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Many Changes About the Court House.

Time goes surely on and every year something new presents itself to the public notice; sometimes pleasant and sometimes unpleasant, but no matter what the nature it is sure to come and happy is he who makes the best of it.

At noon, on Monday, nearly a new corps of men took charge of the public offices of the county. Sheriff W. M. Cronister, his deputy H. J. Jackson; treasurer Harrison Kline, his deputy William E. Royer; commissioners Heckman, Riddle and Fisher, recorder J. C. Harper, and his deputy W. D. Dukeman; Register G. W. Rumberger, auditors G. G. Fink, J. D. Wagner and Frank Hess, surveyor Jesse Cleaver and coroner Dr. J. M. Locke were all inducted into office for what we trust will be a pleasant and profitable term. Though some of them are not the men whom we would soonest have seen take the oath of office, yet the will of the people called them and we abide the decision.

The commissioners have chosen Wilbur F. Reeder Esq., to be their attorney at a fixed salary of \$400 per annum. Nelson Robb, of Nittany, present agent of the American express company in this place, was chosen clerk and the matter of a janitor was left until the slate making would be Republican managers have gulped down their surprise at these two appointments.

In selecting H. J. Jackson as his deputy sheriff Cronister has made a choice that will please everyone. Aftable, obliging and unobtrusive he is a young man who will do splendid service in the office.

Recorder Harper's retention of deputy Dukeman will prove a highly gratifying action to Democrats throughout the county and everyone who visits that office will meet with the most courteous service.

Of those who retire a great measure of credit and esteem will follow. When judge Furst arose in court, last Saturday afternoon, to utter unstinted praise of the service of sheriff John P. Condo judge Love promptly voiced the same sentiments and in the warm words that were there spoken the ex-sheriff might have read the unanimous voice of the people of Centre county. A better, a more capable, a more honorable sheriff this county has never had and he goes back to private life with the assurance that he ably kept the trust reposed in him.

No small portion of the success of ex-sheriff Condo's tenure is due to his deputy, C. A. Weaver, who takes away with him a record for faithfulness and integrity that none can successfully assail. Mr. Weaver leaves Bellefonte and the sheriff's office holding a rank of honor in the public mind. Treasurer John Q. Miles, whose happy, always welcome manner put him in office, will be missed about the court house. His friends were legion and his conduct of the treasurer's office was such that they have no reason to regret having put him there. Mr. Miles will remain in Bellefonte until spring and perhaps permanently. His courteous deputy, O. D. Eberts, has gone too and it will be an impossibility to find another more careful or better liked young man to take his place.

W. Galer Morrison, the ex-recorder of the county, is now seen on the streets more than usual and all because he is no longer in office. While there he attended so strictly to business that he really jeopardized his health, but if anything can repay him for the untiring service he rendered, the sincere praise of a well served public should do it. Exact and constant, Mr. Morrison kept the records of the county in a way that will make his term of office a pattern for future generations to follow.

The retiring commissioners, Messrs. Goodhart, Adams, Strohm and their clerk, Robt. F. Hunter, carry with them, to their private occupations, the acknowledged assurance that their conduct of the commissioner's office was as faithful as they could make it. Each one of them served the county to the best of his ability and the records show it not to have been to the public disadvantage.

We trust that old and new, alike, will find happiness and something of good cheer in the days that are before them.

Bellefonte and the Teachers' Institute.

Phillipsburg wants the next session of the Centre county teachers' institute and claims that because Bellefonte patronized the evening entertainments to the extent of only \$20 this town ought to be given the go-by next year. While Bellefonte is always glad to greet the teachers she don't care to patronize entertainments that have no interest for her. If the right kind of attractions are secured Bellefonte will not be derelict in their support. When BON BURDETT lectured before the institute Bellefonte crowded the court house so full that the lecturer could hardly work his way to the platform from which he was to speak.

We do not mean to disparage the character of the entertainments that are provided, but merely want to state that they are not of the kind that appeals to Bellefonte. Every one here knows how poorly the old "star course" entertainments were patronized, yet they included better entertainments than usually appear before our institutes. This has always been a poor lecture town, unless the lecturer is a person of national reputation, as was BURDETT, and we feel safe in saying that had Supt. GRAMLEY secured the services of SAM

JONES for one night he would have had a packed house and taken in enough to defray the other expenses of the week. Clearfield had SAM JONES and made money on him, Bellefonte would have done the same.

It is not with any intention to cast reflection on the management of the institute that we make these statements but merely to vindicate our people, who are being charged with lack of interest. Supt. GRAMLEY does the best he can, no doubt, but instead of striking out boldly for one first class night entertainment he seems to be continually on the hedge. It is not reasonable to suppose, either, that when people hear men talk at the regular sessions, free of charge, that they will pay to hear the same men at night, no matter how different the theme?

While Bellefonte would regret to lose these institute sessions there is not beginning to be the business in them for a town that the Phillipsburg papers imagine. And Bellefonte will show her appreciation of any attempt to give her something really first class by crowding the court house whenever it appears. Let the plan be tried once. Get an entertainer or an entertainment that will appeal to all classes, no matter what the cost, and see if it is not patronized.

Pennsylvania's General Assembly in Session.

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ers and there were much good feeling displayed, notwithstanding the bitterness of the senatorial struggle. Scores of ex members of the assembly were on the floor exchanging greetings with their former associates. The handsomely remodelled hall of the house was much admired, the allegorical paintings on the paneled walls attracting much attention. There are group figures representing agriculture, science, literature and mechanics. The ceilings have been lowered twelve feet since the last session and the acoustic properties are much improved. It was mainly to remedy the defects of this character that the changes in the hall were made.

At 12 o'clock the retiring chief clerk, A. D. Fetterolf, rapped the house to order, and the aisles were quickly cleared.

A fervent prayer was made by Rev. Ebenezer Adams, of Philadelphia, a member of the house.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder was here announced and presented the returns of the last election for members of the assembly. The clerks read the list of successful candidates.

When the names of prominent legislators were read there was applause. This ceremony having been completed the roll was called. There were few absents.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, and Muehlbronner, of Allegheny, was appointed to wait upon his honor, Judge Simonton, of Harrisburg, and request him to administer the oath of office to the members.

The ceremony of administering the oath to more than 200 members consumed considerable time. The house next proceeded to the election of a speaker, on motion of Mr. Lytle, of Huntingdon, who nominated Henry K. Boyer, of Philadelphia. The chairman of the Democratic caucus, Mr. Long, of Philadelphia, nominated Mr. J. Lennan, of Lehigh, who received the votes of the Democrats. Mr. Boyer was chosen, the vote being: Boyer, 169; Lennan, 33. On taking the chair Mr. Boyer made a short speech.

He said it was with the highest appreciation and thankfulness that he accepted this honor, for the third time conferred upon him by the house. He was impressed, he said, with the fact that this was no ordinary house; its grade of intelligence was higher than the average legislative body. He asked for the co-operation of the members in maintaining order in discharging the onerous and perplexing duties of the chair.

REFERENCE TO DISORDER.

He referred to the fact that heretofore the hall of the house has been used too much as a thoroughfare for visitors, clerks and department employes and the corridors as an assembly room for the bookshelves and others. He asked assistance in stopping this disorder in the future. Referring to legislation the speaker impressed upon the house the importance of care in increasing the expenditure of public funds. There must not be increased taxation, economy must be the watchword. He also referred to the necessity of wise legislation for the municipalities of the state.

At the conclusion of his speech Speaker Boyer was sworn in by Judge Simonton. The election of a chief clerk being next in order, Mr. Lytle nominated Jere B. Rex, of Huntingdon, and Mr. Long, of York, nominated Colonel James Sweeney, of Hazleton. The ballot resulted: Rex, 167; Sweeney, 30.

At this point in the proceedings the committee of the senate informed the house that the upper branch was organized and ready for business. Mr. Rex was then sworn in by Speaker Boyer.

FETEROLF FOR RESIDENT CLERK

A. D. Fetterolf, of Montgomery, was nominated for resident clerk and elected. John P. Dohoney, of Harrisburg, received the Democratic vote.

Penrose Is The Man.

The Great Struggle for the Senatorship is Now Over.—Result of the Big Caucus.—Penrose Received 133 Votes, Wannamaker 75, Cameron 1, Robinson 1, and Rice 1—After the Balloting the Nomination of Penrose was Made Unanimous.

HARRISBURG, January 5.—The great fight for Senator Cameron's seat is over. Senator Boies Penrose, of Philadelphia, has won. The joint Republican caucus was held in the hall of the house, representatives to-night, and a great crowd filled the galleries and all the space in the rear of the desks. Senator Grady, chairman of the senate caucus, presided. The secretaries were senators Moyer and Vaughan and representatives Williams and Harris. The tellers were senators Stineham and Saylor and representatives Shaw and Fredericks. During the roll call representative Charles E. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, objected to the vote of representative Penniwell, of that city, on the ground that he had not qualified as a member of the house. The chair refused to hear objection.

Nominating speeches were limited to five minutes. Mr. Boyer, of Philadelphia, presenting the name of senator Penrose in an eloquent speech. He said he was a man without fear and reproach. He had been prepared for his college by his own dear mother, subsequently taking second honors in all his classes at Harvard, being exceeded only by his brother, who was first. He has stood in the full glare of public opinion and the first breath of suspicion is yet to blow in his face. "I believe he will be one of the foremost statesmen of this country," said the speaker, in closing his tribute of personal friendship.

Senator McCarrell, of Dauphin, president pro tem of the senate, made a fine speech in seconding the nomination. He lauded senator Penrose as a man of high honor whose word was never broken. His stands before the people of the commonwealth without a stain and without reproach. He is devoted to the principles of the party and by inborn qualifications is splendidly equipped as a legislator.

Mr. Hermann, of Snyder, referred to Penrose as the champion of the people in the state senate, the hero of the young Republicans of Pennsylvania. He was fit to be the colleague of the greatest chief of them all. Others who made scathing speeches were Mr. Chidsey, of Northampton, and senator Gobin, of Lebanon.

Senator Kaufman, of Lancaster, nominated ex-postmaster general John Wannamaker in an earnest and eloquent speech. He said no higher honor had been paid him than when he was selected to place John Wannamaker in nomination. He was one who had risen from the humblest walks to be the greatest postmaster general this country has ever seen. Business men, said Mr. Kaufman, are demanding the presence of business men in the U. S. Senate.

He called upon the Republicans to hesitate before they vote against a man who is the choice of nine-tenths of the people of Pennsylvania. Senator Flynn, of Pittsburg, said in behalf of the united delegation of the second city in the State he desired to second the nomination of the greatest merchant and storekeeper on earth. W. F. Stewart, of Philadelphia, spoke of the great resources of Pennsylvania, and of the need of a great business man like Wannamaker in the United States Senate to represent Pennsylvania. Mr. Young, of Tioga, also urged his nomination.

Penrose received the votes of thirty-one senators and 102 members of the house, total 133; Wannamaker, ten senators and sixty-five members of the house, total 75. Senator B. B. Mitchell, of Bradford, was absent on account of illness, and senator Penrose did not appear in the caucus. Representative A. J. Pitcairn, of Allegheny, was absent on account of illness, and representative Moore, of Chester, declined to vote.

Maceo Alive.

A Sensational Story That is Credited in Havana.

HAVANA, Jan. 3, via Key West, Fla. —Reports that Maceo is alive are coming constantly from the field, and all tend to show that he is recuperating rapidly in the Cienega hospital, though others say at Siguanay.

It appears that the project of the Cubans as soon as Maceo is able to move is to send him to the United States and a steamer has already been ordered for the purpose, and thus personally prove that he is alive.

It is a great excitement prevails in Havana over the news. It is widely discussed and even the Spaniards, are talking of the possibility of his being alive. A member of the produce exchange created a sensation the other day when he announced the fact.

Weyler's position is critical and the Spaniards are highly indignant at his constant defections. Threats are freely made that if Maceo is alive, Weyler will be dragged through the streets. He surely cannot return to Spain after the outbursts of joy there are over Maceo's death. His last foolish utterances concerning the pacification of the Pinar del Rio province have also greatly incensed the Spaniards, they knowing that it is a gross lie. The idea that there are only five hundred rebels in the province is deemed simply absurd when Weyler personally admitted, a fortnight ago, that there existed at least 3,000.

The Spaniards also ridicule the fact of the need of eight generals, twenty colonels and forty thousand men to crush five hundred famished rebels. The excitement over the Guanahacabibes continues and terror-stricken families are still coming into Havana. George Hyatt, another American citizen residing in this place, has asked protection from the United States consulate. Other foreign residents did the same of their respective consulates.

The butcheries continue, although it is said that orders have been sent to Fondeviela, to stop them, in the view of the publicity given them. A reign of terror prevails in the towns. Many residents who are unable to move into Havana, nightly come to sleep in the city. Names and details are unobtainable, as people fear to speak. It is only known that the victims are taken from their homes at midnight and carried to the outskirts and butchered. It is said that the number now exceeds thirty.

There is reported friction between General Arclas and General Wyler on account of the former refusing to carry out the orders for the wholesale extermination of the helpless people of the district unless Weyler assumes the responsibility by reporting the same for publicity, which Weyler refuses.

—Mrs. Maria S. Saxton, an aunt of Mrs. McKinley by marriage, has been invited by Major and Mrs. McKinley to make her home in the White House with them, and has accepted the invitation. She is one of Mrs. McKinley's warmest personal friends.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Protracted meetings are now being held in many parts of the county.

—Samuel Gault, Republican, has announced himself as a candidate for overseer of the poor.

—Deputy sheriff C. A. Weaver moved to Aaronsburg, last Saturday, where he will make his future home.

—It has been definitely settled that "the Drummer Boy of Shiloh" will be produced, at Garman's again, on February 3rd, 4th and 5th.

—Everybody should save up for the grand musical entertainment the Undine band intends giving, on Tuesday night, January 26th.

—Tomorrow evening Gregg post will publicly install new officers for the year. The ceremony will be held in the post rooms in the Harris block.

—Miss Minerva Smith, of Millheim, a daughter of J. C. Smith, recently underwent a successful operation in the Pennsylvania hospital, in Philadelphia.

—Solyman M. Buck and his son, William, have gone to Cumcook, N. C., where they are interested in a coal operation. It is likely that the move will be only temporary.

—A great deal of excitement prevailed among Nittany valley hunters, last week, over the discovery that many bear were on the mountain. Shuman Zimmerman killed three on Monday.

—The grand lodge of Pennsylvania I. O. O. F., will hold a special meeting in this place, Monday evening, January 18th, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring the past grand's degree and giving instruction in the unwritten work of the order.

—Ed. Gill and wife, John Ammerman and Mrs. Sallie Gentzel, convicted at the November court of keeping a bawdy house, on Half Moon hill, were sentenced Wednesday. They were all fined \$10 and costs, except Mrs. Gentzel, who got off with a severe reprimand.

—The Bellefonte Prohibition club held a very entertaining meeting, on Tuesday night. The program was of a literary nature. Miss Puella Dornblazer, of Mackeyville; Mr. Sholl, of Williamsport; Josie Willard, Margaret Teats and the Bellefonte quartette all lent materially to the success of the evening.

—Dan'l Sully's play "O'Brien, the Contractor" (The Millionaire) is as good as a sermon. It is elevating in tone, and must have a beneficial effect upon the young men in the country. Even the best of our citizens might receive inspiration from this model performance. It contains nothing to condemn and everything to praise. In ancient Greece a drama like this would have commanded a prize from the public treasury, for it teaches lessons calculated to elevate the individual and national character. At Garman's next Tuesday night.

THE UNDINE'S NEW OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of the Undine engine company, on Tuesday night, the following officers for the year were elected:

President, P. H. Gherry; vice president, W. S. Lose; recording secretary, Wm. T. Royer; financial secretary, Wm. P. Black; treasurer, Joseph Beezer; chief, F. C. Walz; 1st assistant, Wm. S. Rhine-Smith; 2nd assistant, John Beezer; 3rd assistant, D. O'Leary; trustees, W. S. Lose, Wm. Doll, and Wm. Hill; leader of band, Frank Taylor; manager of band, Wm. P. Flack; chief engineer, Wm. Rodgers; 1st Asst., Jos. Wise; 2nd Asst., Wm. Allen; 3rd Asst., J. S. Knisely; firemen, P. H. Gherry and Wm. Doll; plugmen, Wm. Hill, Walter Bush.

THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS OF A YEAR.

—According to the returns in the Register's office the number of births and deaths in each precinct in the county, during 1896, was as follows:

The time is reckoned from December 1st, 1895, to December 1st, 1896.

	B.	D.
Bellefonte N. W.	57	13
Bellefonte S. W.	7	19
Bellefonte W. W.	10	3
Centre Hall	3	3
Hazard Boro.	5	3
Hillsburg Boro.	4	7
Millheim Boro.	8	2
Phillipsburg Boro 1st W.	6	7
Phillipsburg 2nd W.	18	10
Phillipsburg 3rd W.	20	6
South Phillipsburg	9	6
Unionville Boro.	3	2
Benner N. P.	9	3
Benner S. P.	1	11
Boggs E. P.	1	4
Boggs W. P.	11	3
Burnside	13	1
College Twp.	12	3
College Boro.	11	2
Curtin	9	13
Ferguson E. P.	12	4
Ferguson W. P.	6	5
Gregg N. P.	2	1
Gregg E. P.	6	3
Gregg W. P.	4	15
Haines E. P.	5	6
Haines W. P.	8	19
Howard Twp.	7	10
Huston	6	13
Liberty	11	2
Marion	7	7
Miles E. P.	4	4
Miles M. P.	10	4
Miles W. P.	0	2
Patterson	9	6
Penn.	13	5
Potter N. P.	7	11
Potter S. P.	18	9
Rush N. P.	18	5
Rush S. P.	12	4
Rush W. P.	3	22
Snow Shoe W. P.	11	4
Spring N. P.	12	19
Spring S. P.	15	4
Spring W. P.	15	3
Union	13	5
Taylor	6	8
Walker	21	20
Worth	10	11

The above makes a total of 1079 births and 434 deaths for the year to December 1st, 1896.

—Cyrus Brungard, of Millheim, was forced to shoot a valuable horse, last week, because it had fallen on the ice and broken its leg. He had refused \$125 for it only a few days ago.

—L. H. Tobin, grand chief of Pennsylvania K. G. E., will hold a district meeting and school of instruction in Knights of the Golden Eagle hall, Engle block, Allegheny St., Bellefonte, Pa., Tuesday evening, January 12th, '97. All castles of the county and adjoining are invited to attend this meeting.

—At high noon, Wednesday, Dec. 30th, Samuel L. Allen, of Pittsburg, was married to Miss Annie L. Irvin, a daughter of William Irvin, of Jacksonville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. L. Jones, of the Presbyterian church, in the presence of relatives and neighbors of the bride and groom.

—It was a very pretty nuptial service and after the dinner the couple left for Pittsburg, their future home.

—The West Branch medical society, comprising physicians from all counties bordering on the West Branch of the Susquehanna and its tributaries will meet in the fifth annual session at the Bush house, in this place, on Tuesday, January 12th. There are about eighty members in the body. The committee of arrangements is composed of Doctors J. Y. Dale, A. Hibler, J. L. Seibert, G. F. Harris and R. G. H. Hayes.

—All of the sessions and the banquet will be held at the Bush house.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week.

George Symmonds, of Benner Twp., and Margaret Love, of Spring Twp.

R. W. Gussallus, of Bellefonte, and Mollie Minnemeyer, of Milesburg.

Frank Grerer and Sadie E. Royer, both of Centre Hall.

Emanuel Shope, of Milesburg, and Blanche Chandler, of Bellefonte.

Harry H. Royer and Lulu Stover, both of Rebersburg.

Samner J. Wolf, of Feidler, and Carrie Kline, of Howard.

W. R. Boist, of Stormstown, and Emma Davis, of Juniata Mines.

Henry Spotts and Susie Frantz, both of Port Matilda.

Clarie C. Galbraith and Mary A. Clark, both of Eggleville.

J. Wilbur Wagner, of Martha, and Leona Harpster, of Port Matilda.

Benj. F. Hoy, of Lemont, and Mrs. S. A. Shaffer, of Zion.

WELL KNOWN HERE.—Few people about Bellefonte will not remember the glib tongued, Irish umbrella fixer who has made regular pilgrimages to this place for years and distinguished himself, many a time, by getting drunk. He was known to the police as "Pete," but his right name was Peter Menges. He is dead and the Lewistown Sentinel has the following to say about him:

Peter Menges, the well known umbrella mender, who spent considerable of his time in this section and held his citizenship at Lewistown, died in the Harrisburg hospital, on Sunday morning, from injuries received on Christmas evening. Pete was at the Hope engine house, being an old member of the Hope company, and accidentally fell through the hole of the driver's sliding pole. His arm was broken and he received internal injuries, the latter causing his death. Pete traveled much, lived from hand to mouth, but was always genial and good humored, and many people will regret to hear of his death. He was about fifty years old. The Hope fire company conducted his funeral and interred his body in the company's lot in the cemetery.

The funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the engine house by Rev. Luther DeYoc and were attended by the company in full uniform and delegates from the other fire companies. The funeral procession was headed by the Commonwealth band and was composed chiefly of firemen. There were a number of elaborate and costly floral designs, that of the Hope company being in the shape of an anchor.

A CHRISTMAS STABBING AFFRAY.

Christmas day came very near winding up with a murder in Centre county and as it is Harry Switzer, of Gillilandtown, near Snow Shoe, is under bail for an attempt on the life of Levi Frye, of that place.

When brought to jail here by constable Oscar Holt, on the following Saturday night, Switzer claimed to have been so drunk that he did not know what he was doing. The story of his crime is about as follows:

Switzer had been celebrating Christmas in a manner to his liking and had a keg of beer which he and some friends had grown quite hilarious over. In the midst of their merriment Switzer thought he noticed some one prowling about the outside of the house. On going out to investigate he met Levi Frye, who insists that he was merely going from one end of the town to the other, between the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday school entertainments. Switzer attacked him and cut a gash in Frye's head, whereupon the latter knocked his assailant down. While sitting on him to hold him down Frye received two terrible stabs that penetrated the kidney. He swooned away then and was carried home by the crowd that had gathered by this time.

Switzer is only 22 years old, is married and has several children. He is a son of carpenter George Switzer, of this place, and moved to Gillilandtown about six years ago.

As Frye's wounds did not prove as serious as they were first supposed to be Switzer has been released from jail under \$1,500 bail.

THE LOGAN'S ANNUAL ELECTION.—The Logan S. F. E. company met, on Tuesday night, and elected the following officers for the year: President, Oscar Yerger; vice president, G. Eberhart; recording secretary, H. J. Jackson; financial secretary, J. A. McGinley; treasurer, J. D. Seibert; chief J. Knicy; 1st Asst., Geo. Cunningham; 2nd Asst., Wm. Sunday; 3rd Asst., R. A. Beck; 4th Asst., George Fasig; chief engineer, J. D. Seibert; 1st Asst., Oscar Yerger; 2nd Asst., Elmer Yerger; firemen, James Morrison, Harry Gheret and Geo. Eberhart; plugmen, Orrin Miller, H. Haupt; trustees, J. A. McGinley, T. Shaughnessy and W. T. Hillish.

LOOK FOR THIS WEATHER IN JANUARY.

—According to Mr. Prophet Foster we will have this kind of weather during the month of January.

"My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 27th to 31st, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about January 1st, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 2nd, great central valleys 3rd to 5th, eastern States 6th. Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about January 1st, great central valleys 3rd, eastern States 8th.

This disturbance will come in the beginning of the high temperature storm period, and while snows may be expected in the northern Rocky mountain country, not much precipitation will occur east of the Mississippi river. Immediately preceding this storm wave the weather will be colder than immediately following it.

The second disturbance of January will reach the Pacific coast about 7th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 8th, great central valleys 9th, eastern States 11th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 10th, great central valley 12th, eastern States 14th."

WHAT A DOLEFUL FORECAST.—Prof. C. Coles, of Kingston, Pa., in his weather predictions in Storms and Signs, gives the following "Words of Warning" for this month:

The Atlantic coast will be storm swept. Pestilence and famine will sweep thousands away to death in the old country.

The eastern and middle States will be storm swept this month, unless the electrical currents ground and give us an earthquake instead.

The fever epidemics will still continue and increase in virulence. Two new forms of disease microbes will make their appearance, the blood-tappers and the flesh-eaters. The blood-tappers will get into the throat or stomach and tap the blood veins, causing hemorrhage. And the flesh-eaters will consume the flesh. They will attack both man and beast.

Some beautiful sunsets will occur between the 5th and 20th. Another meteor is headed toward the earth and will cause an earthshock or quake wherever it happens to fall, on the land or on the sea.

The moon will be close to the bright shining star Venus on the 6th inst.; close to red warrior Mars on the 14th, and very near the big planet Jupiter on the 21st. Watch for these interesting exhibitions.

Let those troubled with heart disease or in a run down condition avoid all over exertion or exposure on the 11th and 15th of this month.

COUNCIL'S FIRST MEETING FOR THE YEAR.

—At the regular meeting of council, on Monday evening, the first gathering for the new year, there wasn't much business of importance transacted. All of the members but one were present when the meeting was called to order and the work taken up as follows:

The Water committee reported the lowering of the water pipes on east Linn street. While doing same four sections of 4 in pipe burst and were replaced by old pipe on hand.

The Street committee reported the crushing of stone on Wilson and Linn streets and spreading of same on east Bishop. The grade on east Linn street has been changed and the excavation made at the junction of Armor and Linn furnished material with which to grade Armor street from Linn to Curbin.

The curb market being closed there was no report from the committee in charge of it.

The Fire and Police committees made report that Mr. Humes, owner of the Logan engine house in which council meets, seems to have forgotten all about his stated intention of improving the building. The rain last Monday night leaked through the roof and soaked the thorough days to a prompt discussion of the repair question and this elicited the information that the owner has apparently dropped the idea of repairing.

Under this head fire marshal J. D. Seibert made his report for the year. It is as follows:

W. R. BRACHBILL, Chairman of Fire and Police committee.—I make the following report of the apparatus and hose: Amount of hose ready for service in both companies, 1750 feet—Logan 900 feet, Undine 850 feet. Hose repaired, 250 feet. Have purchased two new hose for fire extinguishers, two new head gaskets and four charges of bicarbonate of soda. Have both extinguishers charged ready for use. Have purchased one dozen expanding rings for hose, one set of irons for expansion ladder in truck and six half spanners for hose couplings.

I would also recommend the purchase of at least one gallon Rex fire extinguisher for each company, but would not recommend the purchase of any new hose until both companies have a tower to dry hose. Our hose are rotting on the reels, for they have water in them from one year's end to another.

J. D