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Our Christmas Greeting.

This Christmas number marks the completion of the forty-first year of the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN'S existence. It is presented with the hope that within its bright cover will be found stories and news of holiday cheer and importance. It has been our aim to furnish a newspaper that is at once comprehensive and reliable; how well we have succeeded remains for our thousands of readers to judge.

The function of a country newspaper is an important one in the community in which it circulates. It can be a lever for good or evil, as it elects. The WATCHMAN tries to do good. It tries to elevate and hold up the community and it is that ambition that prompts it to wish all: free man and convict, noblest and most debased, richest and most lowly, a season of greatest happiness and cheer; feeling that in the gladness of Christmas tide some one might be touched by the sweetness of a God's love and come to know its donor.

May all the brightness and splendor that greets you on Christmas morn not prove an illusion on the horizon of the New Year, but rather may it be an abiding joy.

To the poor and wretched who know not the ideal festal season may the Christ child be their comfort, their satisfying all.

Looking Ahead.

These would be much brighter days if the promised boom that was to follow the success of the "advance agent of prosperity" was materializing in any way. Unfortunately for the country—unfortunately for the people—there is neither promise nor prospect of any such improvement in times, as was predicted and anticipated, nor is it probable that there will be any during the next four years.

The little business spurt that was noticeable for a few days after the election, and was occasioned by the placing of orders that had been held back for political effect has already run its course and the markets of the country are again glutted with goods that the masses need but cannot buy because of the want of money, while factories are closing down, wages falling, prices getting lower, people going hungry and naked, with every prospect of an interminable continuation of this condition of affairs staring us in the face.

In fact, for many, many years, the outlook has not been as unpromising as it is to-day; seven weeks after the success of the party that pledged so much and promised so profusely.

And now that it is in power and has complete control of all the departments of government what is to be expected.

The great need of the country is more money—more money with which to buy; more money with which to pay; more money that people can purchase that which they need; and when they can do this there will be a demand for everything we make and everything we produce, and that demand will start our factories and mills, and give permanent employment and paying wages to the tens of thousands of now idle or poorly paid working men.

But the party that succeeded, through the combined influence of the trusts, bank syndicates, corporations, tariff beneficiaries and other agents of the money power, is pledged against more money and dare not violate that pledge. To attempt a change in our currency laws, that will give the people an increased amount of money with which to do business, is to go squarely back on the interests that furnished sixteen millions of dollars to debauch voters, and buy success for the monetary policy that MCKINLEY and his party will be expected to and must carry out. It is this influence that will control—that should control—the financial policy of the incoming administration and its control will continue the contracting grip of the gold standard, which means that money will be made scarcer and dearer; that the value of farm products and property will continue to diminish; that the increasing appreciation of money will keep it out of business investments, it being too valuable for anything but lending at exorbitant rates of interest to prevent the foreclosing of mortgages or to meet pressing debts, and, as a consequence, a more stringent condition of affairs than that through which we have already passed will be upon us.

It is this situation that confronts us and we may as well look it squarely in the face and recognize existing facts. The Republican party, may try to tinker with the tariff, but this will only add to the doubt and distrust that hangs over all business; it may try to direct public attention to questions of foreign policy, but this will not mend matters at home; it may even change the currency laws, but if so it will be to more effectually benefit the money lenders of the country. It will not—it dare not, give us more money, and without more money there can be no hope of better times.

This is our prediction, a prediction based upon an honest belief, and which, for the sake of the people and the prosperity of the country, we hope may prove wrong.

—Ham and eggs usually go together on the stage, as well as on the table.

The Danger is From Other Sources.

We had expected that when the excitement and asperities of the campaign were past we would hear less from the friends of a gold standard about the "anarchy" that influenced the action of the Democratic people. And had even hoped that from some of the advocates of a continuation of the then existing condition, we would have at least a partial apology for the many ugly things published and the many foul insinuations made against the good name and the good repute of millions of the American people.

These expectations seem destined to be unrealized and these hopes doomed to disappointment. Papers that should and do know better, and papers whose former purpose should make it a work of pleasure for them to undo the great wrong done an honest, an intelligent and patriotic people, continue braying about the "anarchy" that would destroy our present currency system, and the "dishonor" that would follow such changes as would give us sufficient money for the needs of business. Just as if "anarchy" and "dishonor" and "dishonesty" was part and parcel of the belief and purposes of all who do not believe in the single gold standard and the constricted money conditions it has brought about.

The truth is the public has grown tired and disgusted with the efforts of a subsidized press to discredit and dishonor the motive of the great body of people who voted the Democratic ticket, at the recent election, by classifying them among those whose purpose it is to trample law and order underfoot and to overturn the foundation of society. The people know, and every honest citizen recognizes that the contest of the Democratic party was not that anarchistic principle should succeed or that lawlessness and dishonesty should triumph, but that the rule of trusts and syndicates, of monopolies and corporations, of the insolent and oppressive power of over grown money interests, should not be fastened upon the people to harass and oppress, to tax and to rob them.

Between these influences and the doctrines of anarchists there is but little difference. Both would destroy the hope, the glory and the usefulness of the Republic. They would leave naught but distress and desolation in their wake. The one through lawless means, the other under cover of law. The Democratic party is against both.

But it is not from the "anarchist" or "republicanists" that danger to this country now threatens. The advocates of these are open enemies, with courage enough to avow their purposes and foolish enough to exploit their expectations, to a public that will neither approve the one nor submit to the other.

It is from a different class, entirely, that most danger is to be feared, from the men who pervert the governmental functions to purposes of class favoritism; who shape fiscal and currency policies to their own advantage and with undisguised indifference to the injury inflicted upon the masses; who corrupt the elections in order to secure the kind of government that will promote the aggrandizement of their class and make the general interest subordinate to the profits of industrial monopolies and money dealing syndicates; who criminally limit the currency to a single standard that it may be brought within the easy control of a money trust; and who seek to tax the public for the benefit of pampered favorites.

These are the real "anarchists," far more dangerous to the country, and far more desperate in their endeavors, than all those who follow the leadership of HERB MOSE.

It is to these influences and the men back of them that the honest newspaper pen of the country, will turn its attention.

The WATCHMAN acknowledges, with appreciation, the receipt of "Sketches in Crude Oil," by JOHN J. MCLAURIN, author, Harrisburg, Pa. It is a comprehensive volume of four hundred or more pages, finely illustrated with half-tone reproductions of photographs, and deals with the history of the oil product of the globe. All the excitement of boomed oil territories, well shooting, and nitro-glycerine men, lend to the interest of the volume and make it highly entertaining reading. It is substantially bound in cloth and printed on plate paper. The history of the oil development of the globe carries with it many thrilling stories of the opening of the fields in all countries, so that Mr. MCLAURIN'S work is of absorbing interest, aside from its value as a reference book. He is author of the works: "A Brief History of Petroleum" and "The Story of Johnstown."

—And now it is rumored that ex-judge FURST has gubernatorial aspirations; that he will be a candidate for successor to Gov. HASTINGS and has already so informed his friends. We don't know anything as to the authenticity of the rumor, and we know less of the Judge's political aspirations, but we do know that by the time his ex-honor gets the bill of costs, that are sure to follow the MILLER contest, and for which he is held largely responsible, saddled upon the people of the county, it will take greater efforts than he has ever been known to exert, to secure him that backing at home, that would be of benefit in securing a state nomination.

—The bill that is now before Congress to stop the sale of intoxicating liquor in the Senate and House restaurants is likely to tickle the temperance people. If the bill passes there will be lots of members who will have to run down onto the Avenue very frequently to have the tickling in their throats stopped.

A Hungry Pack

O, no, they are not a bit hungry! They don't want office! They are not after public salaries! They don't want places, not a bit of it, you see.

In this county there are 63 post offices. Six of these are so situated that no changes in the persons running them are likely to be made, leaving 57 that will be subject to such changes as the incoming administration may see proper to make. To fill these 57 places, some of which are worth less than \$50 a year, we have in our possession, the names of two hundred and twenty-nine Republican applicants, an average of over four to a post office. There is one commissioner's clerk to be chosen, and eleven applications have been filed for that position. There is one commissioner's attorney to be selected, and five Republican lawyers have signified their desire to be the chosen one. There is a janitor for the court house, and thirteen able bodied Republicans are hustling around, trying to bring influences to bear upon the commissioners, that will land them as chief of the dust-pan and spittoon department. A Democrat was elected sheriff by a majority of 16 and the Republicans have begun a contest, to secure that office, that promises to put upon the tax-payers of the county costs that will not be less than ten, and may reach twenty, thousand dollars. This is only the local situation. How many scores of applicants for positions at Harrisburg, Washington and elsewhere there may be among these purely patriotic (?) people we have no means of ascertaining.

And yet they are not, politically, a hungry crowd! No, the pinched entrails of a South African hyena are mild in their demands for food, when compared to the desire of a Centre county Republican for office.

—If the QUAY people defeat WANAMAKER as badly as they profess to have him defeated now there won't be anything left of poor old JOHN to tell the tale after the fight for United States Senator is over. It is one of QUAY'S shifts, however, to do as much scaring as possible before the real fight comes off. You remember how he scared the combiners, the night before the election for state chairman, in Harrisburg, by having his delegates parade, and having more than enough men in line, whether credited or fake delegates, to show that he had a majority.

—The latest is that the celery crop of Kalamazoo, Mich., lies rotting in the ground because political disturbances spoiled its market. Since celery is said to be a brain maker this condition of under-consumption explains the recent Republican victory. The masses didn't eat enough celery to bring them into a state of mind in which they could realize their real need.

—We welcome to the Central Pennsylvania newspaper fraternity Messrs. GEO. E. OWENS, ex-commissioner's clerk, and CHAT HOWE, two Clearfield gentlemen, who have purchased the *Republican* of that place.

—It was all right for his gold friends to give chairman GIVEN a dinner at the Art club, in Philadelphia, but giving him a silver loving cup was all wrong. It ought to have been a gold one.

—Cambria and Blair counties will more than likely instruct their Representatives to vote for PENROSE for the United States Senate.

—Congressmen want their salaries raised from \$5,000 to \$7,000. This is only a portion of the prosperity we are all after.

—The Altoona *Daily News*, which is Congressman HICK'S new paper, is out for PENROSE for the United States Senate.

—Governor HASTINGS has announced that he is going to advise the coming Legislature to do much for education.

Spain Was Denounced.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Two great demonstrations in favor of struggling Cuba took place in this city to-night. One was a street parade of the organization called "The Friends of Cuba," the other was a mass meeting at Cooper Union called by the Cuban League of the United States. Several thousand men took part in the street parade and many thousands lined the sidewalks and cheered enthusiastically along the line of march. An American flag was carried at the head of each battalion, with two Cuban soldiers as escorts. A number of large transparencies were shown, illustrating Spanish massacres. One showing the killing of Maceo bore the title, "Spain's latest triumph in murdering under the flag of truth."

Cooper Union was packed to the doors when the meeting of the Cuban league was called to order by its president, Ethan Allen, a lineal descendant of the general of the same name of revolutionary fame. The list of vice presidents was read and included the names of some of New York's foremost and richest citizens, among them being Governor Morton and Governor elect Black.

Speeches denouncing Spain were made and resolutions condemning the Spanish government in strong terms and favoring Cuban liberty even at the price of war.

Italy With Us.

A Motion Regarding Cuba to be Introduced in the Chamber of Deputies.

ROME, December 21.—In the chamber of deputies to-day a member of the radical party gave notice of his intention to introduce a motion expressing the sympathy of the chamber of deputies with the Cuban insurgents. The Marquis Di Rudini, prime minister, intimates that the ministry would oppose the adoption of such a motion by the chamber. His remarks evoked violent protests on the part of the radicals. In the course of the discussion Signor Imbriani, the radical leader, declared that his party at least would join the American and other civilized people in hoping that the Cubans might be victorious in their struggle for freedom.

They Look For War.

Spanish Newspapers Think There Will Be Trouble With Us.

MADRID, Dec. 21.—The newspapers "El Imparcial" and "El Liberal" do not believe that a pacific solution is possible of the problem of Spanish relations with the United States. They consider that Mr. Olney's utterances are simply those of a secretary, and that they carry little weight with the great body of American citizens, in whom, it is pointed out, is the fountain of all power, overruling both the legislative and the executive.

These newspapers express the belief that Congress, backed by public opinion in the United States, is bent upon gaining independence for the Cubans. Mr. McKinley, they say, will also follow public opinion and his own convictions and will declare the independence of Cuba and terminate the war in the island, even at the cost of armed intervention by the United States, if the war shall be prolonged beyond the month of March, when he assumes the Presidency. The Republican press expresses similar views, urging the necessity of the government preparing for war with the United States.

The revolutionary Republicans, headed by Nicholas Salmeron, who defended Julio Sagrally, the American citizen held in Cuba for treason and conspiracy, upon his appeal to the Madrid court from the Havana court, purpose entering upon a strong propaganda in the Spanish provinces and preparing for a revolutionary action.

"El Herald" asserts that the minister of war, General Azcarra, is preparing numerous pamphlets on the geography, typography and military condition of the United States to the chief officers of the Spanish army.

No Money for Ships.

Lack of Funds Will Curtail All Repair Work—Eighteen Hundred Men to be Laid Off.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Now that there is a possibility of the ships of the navy being called upon at any moment for active service, there comes a report that for lack of sufficient funds that work of making repairs to the vessels at the navy yard will have to be curtailed. Only the most urgent repairs to some of the ships will be made, while many of the vessels now tied up to the docks at the navy yard will have to be sent to sea in the condition they are in at present.

There are several ships now at the navy yard awaiting repairs. Others are on their way to the yard. With the exception of the flagship New York, the battleship Massachusetts and the corvette Essex no repairs are being made to the other vessels, which are the cruisers Columbia, Montgomery, Marblehead and the monitor Terror.

The appropriation of \$2,000,000 that had been made for repairing the vessels until the next appropriation becomes available, which will be in June, 1897, has been reduced to less than \$100,000, and this will be expended within the next ten days. Most of the repairing to the ships has been done at the navy yard at this station. Many of the men had been kept at work night and day, getting the vessels ready for service. There are more than 1,800 men employed in the various departments connected with the yard.

"When this matter concerning Spain came up," said an officer, "nearly every ship in a navy yard was ordered to be repaired and made ready for efficient service, not only with the Atlantic, but with the Pacific squadron. A large number of men were given employment. Now the available funds are about exhausted and the work of repairing the vessels is not half completed. The men will have to be discharged, as there will be no money with which to pay them."

Never in the history of the navy has there been such activity at this station. Ships have been repaired which, under ordinary circumstances, would have been put out of commission.

Insurgents Near Havana.

Attacked a Garrison Within Two Miles of the Capital and Made Them Run.—They May Attack The Town.—Dr. Zertucha in Hiding and Waiting a Chance to Leave.—Public Trial for Publicity.

HAVANA, Dec. 21, via Key West, Fla.—The superior court has by decree, dated December 15, ordered the president of the criminal court to appoint two other magistrates, who, with three who already had charge, Valpoz Pages, Records, Maya and Jose, shall make a bench on the work to give Julio Sanguillo Govea a public hearing. The accused has been instructed to name a new advocate, as Don Miguel Veondi, who was the prisoner's counsel at the last trial, is now a prisoner in Las Cabanas. The president of the court has, in order to have the trial commenced, December 21, appointed Adolfo Astudillo de Guzman and Manuel Vias Ochoteco the other two magistrates, who with the three named above, shall constitute a court.

The accused on being informed of the above facts ask that those days be especially granted him to obtain counsel, because, being a counsel prisoner, he must employ an attorney by letter, which must necessarily consume this time.

The case of Louis Someliani Mercant, who was arrested about five months ago, and put into prison because he received an unsigned message from Key West, reading as follows: "Maria arrived yesterday," which, interpreted by the Spanish authorities, meant three friends sailed yesterday," has had his trial set for January 8th. There is nothing new regarding the trial of the Competitor crew.

The insurgents attacked the garrison of 25 men between Regla and Guanabacoa two nights ago, and the garrison hurriedly decamped to the city, all but three of the men leaving their arms. Young M. Lee, with some friends, told me he was visiting there with friends, and saw part of the running fight, and heard the gunfire.

All this was within two miles of Havana and Pinar del Rio are pacified.

The people of Havana do not believe that Maceo is dead. There is a mystery about it that no evidence yet shown explains.

Dr. Zertucha is quietly "in hiding" until the first ship sails for Spain. There is a story current here, started 20 hours ago, that the insurgents had threatened Havana on the night of the 24th, and the people are terribly excited.

No Secret Trial.

The Competitor's Crew Have Not Been Sentenced Yet.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—The second trial of the crew of the American schooner Competitor, captured April 29th last by a Spanish gunboat while apparently landing a filibustering expedition on the coast of Cuba, is still in its preliminary stages, and consequently, according to Spanish law, the proceedings are yet private. The proceedings circulated in the United States of the secret trial, sentence and approaching execution of the prisoners are wholly false.

Thought He was in Hell.

From the Philadelphia Bituminous Record.

Dr. F. B. Read, of Osceola, had a new experience the other day while getting John Roach, of Powelton, in shape to have one of his fingers amputated. Roach is a driver at Powelton mine, and had two fingers caught between the bumpers of the two mine cars. While being etherized, he suddenly sprang up, and declared that he would have his head cut off before he would take any more of that "stuff," and that "he had been in hell." No persuasion on the part of the doctor would induce him to take any more ether, being perfectly willing, however, to have the finger taken off. He stood the operation without so much as the twitching of a muscle, and after it was over remarked that he would rather have a dozen fingers amputated than suffer the torments in hell for ten minutes.

Inauguration Committee.

Major Warren Will Represent Pennsylvania in the League.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—Hon. D. D. Woodmansee, president of the National Republican league, to-day appointed the following league members as the inauguration committee: General E. A. McAlpin, New York; Major Everett Warren, Pennsylvania; Judge C. W. Raymond, Illinois; Hon. Frank J. Higgins, Virginia; E. J. Miller, Ohio, and Dr. W. L. Boozee, Maryland.

President Woodmansee has called a meeting of this committee at the Ebbitt house, Washington, for Friday of this week, to perfect plans for the part to be taken by the league at the inauguration of President-elect McKinley.

Pine Grove Mention.

To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Nannie Bailey is visiting relatives in Altoona.

Masters Joe and Wilson Ard, two of Woodward's promising youths, came up to size up our new railroad.

The I. O. O. F. 276, will celebrate their twenty fifth anniversary on the last night of 1896 with a banquet.

Messrs. John and Edward Meyers, of the Branch, are sight seeing in the mountain city, during the holidays.

Prof. J. Herbert Ward, late of Shamokin, has had all of his household goods shipped by rail to our town, where they will be in storage for the present.

A petition, numerously signed, has been forwarded to the post master-general at Washington, praying to send us our mail by rail. This, of course, would do away with the mail route from this place to Shingletown which would get its news via Roalsburg, morning and evening, but our town would have three mails a day and would get the eastern and western news but a few hours later than Bellefonte. Let 'er go Gallagher.

On the evening of the 16th, everything was thoroughly explained when F. A. McClintic, of Potter township, and Miss Ida B. Wilson, of this place, were united in the bonds that made the two one for life, Rev. C. T. Aikens officiating, in the presence of but a few invited guests. After the ceremony a splendid supper was served by Mrs. Frontz at the J. H. Mitchell farm mansion, near town. The bride is an estimable lady. The groom is one of Potter township's popular young men. They have our hearty congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

Nittany Valley Items.

The young people's social held in the Lutheran church at Snydertown, last week, was largely attended, and quite a financial success. The young people deserve much credit for the energy they put forth in trying to entertain our people in a pleasing and profitable manner.

A freight engine set fire to the weeds in the field near our village last week. The flames swept toward the stables with a vengeance and had it not been for Mrs. Robb and Alpha Fletcher, who fought the fire until other assistants came, our town would have gone up in smoke.

Thomas Grooms is seriously ill with consumption. He was formerly an employe of the Bellefonte nail works, and we sympathize with him in his affliction.

William Weber and Daniel Dorman are busily engaged in cutting paper wood for the Tyrone paper mill.

Turkeys are so scarce that none are to be had for Christmas. 8 cents per pound is the price offered but there is none to be purchased.

Mr. Ferguson, ticket agent of Clintondale, attended the funeral of a relative, at Jersey Shore on Tuesday, who died from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

Our teachers who attended Clinton county Institute, held at Renovo, were well pleased with Supt. Snyder's corps of instructors. The people of the town entertained the teachers royally and Supt. Roberts of the Penna's shops gave them the pleasure of visiting all the departments of the works.

The Evangelical church will be dedicated Dec. 27th, Rev. Kooztz, pastor in charge.

W. H. Markle, teacher of our school gave his scholars a treat last Friday, there are fifty-three pupils enrolled and for a teacher to deal out as liberally as Billy did, would knock a hole in \$30, his monthly salary.

Spring Mills.

Professor Reareck is erecting a neat looking building to engage in the printing and bicycling business. The Professor has some experience in both, having been a printer for several years, and then drifted into the bicycle business. Now he intends combining the two. It reminds me of a sign I once observed which read "confectionery, fresh cakes and tobacco."

The applicants for postmaster of our village, has dwindled down to about four, a little more boiling and the number will be still less. Some of them have petitions three feet long. They forget that the Bellefonte ring cares very little about signatures and testimonials, they generally do their political figuring without them. The influence of two or three factors of the machine is more potent and powerful than all the signatures in a dozen postal districts.

A party of five gentlemen driving down the valley, on Monday night last, to attend the horse sale at Millheim on the following Tuesday, met with an accident a short distance below our town. In suddenly turning the hind wheels broke down throwing them out. Four of the gentlemen were severely

bruised, one escaped unharmed. The horses after running a short distance were caught.

Commercial agents report business dull, even orders for holiday goods are exceedingly light. The "advance agent of prosperity" must evidently be asleep. Previous to the election, we were promised unbounded prosperity, but since his triumph what do we see and hear almost daily? Mills shut down, commercial disasters, bank failures and increased depression all over the country. It is going from bad to worse.

Charles L. Grimm, of Madisonburg, and Miss Minnie J. Coates, of Tyrone, were married at noon on Thursday last at the beautiful residence of J. W. Shook, one of our prominent citizens. Rev. Reareck, of Centre Hall, officiated. The wedding was very largely attended, the presents were numerous, and many of them valuable. The happy couple left for the east in the afternoon train amid a perfect shower of rice, good luck shreds and with the best wishes of all their friends.

The entire family of W. L. Baker, of our village, section manager of the P. R. R., consisting of seven members, were ill at one time from diphtheria. With two of the children (girls) the disease rapidly assumed malignant form, and after an illness of a few days both died. A third child was very low, but is now slowly recovering. The other members of the family are also convalescing. The entire community sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. Baker in their sad affliction. No other cases are reported.

A. V. Miller contesting Mr. Cronister's election at an expense of from ten to twenty thousand dollars to the county, is denounced in language more emphatic than polite by his political friends in this section. Like the Democrats they feel that the tenet of the investigation will simply sustain Mr. Cronister's majority, if not materially increase it. This is twice Mr. Miller was defeated for office, twice in succession within a dozen months, what more did he require to satisfy him that the people have no use for him, politically? Drop out of politics Mr. Miller, the people have become tired of your office begging, and this expensive contest only makes them more so.

All Through Brush Valley.

Joseph Wolf is home from a months stay in Bellewood.

An epidemic of mumps is prevalent in Brush Valley.

Several weddings will be solemnized during the holidays.

Daniel Royer's brother, of Zion, visited him this week.

Mrs. John Ocker and son spent Sunday and Monday in Union county.

Supt. Gramley is conducting the annual institute at Bellefonte this week.

Mrs. George Fehl, of Aaronsburg, was the guest of Rebersburg friends last week.

In the spring Thomas Royer, of Rockville, will build a new house in the west end of Rebersburg. If we had a few factories, some good sidewalks and street lamps we would be up with the procession.

Miss Mattie Goodhart, of Centre Hall, visited her Rebersburg friends last Friday.

Henry Kreider is home from Lancaster, where he is attending college, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Jane Stiver, of Flemington, came to Rebersburg last Saturday to make her mother a pleasant visit.

The Brumgard boys and Win Morris, who are attending school at Selingsgrove, are home on their vacation.

Messrs. Henry Detwiler, Wm. Limbert, Luther Mills, N. John Moyer, Thomas Auman, and Cal Morris, are attending institute.

The Rebersburg people are speaking of the possibility of getting a trolley line; this is what our burg should have in the near future.

Mrs. Henry Meyer and her daughter, Mary, of Rebersburg, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Jennie Weber, who lives near Milesburg.

W. W. Sholl, of Dickinson Seminary came home last Thursday with a city smile. While home for his Christmas holidays he expects to do a little hunting and we wish him success.

Port Matilda Pointers.

Snow has come at last and George Woodring was the first to enjoy a sleigh ride.

Dr. D. S. Monroe preached one of his excellent sermons in the M. E. church to a large audience last Sunday evening.

Rev. Maxwell of the U. B. church, is meeting with good success at his revival meetings at Black Oak chapel, two miles west of town.

Jacob Woodring, one of our most industrious farmers, is so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he is confined to the house.

Since the hunting season has closed our sportsmen have busied themselves making bear traps, as it is said bears are very plenty in the Alleghenies.

Mrs. Catharine Johnson, who has been suffering for a year with cancer, died on Sunday, the 13th, and was buried on Wednesday in the Friends burying ground in Half-Moon.

The periodical chicken thief has given notice that he is still doing business at the old stand. Last Saturday night he relieved merchant A. W. Reese of a lot of fine fat hens and one big white rooster which must have given trouble as his head was twisted off and left by the barn. Mr. Reese tracked the parties a mile, by the scattered feathers, and if they ever show up around his chicken coop again will give them a warm reception.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle, of this place, are going to hold a public meeting on Jan. 12th 1897, in the Baptist church. There will be two sessions, one at 10 o'clock and one at 2 o'clock. Among the prominent speakers who have promised to be present to address the meetings are: past supreme chief, H. C. Lytle, of Altoona; grand chief, L. N. Tobin, of Philadelphia; past chief, W. T. Morrison; C. M. Bower, and high priest, Rev. Gearhart, of Bellefonte. The following castles have been invited to take part in the exercises Philadelphia, Osceola, Tyrone and Bellefonte. After the afternoon meeting the members and their invited guests will be refreshed with an oyster supper in the K. G. hall. You are cordially invited to attend the meetings.