street, the winners of the first prizes were J. R. Hughes and George Jackson, jr., which were a belt and sash. The second best players were Thomas Mitchell and E. Blanchard, jr.

Halfmoon township has 137 dwellings houses and a population of 746. There are 25 soldiers and widows of soldiers at present residing in the township. The oldest citizen in the township is James Ebs who is now in his 95th year.

It is reported that Major Wolf, of Philipsburg, is going to undertake the hopeless task of being elected Sheriff on the Republican ticket, and that C. L. Fryberger, of the same place would like to try his luck again for Legislature on the same ticket.

LIGHT WHEAT CROP IN CLINTON COUNTY.—Farmers who are in the city to-day stated that the wheat crop is not near as good as it was expected it would be a few weeks ago. The crop did not head well, and the grain is of poor quality as a general thing. One farmer said he believed the crop in Clinton county would not average eight bushels to the acre.—Lock Haven Express.

A GOOD BEAR STORY.—At Dry Run (near Fort Bend) a sow, with a goodly litter of pig, strayed off into the mountains, where her family was attacked and destroyed by a bear. While dead pigs were strewn all around and some had been eaten, the brave sow made a gallant fight for her family and brim had more than he could manage. The sow was in a terrible fury and would have gotten the better of the bear had the latter not been frightened off by the appearance of Mr. Goodman upon the scene.—Lock Haven Democrat.

A GOOD GUESS.—M. S. Falck, of Berlin's drug store on Juniata street, Tyrona, on the first of June inaugurated a guessing contest as to the population of Tyrona. With every soda water sold the purchaser was given an opportunity make a guess. Nos. 14 and 261 were held by Claude Jones of the Herald, and J. Van Wilson, who each estimated the population at 4,697—being within five of the actual number. Cuts were drawn and J. Van Wilson came out first best, Claude Jones taking the second.

A CASE SETTLED.—The Williamsport Sun and Banner of last Friday says: Sheriff Cooke, of Centre county, came down from Bellefonte this morning to see our county officials about the releasing of Ben Fulton, a member of the Undine Hose Company, of Bellefonte, who celebrated a little too much on the Fourth and got into the county jail on the charge of taking some property from his hotel proprietor. The sheriff says that Ben never was guilty of anything like that before, and his friends feel that he ought to be released. He couldn't stand the great crack and whack of our big display of fireworks without taking too much liquid refreshments, and it was an unintentional error. The sheriff stated that the prosecutor was perfectly willing to settle the case and let Mr. Fulton go home to his family. The case was settled this afternoon.

DEATH CAUSED BY ICE WATER.—Last Monday forenoon Howard McClellan, a 23 year-old son of farmer Joseph McClellan, living near Tusseyville, died from the effects of drinking ice water while heated. He came off the mow, where he had been receiving sheaves from the wagon, and while dripping with perspiration drank about a half-pint of ice-water. In a few minutes afterwards he fell over dead. He was an exemplary young man. A drink of whisky, under the circumstances, would have been less injurious to him than ice-water, but neither of them should be used in harvest.

A peculiarly sad incident of this case consisted in the circumstance that the young man had intended to start for school that morning, but at the solicitation of his father, who had been engaged to dig a grave, he remained and assisted in hauling in grain. His father was in the graveyard when the news of his son's death was brought him, and the shock was so great that the old gentleman was completely prostrated and it was at first thought he would have to be carried home.

HOW SHINTOWN GOT ITS NAME.—A correspondent of the Renovo Record, writing from Shintown, Clinton county, says: "About the year 1837, when Governor Ritner held the reins of the State government, it appeared the proper thing to build a canal from Philadelphia to Erie, and to this end, sections varying in length were let to contractors, to build along the Susquehanna, and elsewhere. The money to pay these contractors was furnished by the State, and in currency called shiplasters. The Hon. Thaddeus Stevens was the State's paymaster, and came from Harrisburg every month to Shintown and other places on horseback, carrying the money in the old fashioned saddle bags to pay off the contractors. He came so often to the work, at or near the town now called Shintown, that the name soon originated. It is also said, but we don't believe it, that Mr. Stevens was an expert poker player, and that when he came to Shintown on Saturday night he would win the money playing poker and carry it back to Harrisburg."

The facts in the above history may be substantially correct, but there is evidently a mistake in the statement that Mr. Stevens got his money back by the game of poker. That great American game had not yet been developed in Ritner's time. If old Thad relieved the Shintowners of their money it was done through the instrumentality of the more venerable game of old ledge.

The ladies may be benefited by reading the Cash Bazaar's new ad. concerning Muslin Underwear.

Mr. James Milliken, of our town, who travels a great deal, recently visited Dakota, looking after some valuable mines in that region in which he is interested. The Deadwood Pioneer, of the 27th ult., speaks of him as follows: "Mr. Milliken's home is in Pennsylvania, and he has an intimate acquaintance with the politicians and public men, not only of his own state, but of the nation, is deeply interested in public affairs, and a most interesting and fluent conversationalist. He has sufficient wealth to permit indulgence of his taste for literature and politics, and as he has no personal ambitions to gratify thoroughly enjoys it."

The excursion party to Snow Shoe which Judge Furst gave some days ago in honor of Miss Edith Furst and her friend Miss Pillsburg, of Lawrence, Mass., was a very merry and pleasant one. Among the guests were Miss Van Gasbeek, of Albany, N. Y., Miss Busiel, of Lacona, N. H., Miss Pillsbury, of Lawrence, Mass., Miss Scott, of Kittanning, Miss Sandford, of Knoxville, Tenn., Misses Kistler, Reichard, Melick and Adams, and Mrs. Furst, Messrs. Furst, Stebbins, Fredericks and Simpson, of Lock Haven, and some twenty-four young people of Bellefonte.

Taylor township has 107 dwellings and a population of 597. This township has 30 soldiers and widows of soldiers, still living in it. One of its citizens, John Shively, served four years and a half in the late war; was in 26 battles, never received a wound and was not off duty a single day during that time. After he was discharged he served five years in the regular army, and has since that been quietly farming among the foothills of the Alleghenies. He is about 50 years of age and a Democrat.

J. A. McClain and Bro. have purchased 500 acres of timber land on the mountain facing Centre Hall, from the Gordons, and will at once put a steam saw mill at the north end of town, near the water works, and begin the manufacture of lumber. The Walker Bros. of Millsburg will manage the operation and employ about 25 hands, with headquarters at Centre Hall. The mill will be entirely new, and is already in course of erection.

The corner stone of the new United Brethren church, corner of High and Thomas streets, this place, will be laid next Sunday, 20th inst. The services will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. G. B. McKee, of Tyrona, will officiate on the occasion and also preach the sermon. Other prominent ministers of that church will be present. Everybody, and especially all the resident ministers, are cordially invited to attend.

It should be stated in justice to the Undine Hose company of this place that Ben Fulton, who was arrested on the 4th of July and held in Williamsport on a charge preferred by the hotel keeper where he stopped, does not now, nor ever did, belong to the Undine Hose company, and at the time of his arrest was not wearing a uniform of said company, or in any other way connected with it.

The DuBois Courier makes the announcement that a "well-known DuBois Republican says that he has \$400 to wager on the defeat of Delamater in November." It looks very much as if that would be a safe bet. It would be hard to find a Centre county friend of General Hastings who would venture to take that bet.

Mr. Wilbur Harris, recently a clerk in the Bellefonte post-office, has secured a \$300 position in the census bureau at Washington. As the census work is going to be an interminable job, Wilbur may expect to have a long tenure of office, but he won't object, as he has a keen scent for official snaps.

A colored camp meeting at Pine Station began last Saturday and will continue until the 20th. Rev. J. M. Palmer, of Philadelphia, who has gone away up in colored religious circles and is quite a preacher, and who was the prohibition candidate for congressman at large, preached last Sunday.

It is reported that Coleville, an outlying suburb of Bellefonte, has between 300 and 400 inhabitants. If it and the other suburbs, which are practically parts of Bellefonte, were added to the latter's population, it would make quite a formidable showing in the census reports.

While James Peters, of Point Lookout, near Philipsburg, was working in the Derby mine Thursday of last week, a block of coal fell on him, crushing him. It took two men to remove it, and he was injured to such an extent that his death occurred in a few hours after.

Johr. F. Magianess, ex-editor of the Williamsport Gazette & Bulletin, has been appointed by Superintendent Porter a special agent to collect statistics of manufactures at Lock Haven and Williamsport.

A LARGE HAUL OF BUOLIC BOODLE.

We mentioned some weeks ago how Mr. Michael Grove, of College township, came near being swindled out of a large amount of money by two roguish adventurers who tried the three card monte game on him and pretty nearly succeeded. Scamps in this line of business operate in the rural districts all over the country and occasionally pick up big prizes. The same rascals who nearly victimized farmer Grove may be operating in the western part of the State, as a special from Beaver Falls says that Joseph Shannon, a wealthy farmer, aged 63 years, was swindle out of \$9,000 on Thursday by two sharpers. The game played was the time-worn one with cards. A man calling himself Harper and a confederate induced Shannon to pick out a card and then told him he had won \$9,000, but before this money would be paid over he must produce that amount to prove that he could have paid if he had lost. Shannon went to the bank, drew the money, and returned with it. The sharpers then took the cash from him and skipped out. The victimized farmer has offered \$5,000 for the apprehension of the two men. He thinks he was mesmerized. The game played in this case appears wonderfully like the one that came very near making Mr. Grove \$3,000 short in his cash account.

THE CANADA THISTLE NUISANCE.

As much complaint is heard of the spread of Canada thistles in this section, the following law on the subject should be generally known: "It shall be the duty of land owners to prevent Canada thistles from going to seed, and the seed of the same from ripening. Penalty for neglect, a fine of \$15, one half to the County Treasurer, and the other to the proceeding informer. Parties (i. e. neighbors) aggrieved, may give five days notice, and on continued neglect it shall be lawful for the former to enter the premises and cut down said thistles, or hire others to do so, and such aggrieved persons so doing may sue and recover from the landholders \$2.00 per diem for so doing."

ELECTION OF K. G. E. OFFICERS.

Port Matilda Castle, No. 219, K. G. E. have elected the following officers for the ensuing six months' term: Past Chief, A. J. Johnson; N. C.—Martin Cowper; V. C.—A. S. Williams; H. P.—W. G. L. Crain; V. H.—A. E. Price; M. of R.—R. D. Ardery; C. of E.—R. D. Ardery; K. of E.—A. Y. Williams; Sir Herald—Adam Cowper; W. B.—F. D. Young; W. C.—W. J. Wisser; E.—H. E. Woodring; Eq.—William Daughenbaugh; F. G.—G. J. Woodring; S. G.—R. D. Shay; Trustees—Adam Cowper; R. to the G. C.—S. U. Harshberger. The membership of the Castle is 70; admissions during the past six months, 12; amount paid for relief in that time, \$45.50; amount in treasury, \$352.46.

THE LAUTH GOLDEN WEDDING.

About 200 guests attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lauth, of Howard, to which we briefly alluded last week. Among the distinguished guests present were Bishop McGovern, of Harrisburg, together with Rev. Fathers Brennan, of Driftwood, Sheridan, of Clearfield, Koch, of Shamokin, Gormley, of Renovo, Power and Seibert, of Lock Haven. High mass was celebrated by Father Brennan and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop. Rev. Father Seibert was master of ceremonies and the singing was rendered by a choir from Lock Haven. A number of toasts were offered, two of which were replied to by Bishop McGovern and ex-Gov. Curtin.

NEW GRANGES.—The following indicates the growth of the granger organization in this State:

On June 4th Worthy Deputy Geary C. Bell organized Grange No. 751, Wayne county, Pa., with 18 members. On June 16th Worthy Deputy Geary C. Bell organized a Grange in Salem township, Wayne county, Pa., with 23 charter members. On June 25th Worthy Deputy George Searle Mackey organized a Grange at Great Bend in Susquehanna county, Pa., with 24 charter members. On July 1st Worthy State Overseer S. F. Maxwell organized a Grange in Derby township, Westmoreland county, Pa., with 27 charter members.

HOURS FOR SPRINKLING THE STREETS.

The Bellefonte Water Committee has set the following hours as the only allowable times when persons can sprinkle their lawns, gardens, or the street: From 7 to 8 in the morning, from 3 to 4 and from 8 to 9 in the evening. This allows three hours a day for sprinkling purposes, and owing to the continual pumping now required to keep up the water supply, it is all that can be allowed or should be expected. As it is, there are some of the higher places in Bellefonte that do not have water more than two thirds the of time.

While Mr. Ephraim Keller, of near Axe Mann, one day last week was cutting grain with a self-binder, his horses became frightened and ran away, making a complete wreck of the machine.

The population of Lewisburg is 3097, a decrease of two hundred and sixty-four since 1880.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Baum, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kester, of Jersey Shore, were visiting friends in Bellefonte this week.

We learn that Prof. Huston, of the Pennsylvania State College, will soon discontinue his connection with that institution and accept the principalship of a school at Seattle, in the State of Washington.

Mr. Richard Crostwait, formerly of Bellefonte, died at Elmira, N. Y., this week, and his remains were brought to this place on Thursday afternoon and buried in Union cemetery. He leaves a wife and several children.

The carrier delivery door that has been put in the post office is intended for the convenience of persons who may want to get their mail matter before the carriers have gone out or after the last delivery has been made. It is a great accommodation.

Mr. Wm. Whippo, foreman of the Freedom Rolling Mills at Logan, Mifflin county, spent a few days with us recently. We found Bill, as he prefers being called, a whole souled, congenial fellow whom any one might be pleased to meet. The next time you come Mr. Whippo, make your sojourn longer.

The Brockerhoff boys are not content with the recent improvements made to their hotel, but have decided to make it a four story building by adding a handsome Mansard roof with three ornamental towers. This, with the full plate glass fronts and windows, will make it one of Bellefonte's finest buildings.

Prof. D. M. Wolf, recently superintendent of Centre county's public schools, has accepted the position of assistant principal of the Bellefonte High school made vacant by the election of Mr. Eiters as County Superintendent. The two gentlemen have thus exchanged places. The High school has been fortunate in getting the services of Mr. Wolf.

Mrs. Jos. L. Mitchell, of State College, died from the effects of a paralytic stroke on Monday evening last at eight o'clock. The deceased had been confined to her bed since early in the spring but her friends had strong hopes of her recovery up to the time she had the first stroke of paralysis, after that all hope was despaired of. Mrs. Mitchell was formerly Eliza L. Thompson, a daughter of Mr. William Thompson, of Milroy and was sixty-one years old last June. She was a woman of much culture and refinement and interested herself in charitable and church work. Among the students of the college Mrs. Mitchell was looked upon as a mother, and her loss to them will cause a vacancy which can never be filled. Her sweet temper and kindly disposition caused all who met her to love her. A husband, three sons and two daughters mourn the loss of a devoted wife and loving mother.

The death of Miss Margaret Pruner, at her late home on east Spring St., on Thursday evening last, was very sudden indeed, and a great shock to the community. Miss Pruner was one of the oldest and best known residents of our town and with her death came sorrow to many of Bellefonte's poor whom she was always careful to help. The deceased was a daughter of Squire David L. Pruner, well known in this section, who died many years ago, and a sister of Hon. Ed. Pruner of Tyrona. She was sixty-three years of age at the time of her death.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Mr. Hauck of the Methodist Church, of which she was a devout member, officiated, assisted by Dr. Laurie and Rev. Miles Noll. The pall-bearers were Jno. P. Harris, Capt. Geo. Bayard, F. Crider, Jno. Messer, Chas. Shuey and Wilbur Twitmyer.

A very unostentatious but nevertheless pretty and impressive wedding, took place at the Bellefonte Academy building last evening at seven-thirty o'clock, the occasion being the union of Mr. Frank P. Bassett, of Upsalanta, Mich., and Miss Marlon F. Hughes, the third daughter of Rev. Jas. P. Hughes, of this place. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Laurie of the Presbyterian Church in the presence of the immediate friends of the young couple, no one outside of the near relatives having been invited. The marriage was with the ring, and as the groom placed it on the finger of his bride, declaring eternal love and honor, the pair certainly looked splendid. Mr. Bassett is head chemist at the Bellefonte Furnace Co's works and is a young man of excellent habits. Among the relatives from a distance were Rev. Daniel Hughes of Petersburg, Luther S. Roberts and daughter, Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Albert Dunseth of Chicago. The couple left at 8.55 for a short trip east. They have our best wishes.

THE CENSUS OF CENTRE COUNTY.

Capt. Bricker, Census Superintendent for this District, furnishes the following returns which, with the exception of a few townships and precincts are substantially correct. It will be observed that the enumerators, in reporting, have consolidated some of the townships. The result, although not entirely perfect, shows a gratifying increase in the population of the county.

Table with 2 columns: Township/Precinct Name and Population. Includes Bellefonte, North Ward, South, West, Centre Hall, Boro, Howard, Millsburg, Millheim, Philipsburg, 1st Ward, Unionville Boro, & twp., Benner twp., Boggs twp, East Precinct, West, Burnside twp, & West Precinct, Snow Shoe twp., College twp., Ferguson twp., Gregg, Haines, Holt Moon & Taylor twps., Harris twp., Huston & Worth twps., Liberty twp., Marion, Miles, Patton, Potter, Rush, Snow Shoe twp., E. Precinct, Spring twp., N. & W. Precinct, Walker twp., Total in 1880, Total in 1890, Increase.

A FOOLISH FEMALE FASTER.

Mackeyville has a woman who is making a record of herself as a faster which promises to equal that of Tanner, if her strength does not fail too soon. The lady is Mrs. Daniel Snyder, who, with her husband, resides in the prosperous village of Mackeyville in Nitany Valley. Mrs. Snyder commenced her fast on Sunday, June 10th, consequently yesterday was her thirty-four day since food passed her lips, so far as it is known. During the thirty-four days Mrs. Snyder positively refused to eat food of any kind, and occasionally took a little water. For the past five days not even water has passed her lips and she has become very much emaciated, being reduced to a mere skeleton. No cause is known for the woman's singular action in refusing to take food. She has no disease and is apparently of sound mind. Her condition at present is similar to that of a person greatly reduced by fever or other wasting disease and she is unable to speak owing to her weakness. About two years ago a Philadelphia doctor performed an operation on Mrs. Snyder for the removal of an ovarian tumor, but physicians say her continued fast is no way a result of the operation. This is said to be the third time she has fasted for long periods of time, although in neither of the previous instances did her fast continue so long. Mrs. Snyder's death is likely to result in a few days as she is now thought by physicians to be in too low a condition to revive.—Lock Haven Express.

MONTGOMERY & CO.

OUR SPRING WOOLENS HAVE ARRIVED.—Leave your order for a suit now at a special discount. All the new shapes in spring styles of Hats.—We are agents for the sale of the "Mother's Friend" Shirt Waist.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes White wheat, per bushel, 83; Red wheat, per bushel, 85; Rye, per bushel, 45; Corn, ears, per bushel, 40; Corn, shelled, per bushel, 40; Oats—new, per bushel, 30; Barley, per bushel, 30; Buckwheat, per bushel, 30; Cloverseed, per bushel, \$4.00 to \$6.00; Ground Flaxseed, per ton, \$9.00.

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Potatoes, per bushel, 65; Eggs, per dozen, 15; Lard, per pound, 8; Country shoulders, 8; Sides, 8; Hams, 12 1/2; Fallow, per pound, 3 1/2; Butter, per pound, 12 1/2; Onions, per bushel, 12 1/2; Turnips, per bushel, 25.

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