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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

Caucus Meetings.

CAUCUS MEETING.—The Democrats of the southern precinct of Spring township will hold their caucus, at the regular place of holding elections, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21st, at 7 o'clock.

The Democratic caucus for Benner township will be held at Knox's school house for the north precinct, and at Hoy's school house for the southern precinct, on Friday evening, January 24th.

There are eleven prisoners in the Bellefonte jail.

The venerable Jacob Bartlett, of this place, is said to be in a dying condition.

Gentzel & Eby have put a new 25 horse power engine in their chop mill at Zion.

Mrs. Howard Heaton, of Milesburg, is in Harrisburg for a month having her eyes treated.

Capt. Wm. F. Reber, ex-Co. B., 5th Reg., N. G. P. of this place has been put on the retired list.

The WATCHMAN office is the place to get your sale bills printed. Get our price before you go elsewhere.

You will see, on Monday, Jan. 20, at noon when Hi Henry's big minstrels make their appearance the swiftest parade ever seen in Bellefonte.

An old gentleman who thinks he knows told us, the other day, that there wouldn't be much use for sleighs this winter and it is beginning to look as if he really does know.

"Foxy" Miller, at one time a resident of this place, lives in Altoona now and is keeping up his well-earned reputation for drunkenness, if the Tribune of that place is to be believed.

Mr. Simon Loeb is seriously ill at the home of M. Fauble in this place. He came up here from Philadelphia for the benefit of his health and we are sorry to say that it has not been improved.

The Coleville boys have always been very generous with their music. Remember to reciprocate when they ask you to purchase a 25ct ticket to the concert and dance to be given in their band hall, Wednesday night, Jan. 22nd.

Up to this time we have failed to notice the appointment of Mr. B. W. Guise, of Centre Hall, to be mercantile appraiser for Centre county for the current year. The appointment was made by the county commissioners on the 31st inst.

Mr. W. L. Steele, a man who has made building contracting pay in Bellefonte and owner of some very desirable Pine street properties, was a pleasant caller Saturday evening. Mr. Steele is one of the men who has not sawed wood all his life for nothing.

John Ishler, of Benner township, was one of those fellows who always thought he could never be fooled by surprise party makers. He has changed his mind lately, as a great crowd of his neighbors caught him napping in fine style only a few days ago.

Rev. V. T. Rue, pastor of the second Methodist church at Tyrone, filled his brother's, Rev. J. W. Rue's, pulpit in this place at both services on Sunday and pleased the congregation very much. His sermons were enjoyed by Bellefonte Methodists. Rev. Rue has been conducting a very successful revival in Tyrone.

The musical convention that will be held at Pleasant Gap next week promises a great treat for the patrons of music in that vicinity. It will be conducted by Prof. P. H. Meyer and Mr. A. J. Swartz and will be for the benefit of the Lutheran church. The convention will attract many people to that place.

All next week the members of St. Paul's A. M. E. church of this place will conduct a fair and festival in the vacant room at the north end of the Exchange building, on Allegheny street. Supper will be served every evening during the week. If possible you should patronize this undertaking as the colored people must be assisted in maintaining their church.

At a congregation meeting of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, held in the chapel, on Tuesday evening, Messrs. John C. Miller and Charles F. Cook resigned from the board of trustees and Col. Wm. Shortlidge and Mr. Shem Spigelmeyer were elected to fill the vacancies. Dr. R. G. H. Hayes and "Col." David F. Fortney were also elected members of the board. The congregation refused to vote in favor of discarding the bymal that has been in use in the church for years and taking up a new one. A report showed the finances in a little better condition than during the previous year.

A RUNAWAY ENGINE.—To rail-roads a run-away engine is about the most exciting occurrence that happens and so rarely is such a thing heard of that the thrilling tales, told occasionally of the mad flight of some unguided iron horse, are looked upon more as myths than stern and awful realities. The fact that an engine has been running loose over the tracks of one of the many great rail-road systems of the country is not always a reflection on the management or the carefulness of its employees, for such accidents invariably occur in the most impossible and unheard of ways.

Last Saturday the Bald Eagle valley branch of the Pennsylvania rail-road was the scene of a most exciting run-away and though it turned out that the night passenger train, east, was delayed only two hours there might have been far more serious consequences.

Engine No. 1606, engineer Sausaman and fireman Perry Ammerman, both of Tyrone, driving it, was hauling a heavy train of about fifty-five cars east on Saturday night. The train broke, a short distance west of Unionville, leaving the engine and about ten cars in one section and the balance of the train in another. When near Alexander's, two miles east of Unionville, the train ran together again with such force that the engine was knocked clear out of the window of the cab and the fireman was thrown from the tender. The recoil broke the couplings of the engine and it sped away down the track.

Here was a pretty state of affairs. A long train without anything to haul it, an engineer and fireman seriously out and bruised by their unexpected tumble, and a train crew two miles from a telegraph station realizing what awful danger there was in this mad flight of that unguided engine the lights of which were skimming away, spectre like, in the darkness.

As quickly as possible an account of the accident was telegraphed to Tyrone where the train dispatcher at once saw the danger that a west bound freight train, that should have been near Howard at that time, was in. The little brass tigger rattled off an order to side track the freight at Howard and give the run-a-way right of track. The order got there too late, however, for the train had pulled out and was steaming on to what seemed must be a certain wreck. There was no telegraph to Mt. Eagle so the agent at Howard hurried to the telephone to have Curtin's Works stop the freight should it arrive at that point, before the run-a-way should get there. Hon. Harry Curtin received the message and, comprehending the great danger to those all unconscious of it, ran to the rail-road where he was just in time to stop the train. Fearing that there would not be time to get it in on a siding they left it stand on the main tracks and opened the switches so that the engine, that was just then sighted away above, could pass. While a number of men piled logs and ties on the track to ditch the engine ran ahead to try to jump on and stop it. Neither plan succeeded, for the engine was thrown down and considerably cut while the obstructions were knocked helter-skelter without in any way impeding the progress of the tie engine. As if maddened by these attempts to stop it it increased its speed from about 15 miles an hour to at least 30 as it started on the down grade on the other side of Curtin's. The engineer of the rescued train uncoupled his engine and started in pursuit. The race was stiff for awhile, but when the run-a-way struck the heavy grade on this side of Mt. Eagle it had exhausted its steam and stopped.

Had it not been for the timely action of the people at Howard and Curtin's Works we might have had a tale of death and sadness to record rather than one of mere excitement.

The night passenger train had to push the dead cars clear to Snow Shoe Intersection before it could get around them and as a result it was two hours late.

A PROMISING YOUNG MAN'S UNTIMELY DEATH.—Death seems most cruel when its relentless hand beckons a man, just giving promise of a useful life as was John Meyer, aged 23 years, of Boalsburg, when he took sick and died at his home on Sunday evening.

The young man had taught in the public schools of that vicinity until his ambition for a higher intellectual attainments prompted him to enter Franklin and Marshall college at Lancaster, where he was recognized as a hard student, and had labored zealously in preparation for the ministry for two years. About two weeks prior to his death he came home to spend his Christmas vacation and was soon stricken with erysipelas. Rheumatism that involved the heart, followed and ended in his death. Notwithstanding all the anxious ministrations of fond parents and good physicians his life was not spared to be of use as its opening years promised.

He was the oldest of the two boys in the family and it seems particularly sad that fond parents should be bereft of one in whom so much of hope had been centered. Funeral services were held at his late home, on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock.

The Whitney opera company will present the "Fencing Master" in Phillipsburg soon.

Aged Daniel R. Boleau, a well known Milesburg man, 83 years old, is confined to the house with eczema.

As a result of an altercation while going home from church, a few evenings ago E. W. Erhard, of Milesburg, has had Wm. Quick, of the same place, arrested for assault.

Jersey Shore has a new paper in the Spirit, a semi-weekly, that made its debut the first of the new year. E. G. Goodman and B. F. Harlan are the publishers. The paper is a six column quarto.

During twenty-four hours that ended on Sunday evening 748 cars loaded with coal were hauled east over the Bald Eagle valley railroad tracks. The business of that branch is said to be increasing amazingly.

A concert and dance will be given by the Coleville band, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 22nd. The price of admission will be only 25cts and every one should purchase a ticket to help such a worthy musical organization.

Rev. Samuel Creighton, of Mackeyville, will preach in the Methodist church, in this place, at both morning and evening service on next Sunday. Rev. Creighton is one of the best known Methodist ministers in the conference, though he is now retired, owing to ill health.

Milo Hoyt, proprietor of the Mountain house at Osceola Mills, died suddenly after eating breakfast, on Monday morning. Deceased was 65 years old and had conducted that hotel 28 years. Apoplexy caused his death. Mr. J. W. Hafer, a brother of Dr. A. W. Hafer, of this place, is a son-in-law of the deceased.

Dr. J. G. S. Myers is the promoter of a scheme whereby it is hoped to build what will be known as a national monumental Baptist church at Osceola Mills. Every national, state and county official will be asked to contribute the amount necessary to put one brown stone in place. Many of those to whom the plan has been suggested are very favorably impressed and responses have begun coming in.

Mifflin county people do not take kindly to the movement that is being made to secure the pardon of Curtin McClain, the young man who is serving a life sentence in the eastern penitentiary for the murder of William A. Smeerman, near the Newton Hamilton camp meeting grounds ten years ago. J. M. Place, a Harrisburg newspaper man, is heading the movement. McClain lived at Orbisonia, Huntingdon county.

The venerable John Wagner, of Spring street, was attracted to this end of town by the fine weather on Monday and of course dropped in to spend a few moments in this office. Though in his ninetieth year he is a remarkably well preserved man and had many reminiscences to tell of his boyhood life about Millheim and Madisonburg. He was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, but moved to this county when only seven years old. Things have changed over in the valley since he came there and it is interesting to hear him tell of the early days in the "lower end."

Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Wm. A. Ishler, of this place, narrowly escaped what would undoubtedly have been a frightful accident, on Tuesday evening. They had driven out to see Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Ishler's mother, who has been in poor health for some time, and had just started on the return when the freight train from Lewisburg caught them on the railroad crossing just west of Laver-town. Had Mr. Ishler's horse not promptly responded to his jerk at the lines both would undoubtedly have been killed, as their buggy just cleared the track as the train whizzed past. They did not hear its approach until the engine whistled when scarcely ten rods away. The horse was on the track then and that they escaped at all is most miraculous.

Train-men on the Beech Creek railroad had quite an exciting time with two drunken woodmen last Wednesday evening. After paying their fare to Monument, a small station up in the mountains, they became obstreperous and thought they owned the train. Well, the conductor, his brakeman, the express messenger and a passenger named Agen went to show them that the road really belongs to other parties and a free fight ensued. All were more or less battered up by the time the train reached Beech Creek where the drunks were put off. Unfortunately Agen had to get off at the same place and it is reported that they then turned in and licked him good, while those whom he had helped went steaming up the road feeling their muscles and longing for another encounter after the danger of having one was past.

SURPRISE PARTY.—Last evening the large and commodious parlors at the home of recorder W. Galer Morrison, on east Bishop street, were feloniously entered by a lot of conspirators, who "held the carpets" until the wee sma hours. It was a surprise party gotten up in honor of Galer's thirty seventh birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rightnour. The time was spent most joyously, and at eleven o'clock the dining room was thrown open to the guests. The table was spread with almost everything the appetite of the most pronounced gourmand could desire and it was unanimously voiced that what Mrs. Rightnour doesn't know about getting up a fancy "lay out" is not worth knowing.

Mr. Morrison received a number of valuable presents as a reminder that his friends are legion. As he is still on the boards, marked "for sale," we would suggest that here is a good catch for some enterprising young lady who is not afraid to assert her leap year rights. Everybody was happy and if anyone was happier than another it was Galer. May he live to enjoy many more such delightful occasions.

NITTANY VALLEY WILL BE STUCK UP.—In describing the impressions of her first trip over the Beech Creek and Central railroad of Pennsylvania lines, from Phillipsburg to this place, Anna V. Williams, editor of the Phillipsburg Ledger, tells the truth about Nittany valley in these words:

"The lovely agricultural country opened up by the C. P. railroad is a most welcome change, while to the strangers resident in Phillipsburg and vicinity the beautiful broad acres of fertile farms within our county are a revelation. Nittany valley, from Mill Hall up, is one of the pet spots in Pennsylvania, and the thrifty farmers live in the midst of plenty and comfort. Our county is rich in natural gifts, and this valley abounds in productive farms, rich red ore banks and valuable lime stone, surrounded by mountains clothed in second growth timber, valuable for many different purposes."

A ROMANCE IN IT.—The recent wedding of H. S. McMinn, a well known DuBois man, and Miss Cora Fisher, daughter of Wm. P. Fisher, Esq., proprietor of the Bald Eagle nurseries at Unionville, had just a thread of romance in it, but quite enough to give Cupid's dart a more interesting cast.

The DuBois Courier alludes to it in this way. "A thread of romance attaches to the wedding. Miss Fisher was here some time since, and prior to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McLeer, Mr. McMinn meeting her, formed an attachment for her. During the courtship which ensued the parties, who were yesterday united in marriage, unexpectedly learned that they were acquainted in childhood's days and that their parents were formerly warm friends and closely connected."

BOALSBURG'S NEW PHYSICIAN.—Dr. Thomas O. Glenn has located at Boalsburg where he will practice medicine hereafter, having taken up the practice of the late Dr. Woods. Dr. Glenn is a graduate of the Eclectic college at Cincinnati and gives promise of becoming one of the best physicians in the county. He is a hard student and keeps well abreast of the remarkable advances in the treatment of disease.

Courteous and conscientious we can heartily recommend him to the people of that vicinity as a young man who can be thoroughly relied upon. In addition, he will have the advantage of consultation with his brother, the well known Dr. W. S. Glenn, of State College.

MARRIED LAST EVENING.—The marriage of Martin Garman to Miss Grace Lukenbach, youngest daughter of A. Lukenbach Esq., was solemnized last evening at 6:30, at the home of the bride's parents, on Willow-bank street. Rev. R. Leighton Gearhart, of the Reformed church, officiating.

The wedding was a very simple though happy one and after the ceremony an informal reception was held until the bride and groom departed on a night train over the Central. Their destination is Florida. After a ten day's tour in the South they will return to occupy rooms with the family of Mr. H. E. Jenkins, on east High street.

HON. J. H. HOLT MARRIED.—The marriage of Hon. John Harbison Holt, ex-Assemblyman from this county, to Mary Howitt Denlinger was solemnized at Tamaqua, Pa., on Thursday, the 9th inst. The bride and groom will be at home, at Moshannon, this county, after to-day. They were in Bellefonte during the early part of the week and the happy groom was receiving congratulations on all sides. The bride is a very intelligent and charming woman.

M. M. Shoemaker, a former Phillipsburg shoemaker, was shot by James Thompson in Westmoreland county, a few days ago. Both men were drinking at the time.

DONT FAIL TO READ THIS.—Dr. Salm will make his regular visit, as usual, at the Brockerhoff House, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Consultation free.

Rebersburg wants telephone connection with the world.

A protracted meeting will be begun in the United Evangelical church, at Zion, next Monday evening.

Editor Nash offers his Huntingdon Journal for sale. Ill health has forced him to try and get out of the newspaper business.

O. C. Homan, of Penns Cave, and Miss Ida Breon, of Spring Mills, were married at the home of the bride's parents on the 7th inst. They departed for Michigan immediately after their wedding.

The Pennsylvania exhibit of birds and animals at the Atlanta exposition has been given over to the custody of the museum at The Pennsylvania State College. The acquisition is quite a desirable one.

W. A. Tobias, Esq., and Wm. O. Duck, two of Millheim's reputable residents, spent last Thursday night in town and went home Friday afternoon. "Toby" surprised us when he told us his age, but he would still make a very good mark for some leap year girl to aim at.

Hi Henry's minstrels will be here, on Monday night, Jan. 20th. A wonderfully fine attraction and one that should pack the opera house. This company played a two weeks engagement at the Grand opera house in Philadelphia, during the holiday season. The Grand is the largest play house in the city. A fine band and orchestra and everything in modern minstrelsy.

The Catholic fair couldn't be conveniently closed last Saturday and will be continued until to-morrow evening when it will positively be ended. All the valuable articles now on hand will be disposed of at whatever they will bring and it will be a great chance for you to get some fine things cheap. Remember the fair is being held in Temple Court and is for the benefit of the new parochial house.

County surveyor J. H. Reifender, of Millheim, has in his possession a block taken from a birch corner, being the south-east corner, of the John Schnell survey in Miles township. The ax marks in the block are within 1 1/2 inches of the heart of the tree which would indicate that the tree was only about 2 1/2 inches in diameter when the survey was made in 1788. The outward growth from the ax mark is about 9 inches with 107 distinct growths.

The old Clintondale camp-meeting ground is fast being devastated by the ax of the wood-chopper. Daniel Schenck and son, of Howard, are clearing the beautiful wooded tract and shipping the timber to McGhee's mills, at Mill Hall. The Clintondale camp meeting ground has been the scene of many happy hours spent in its quiet retreats in years that have gone by and there are those, in this county, who will be sorry to know that its days of use for such purposes are forever gone.

News Purely Personal.

Ex-Associate Judge Thomas Ritey, of Boalsburg, was in town Saturday looking courtly as ever.

Miss Margarette Teas, one of our favorite amateur elocutionists, is visiting at the home of John D. Gill, Point Lookout, Phillipsburg.

J. Hile Griffin, one of Stormstown's merchant princes was in town yesterday looking as if hard times were an unheard of thing in the Metropolis of Halfmoon township.

Mrs. Joseph Woodward and her little boy, Joe, are in from Omaha, Neb., to spend some time at the home of Mrs. W. T. Speer, on east High street. Mrs. Woodward will be remembered as Miss Nellie Larimer.

Mr. Fergus Potter, of Linden Hall, was in town yesterday afternoon talking a little politics and attending to other business. He is one of the most successful farmers in the county and a Democrat whose advice is always sought by politicians.

Mr. A. H. Hosterman, of Boalsburg, was in town on Wednesday, but he sent his emissary, Mr. Austin Dale, in to see us. A crisp new bill, with his compliments, was very acceptable, but not as entertaining as a visit from the sender would have been.

Councilman Wm. T. Hillish is spending a few days at his home, in this place, while the big Johnson rail mills at Loraine, Ohio, where he is employed, are shut down for repairs. Billy looks as if life in the "Buckeye" State agreed with him.

Joe Guggenheimer, grown to manhood since he left this place not so many years ago, called on his Bellefonte friends one day last week with a large line of clothing. He is traveling for a Philadelphia house. Joe is a son of Mr. Isaac Guggenheimer a former merchant of Bellefonte and is the pleasant agreeable boy of yore—grown older.

The WATCHMAN has a fine old friend in Samuel Harpster Esq. of Gatesburg. He was in town, Wednesday, cheery and jovial as ever and dropped in to tell us that he thinks he is getting too old to farm. Indeed he looks younger than many men do at fifty, and we were inclined to regard his declaration as a joke until he said he had a notion of going in to the cattle herding business, and would like to get an option on some wild land in the Alleghenies.

Our old friend Mr. S. B. Leathers, of Mt. Eagle, was in town, on Tuesday, and spent part of his time in this office, very much to our enjoyment, though we were sorry to find him not in the best of health. He is just recovering from a three week's siege of severe cold that kept him indoors. Mr. Leathers is a very successful Bald Eagle valley farmer and is one of the staunch men of his township. His orchard grew 1100 bushels of apples last season.

A MERCIFUL RETURN.—It must have been some rare animal instinct that led Abner McCloskey's horse to return to him after he had fallen from it and injured his ankle so that he could not walk, while bunting cattle in the "Tangascootac" back of Eagleville last Friday.

Mr. McCloskey lives near Beech Creek and rode out on horse back to round up his cattle that had gone to the woods that day. His horse, not being roughed, slipped and fell on the ice injuring the rider so as to leave him helpless by the road-side. Strange as it will appear, a half hour after the horse had galloped off in the direction of home it returned to the injured man. Just at that time a traveler passed along and he helped Mr. McCloskey to get astride the horse, after which he rode home without further trouble aside from his suffering with a very severe sprain.

The cackling of geese once saved Rome; a faithful dog, has, in many instances, saved its master and here is a case of rare horse intuition that possibly saved a man from freezing by the side of a mountain road.

GROWING IN GREATNESS.—In his last week's issue Mr. Speer, of the Gazette, poked his fingers in under his vest and tickled himself over having made what he was pleased to call an "enthusiastic address" at the recent camp-fire in Gregg post rooms in this place.

We call attention to this rather remarkable evidence of conceit merely to suggest that the gentleman read up the little passage about the mote and the beam before he indulges his passion for condemning such short-comings in others.

SHE SPED AWAY.—Just as Dr. Harriet Kane was singing the words "Sped Away," during a weekly prayer service in the Kane memorial church, at Kane, Pa., last Thursday evening, she sank in unconsciousness and was dead before the two physicians who were in the church at the time could get to her side.

The woman, who thus met such a sensational death, was a sister of General Thomas L. Kane, commander of the famous "Buck-tail" regiment, and was 40 years old.

FLORIDA ON WHEELS.—A visit to "Florida on Wheels" will be a revelation to most people and all who see it come away impressed with the idea that Florida is a better and greater State than they had any idea of. The Florida rolling exposition is doing a great thing in bringing Florida into notice and advertising the great advantages of the land of orange groves, fruit and flowers.—York, Pa., Dispatch. This exposition will be in Bellefonte, on Saturday, Jan. 25th.

ROYAL ARCANUM OFFICERS.—Bellefonte council, 1050, R. A. met Monday evening and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Regent, B. C. Achenbach; vice regent, S. M. Buck; orator, Claude Cook; secretary, Charles Smith; treasurer, John Meese; collector, Robert Cole; guide, H. H. Schreyer, chaplain, Geo. L. Potter; sentry, Harry Fanlon; past regent, C. D. Krider.

FOR SALE.—A team of heavy draft horses, 8 years old. Will weigh 1600 lbs. each.

T. B. BUDINGER, Snow Shoe, Pa.

HAY WANTED.—Have you a car-load of good timothy hay you want to sell for cash. If so, write or telephone T. B. Budinger, Snow Shoe, Pa.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. JACKSON & Co.

The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press:

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price per bushel. Includes items like Red wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Ground plaster, Buckwheat, Cloverseed.

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.

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