The Shrievalty Contest.

There has been nothing new developed in the shrievalty contest in this county during the past two weeks. The WATCH-MAN has already given the particulars as far as the contest has proceeded. The last steps were made Saturday, March 13th, when the count was finished. The next to be taken will be the filing of the master's FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 1.30 O'CLOCK. report of the count. It will in all probability be made about the second week in

March, when argument court is in session. C. P. HEWES Esq., is the master and the straight-forward, impartial manner in which he conducted the counting and recording of peculiarly marked ballots leads to the belief that his report will be just as

---Member Seyfert, of Lancaster county, who has introduced a bill into the Legislature making it a misdemeanor to engage in a game of foot ball in this State, must have stock in a barber shop somewhere.

Centre County Farmer's Institute at Milesburg Next Week.

The State Department of Agriculture will hold an Institute for the farmers of Centre county, at Milesburg, next Wednesday and Thursday, March 3rd and 4th. These gatherings are usually of such interest to the communities in which they are held and deal with subjects of so much concern to a large class of our readers that we publish the program, in full, for the sessions during the two days.

Hon. John A. Woodward is chairman of the board of managers for this county and you can rest assured that he will do his best to give his neighbor's and friends as entertaining an institute as it is possible to have. In this he will be seconded by an able local committee so that the meetings in the Milesburg Methodist church, next week, ought to be largely attended for they will be interesting.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30.

Music. Opening Prayer, Rev. Gco. E. King.

Music. Address of Welcome, Col. Jas. F. Weaver Response, Hon. Alva Agec, Cheshire, O. Rational Stock Feeding, Enos H. Hess, State College, Pa.

Another Year's Experience with the Silo, Hon. A. P. Young, Millville, Pa. The Commercial Side of Farming, Alva

Humorous Recitation, R. C. Irvin.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30.

LADIES' SESSION. Music. Query Box.

Recitation, Miss M. V. Thomas. Some Suggestions for Furnishing and Decorating Country Homes, Miss Anna E. Redifer, State College, Pa.

Recitation, The Hymns my Mother used to Sing. Miss Lizzie Gray. Essay, Homse Forces.

The Rights of the Home Keeper, Alva Recitation, Seeking the Guilty Ones. Miss Rebecca Harvey.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30.

Music.

Commercial Fertilizers and their Uses. Enos H. Hess. My Experience in Stock Feeding, Geo.

Potato Culture, Alva Agee. Crimson Clover in Columbia Co., A. P. The Apiary and the Farm, S. B. Leathers

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30.

GOOD ROADS SESSION. Music.

Query Box. The Work of the Experiment Station, E. H. Hess.

Relocation of Roads, the first Essential to Permanent Improvement, A. P. Young.
Short Talks on Roads and Road Making, by Geo. Noll, Jacob Yarnell and Geo. Musser. The Puzzling Good Roads Problem, Alva

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:30.

Query Box. Recitation, The Newsboy's Debt, Miss Rosa Levy.

The Tribute we Pay to Ignorance, Alva

Industrial Art and its Application to every Day Living, Miss Anna E. Redifer. Essay—A Plain Talk with Women. by Mrs. F. G. Mattern. Recitation, Friar Philip, Miss Eliza-

beth Stroop. The Chautauqua Course in Agriculture, E. H. Hess. Educate the Farmer, How, When and Where? A. P. Young.

Music. Although these institutes are designed for the education of farmers, yet ALL are invited to attend, and particularly members of all organizations of farmers. door will be wide open and admission free

as Centre county air. The following committee will have charge of the local arrangements for the In-

stitute: James F. Weaver, chairman general local committee.

Chairman music committee, George Noll. Chairman building committee, Wm. Fisher.

Chairman committee to decorate building, Mrs. Isabella Wright. Chairman committee on speakers, Henry

Heaton. Chairman advertising committee, James Lingle.

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The Program for Stormstown.

The farmers institute session will be held at Stormstown on Friday and Saturday, March 5th and 6th, the following being the complete program:

FRIDAY MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK. Prayer, Rev. W. H. Mattern, Storms-

Address of Welcome, G. W. Fisher, Loveville, Pa. Response, A. P. Young, Millville, Paper, Mrs. Mary A. U. Way, Loveville,

Farm Stock, A. P. Young. Rational Stock Feeding, Enos H. Hess, State College, Pa. Potato Culture, Hon. Alva Agee, Che-

GOOD ROADS SESSION.

Music. Query Box.
The Work of the Experiment Station,

Enos H. Hess. Relocation of Roads the first Essential to Permanent Improvement, A. P. Young. Farmers' Organization, John A. Hunt-

The Puzzling Good Roads Question,

FRIDAY EVENING AT 7 O'CLOCK LADIES' SESSION.

Music. Query Box. Recitation, Miss Lizzie Rosecrans. Loveville, Pa. Music. Some Suggestions for Furnishing and

Decorating Country Homes, Miss Anna E. Redifer, State College, Pa. How the Farmer's Home can be made Pleasant, Miss Ella B. Way, Stormstown,

The Rights of the Housekeeper, Alva

SATURDAY MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK. Music.

What Do the Signs Indicate ? A. P Young. Composition and Fermentation of yard Manure, Enos H. Hess. Local Parliament.

What Manner of Man Should the Farmer Be? Alva Agee.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 1 O'CLOCK. EDUCATIONAL SESSION.

Music. Query Box. Education, Irvin Spangler, Port Matilda,

Music. Industrial Art, and its Application to Everyday Living, Miss Anna E. Redifer.

The Tribute we Pay to Ignorance, Alva The Chautauqua Course in Agriculture, Enos H. Hess. The Graded School in Country Districts,

A. P. Young. The following committees will have

charge at Stormstown: D. Eves, chairman local committee. Alvin J. Way, chairman committee on building

H. B. Waite, chairman committee on J. C. Mattern, chairman committee on advertising.

J. I. V. Gray, treasurer.

The Rivers Raging.

Much Devastation in Nearby States is Reported.-Falling Waters at Pittsburg.—Here the Enemy of Fire Having Done Its Worst Has Subsided-Much Destruction of Property Has Resulted .- Several Lives Having Been Lost.

The rivers in this vicinity reached a reach as many more. higher stage than at any time since 1884. The Monongahela registered twenty-nine nine inches about midnight, and after re- ly a few have asked for its shelter. There maining stationary for several hours began slowly to recede.

At ten o'clock this morning the water will subside almost as rapidly as it rose. submerg

the rising tide. The damage can only be approximated.

in the Monongahela Valley. From the headwaters of the Youghio-

gheny also came a torrent that brought with it destruction to valuable property. while trolley lines along the river banks were so badly wrecked that it will be several days before operations can be resumed. life while trying to ford a stream. Beneath several feet of muddy water and of valuable machinery. What ruin has move out.
been wrought cannot be told until the The Ohi

waters recede. Private houses built in the low lands in the suburbs have been flooded in some instances within a foot of the second story window and are in danger of being twisted from their foundations. At any rate they will be unfit for habitation for weeks to

The poorer classes, who lived in small houses and shanties along the river banks, are especially active, rapidly steaming some of them only a few feet above low along the coast and keeping a sharp lookwater mark, have been made utterly home- out to prevent the landing of troops, proless, while the truck gardeners, having hot visions or munitions of war. Many vessels for twenty-three years, and his services endbeds in the bottom lands, with early vegetables, have been ruined.

In McKeesport the damage will exceed \$500,000. Crooked creek, which in former high waters had been a harmless stream, rose to an unprecedented height, causing destruction to meadow lands for three the commander of the Greek army of ocmiles back in the country.

In this city the water covered Duquense way from Ninth street to the Point. Steamboats were moored but a few feet from the entrance of Hotel Boyer, and the exposition building was completely sur-

rounded by water On the north side (Allegheny) over 3,000 people were cooped up in the second stories of their homes all night, prisoners, their only hope of escape being by boat. Without fire or food, they received chunks ceived.

of bread and coffee and coal handed through their second story windows by policemen in boats, instead of wagons.

On Craig, Robinson, School, Rebecca, Lacock, Kilbuck and Darragh streets and South avenue the water stood as high as the knobs of the doors.

The following manufacturing concerns have been rendered idle by water invading the premises: Anderson Porter company, Bissell & Co's. stove works, Boyd & Boyd's Bronze company, Labelle steel works, Lindsay & McCutcheon's mills, Pittsburg works, Union Salt works, Excelsion coffin works, Ligette spring and axle works, McKinney's hinge factory, Marshall Ken-Groetzinger's tannery, Western leather works, Heinze's and Lutz's pickling establishments, Carlin Machine shop, Voeftley's saw mill, and the Allegheny illuminating

The entire river front, from Thirtieth street, was submerged. All the plants suspended.

It will take several days before a general esumption can take place. PORTSMOUTH, O., Feb. 24th—It is houses are completely covered and some

Floyd county.

CINCINNATTI, Feb. 24th.—The presence of a destructive flood is felt here very positively to-day. While estimates have heretofore limited the flood to sixty feet, the developements of to-day begin to make it appear that the figure will be exceeded. One of the evidences of the flood's presence

is the effect upon the railroads. The incoming passengers on roads that use the Grand Central depot were com-pelled to debark at the Eighth street transfer depot, where, fortunately, an electric street car line made the change less troublesome. The Chesapeake and Ohio, however, has its Fourth street station, which is far above any possible flood. The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton and the Pennsylvania tracks are not likely to be involved. Up the Mill Greek valley one of the saddest sights is the utter destruction of the vast areas of hot beds, where innumerable gardeners earn their living. All the labor of weeks and months is destroyed, and, after the waters subside, a long time will ensue before their slender incomes can re-established. Many gardeners view the desolation from their houses, which are accessible now only by boats.

The back water up the valley has reached to South Cummingsville and is near the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton tracks at the station. Every foot of rise from now on also adds vastly to the discomfort and loss that must come from families driven to upper stories or out of their houses and from the removal of property from the water.

At 10 o'clock the stage was fifty-six feet eleven inches, and in the next half hour it had risen to fifty-seven feet. The rise has been almost uniformly two inches an

CINCINNATI, O., February 24th.—The Ohio river is still rising at the rate of two choir it is. They can sing. The leader is the past twelve hours. At 8 o'clock tonight fifty-eight feet four inches was the stage. Although the river is falling at Pittsburg, it will take until Friday or Saturday for the crest of the rise to reach here under the most favorable circumstances. The sixty-foot stage will be reached early to-morrow morning. The gymnasium grounds, the base ball park, the Ludlow lagooon island are all more or less under wa-

ter. Forty families applied at one charitable institution to-day for relief on account of high water driving them from home. PITTSBURG, Feb. 25th.—The great flood The suburbs of Dayton and Bellvue have has done its worst in this section, and the been cut off from street car inspection waters are now receding. A cold wave which came up suddenly, broke the back. The western part of Newport is suffering of the flood, and the reports from all points between Pittsburg and the headwaters this over 100 families had been driven from morning indicate that all danger has their homes by the water and that the sixty-foot stage, expected by morning, would

In Covington about twenty-five families moved out. At Riverside the town hall feet six inches; the Allegheny thirty feet has been opened for town sufferers, but onhave been some narrow escapes from drowning, but no fatalities at all.

HUNTINGON, W. Va., February 24 .had fallen one foot, and from now on it The Ohio river is still rising, and the water is five feet deep on several of the ave-Hardly a point in the Monongahela val-nues here. In Central City this evening a ley, from Fairmount to Pittsburg, escaped number of residence located in the west damage by the flood, and in many places the high water mark was covered. Mills and every hour brings news of startling built supposedly out of harm's way were damages in all suburban towns. Electric ed. Works along the river shut light plants are flooded, schools are closed down and workmen were forced to flee from and hundreds of the people are occupying public buildings. No trains have arrived on the Norfolk and Western for four days, but it is not less than a million and a half and none on the Ohio river railroad for

twenty-four hours. Louisville, Ky., February 24 -Reports of loss of life in the Eastern Kentucky flood continues to come in. James M. Railroads were unable to move trains, in | Morgan, wife and child, were drowned in some places the tracks being so far below Floyd county by the overflowing of Beaver the surface that the tops of the cars were Creek, which destroyed their home. Elder only visible. The Pittsburg, McKeesport Morton, a Mormon missionary, was drownand Youghiogheny was entirely disabled, ed near Mount Elkhorn. An unknown woman was drowned in Leslie county, and in Jackson county Henry Halcomb lost his

debris there are millions of dollars worth has forced a third of the population to At Barboursville the Cumberland river The Ohio is expected to come to a stand

Foreign Warships Blockading the Cretan

here to-night.

ATHENS, Feb. 23rd.—A despatch to The Asty, from Canea says that th foreign warships are now vigorously blockading the coast of Crete. The British torpedo boats have been stopped by the blockading fleets and not allowed to proceed until they sat- without a doubt, of the building of the isfactorily proved that they were engaged first church in that section at 1801 or 1802. in legitimate business. So strict is the blockade that the carrying of letters to the

cupation, is prohibited. NO SUMMONS TO EVACUATE CRETE. LONDON, Feb. 23rd.—The statement of the Paris Gaulois that the powers had summoned Greece to evacuate Crete within twenty-four hours is denied.

FIGHTING GOING ON ALL DAY. CANEA, Feb. 23rd.—Fighting has been Suda bay. No details have yet been reRededication of a Lutheran Church.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rebersburg Dedicated Last Sunday at 10 a. m.-Large Attendance.-The Debt Wiped Out.

Rev. Mumma's band of about one hundred and thirty Lutheran christians, composing St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Rebersburg, re-dedicated their church Sunday, at 10 a. m. The organization has been looking forward for some trunk factory, Pittsburg and Western repair shops, Charles' nut works, Damascus came they were ready with hearts full christians are co-workers with him and under his command. The question for christian spirit and pockets full of gold and silver. The repairing done on the structforge and iron works, Benson's pump ure cost within in a few dollars of \$2,000. The whole building was remodeled—without and within. A beautiful arched entrance, floored with brick and stone, was nedy's flour mill, Callery's tannery, added to the front and a magnificent tower was built at the west corner new in all its parts. From the arched entrance passage is gained into a spacious vestibule, from which place open the way into a well equipped Sabbath school room and the main auditorium. The new arrangement has added about twelve feet to the main were under water and operations entirely audience room, which will be of great benefit to the church as the room was almost too small for the growing congregation and rapidly increasing population of the ex- town. The audience room is covered with pected that by noon half of the city will be an elegant carpet and the walls and ceiling under water. The river is fifty-eight feet have been materially beautified. Considthree inches and rising one and one-half ering all things the church is much better inches per hour. About a thousand fami- than the average found in towns the size of lies have been compelled to move. Many the metropolis of Miles township. There are a number of stained glass windows, all have floated away.

Ashland, Ky., Feb. 24th—James Morgan, wife and child are reported drowned in the overflow of the Beaver creek, in

Henry Gast, Mifflinburg, in memory of the Gast family.
Samuel Frank, in memory George and

Solomon Brumgart.
Gramley children, in memory Sarah J. Clark M. Gramley, in memory Paul Wolf

grandparents.

Gotwald heirs, in memory Rev. Gotwald, one of the early pastors.

Wolf children, in memory Jacob Wolf. Thomas E Royer, in memory J. Haines and

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society, in memory Mrs. Day.

Frank children in memory Samuel Frank and wife.

Thomas E. Royer and wife. W. J. Carlin and wife.

R. D. Bierly and wife. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. E. J. Wolf, of Gettysburg; Revs. Wolf, of Aaronsburg; Spangler, of Salona; Moses George, of Rebersburg and noblest results of human endeavor. Reformed church; Stover, of the Evangelic church and Faus of the Methodist church, assisted in the services.

names of a number of prominent Lutheran boundless graveyard in which lay buried families will be mentioned as having contributed largely toward the payment of the \$2,000 noted above. They are Messers. Thomas E. Royer, John Wolf, Samuel Frank, Samuel Gramley, W. J. Carlin, R. D. Bierley, George B. Haines, Prof. C. L. Gramley, John Harter, L. B. Frank, H. H. Miller, W. S. Miller, Clark M. Gramley, W. Zeigler. There are many others whose contributions, rated from a point of means, will outrank the names above

mentioned. County superintendent Gramley is just-ly proud over the position he holds as lead-ly proud over the position he holds as leader of the choir of this congregation, and a the conquest of the world. supported by three able organists in the persons of Misses Grace Miller, Lizzie Haines and Alma Gramley. With H. S. Miller, cornetist, at his elbow, Prof. Gramley is never without instrumental music when needed.

In the singing class of little girls two round full, sweet voices were especially noted by your scribe, and inquiry revealed the possessors of them to be Misses Edith Zeigler and Lizzie Brindle, who in all probability are only about eight or nine years

ld. Good act, little ones. Ex-judge Samuel Frank holds a number of relics connected with St. Peter's church dating back to the past century. Among them are a copy of the "Reading Adler" a German secular paper, stating with consider able pomp and gush that on June 16th, ing library of the school. 1822, a Lutheran and Reformed church at Rebersburg, Miles township, would be dedicated. This is the church that stood in the present cemetery and was afterwards purchased by the Lutherans. Another highly prized gem is a tiny bottle of wine that was in the corner stone of the same church, and the baptismal bowl and communion cup used in the early history of

Lutherism in Brush Valley.

Judge Frank also related numerous incidents of real interest which took place during the erection of the church spoken of in above paragraph. While the occurrences were before his time, he has his elders' good word for them. Notably among these handed down stories is one in which there is more truth than fiction that while the old church was in the course of erection the mechanics drank more whiskey than it took barrels of water for mortar. The structure was of brick, larger in size than those used to-day, and many of them are now in use in the edifice re-dedicated 'on last Sabbath. The explanation was made that the people in that day in that section were not a set of drunkards, but that except on holidays, when each will take whiskey was commonly used, was of a fifty per cent of the receipts, the season good quality and did not seem to have the same power to stir up evil passions as the stuff sold now under high license, out of a month will be the salary limit and um-

The good people of Rebersburg are entitled to the notoriety, they sport for their hospitality. In this respect they are all alike, no one will suffer when in this community if the wants are made known when not anticipated.

THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH. A bit of history may be of interest to many of the WATCHMAN readers in this connection. From the best information at hand, and the likelihood is that these figures are entirely correct, the first Lutheran church was built during 1801-1802. This time is fixed by the fact that John Nicholas Gast helped to build the first church, which was a log one, and he died 1812. Rev. Ilgen was pastor of this charge These facts fix the correct time, ed 1824. The location of the old church was almost exactly the same place occupied by the Piraeus from the force of Colonel Vassos, present edifice. The second church, which was a union-Lutheran and Reformedwas erected 1820-1822, and the present one 1876. The pastors who served are given in their proper order: Revs. Ilgen, Abely, Gottwalt, Reese, Alleman, Welker, Sell, Seibert, Zimmerman, Aurand, Weiand, Porr, Lenhart, Rearick and Mum-

ma, the present pastor.
Paul Wolf, grandfather of the present the twenties. Before the church was dedicated Mr. Wolf died and the question

arose whether it would be proper to use the church at this occasion. The question almost caused a disruption among the officials, but finally the authorities granted its use.

THE DEDICATORY SERMON. Dr. Wolf took his text from Matt. 16:18 'And upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not pre-vail against it." The church, he said, had under his command. The question for each one to ask is : "Lord, what will thou have me do?" There is a great loss to the church from lack of division of labor. Men follow their inclinations rather than their aptitudes, and some do little more than eek a place of prominence where they can see to it that others do their duty. Many a workman who might dexcellent work in the basement pushes himself to the dome where he only interferes with the skilled laborer. Some who could serve as hodcarriers only prove a hindrance by at-tempting the delicate art of gilding and carrying. The matter of most vital moment in every structure is its foundation. The

church is no air castle. A divine building, it has its foundation supporting the whole edifice. That foundation is the living confession of Christ. When Christ said to Peter, "On this rock I will build my church" he did not mean Peter personally nor Peter officially—as bishop of Rome, for there is no evidence that he was bishop of Rome--but he meant Peter's confession of the truth. Sound doctrine confessed by living men is the foundation on which rests all christianity. The doctrine of Christ's divinity and all the cognate truths that center in his divine-human personality are vital to the church's existence.

Against Christ's church the gates of hell shall not prevail. That is to say that the church is indestructible. Death cannot prevail against it. That mighty power and wife and Philip Gramley and wife—his that put an end to all human institutions, to all nations and kingdoms, shall never overcome the church. Everything else under the face of the sun may perish. Under the mighty sway of death's power, heaven and earth shall pass away, Christ declared that his church shall never die. This was a most astounding announcement. Setting at defiance sceptre of death and in the face of all his tory a Jewish Rabbi, on the shores of Galilee, proclaimed that he will rear a fabric which shall stand forever. The course of some thousands of years had demonstrated Colossal empires, splendid civilizations, hoary religions, vast monuments of art and the most perfect creations of architectural By your permission a few personalities genius had one by one fallen into decay will be indulged in and in doing so the and crumbled into dust. The earth was a all that man had thought or wrought in scores of centuries. And there, under the shadows and spectres of a universal sepulchre, Jesus proposes to found an institution which shall survive the wreck of matter and the crash of worlds. And his prophecy was no dream. The church is still here-"a thousand years the same." prepared its requiem, no one thinks of a funeral or a grave for the church. So far from showing any symptoms of decrepitude or dissolution the church possesses, to-day,

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

-Lock Haven is working to secure a hospital for that town. Chicken suppers paying venture. and committees are already being worked to raise funds.

-The book reception at the Bellefonte High school, on Monday afternoon, was a very pleasant feature of the year's work. Literary exercises was the entertainment provided for the many friends of the school who were present. The donations of books added about 160 volumes to the fast grow-

---One of the prettiest parties that has ever been given in Bellefonte was the fancy dress dance that Miss Brew's dancing class gave, in the Arcade, last Monday night. Some of the costumes were exceptionally striking. The Arcade was artistically decorated for the dance and even the orchestra appeared in colonial dress. Everything had the air of the early days of the colonies and was indeed an attractive sight.

-Towns along the West Branch are organizing a base ball league for the coming season. Williamsport, Milton, Sunbury, Pottsville and Shamokin are charter members. They want Bloomsburg, Danville and Lock Haven in to perfect the organization. It will be known as the Central Pennsylvania League. Forty dollar guarantees will be paid visiting clubs, will last from May 15th to Sept. 15th, \$60 highly embellished bottles and polished pires will be paid \$3 a game and traveling tirely wrong. She never stole anything, expenses.

> -The moving fever is abroad these days. A month ago we mentioned a long list of changes that would take place on the 1st of April and now every day new leases are being signed and new quarters hunted up. Mrs. Marcy Breeze and Miss Eliza Thomas have rented one of the Joseph houses, on Curtin street. Mrs. Williams will move from the Cowdrick house, on Linn street, to the Ammerman house, on Bishop street. Stott's leave the McClure house, on Bishop street, for Reading, where Mr. Stott has been employed for several years. Mrs. Peter's goes to Philadelphia and Nelson Robb, the commissioner's clerk, is looking for a house in this town.

NOW AT ST. PATRICK'S IN HARRIS-BURG.-Rev. Benner Armor, eldest son of Mr. Monroe Armor, of east Linn street, this place, is now assistant rector of St. Patrick's Catholic cathedral at Harrisburg. He conducted his first mass there last Sunday. Previous to his going to Harrisburg CANKA, Feb. 23rd.—Fighting has been going on all day to-day above Tuzla on Wolf generation, was secretary of the building committee of the brick church during lev at Renovo. Father Armor was orley at Renovo. Father Armor was ordained, April 15th, 1895.

Mrs. Isaac Haupt is having one of their old tenements on Thomas street torn down and intends building a small house for herself on the lot

Horse Choked to Death.-A man named Shivery, of Bush Hollow, lost a valuable horse in a singular way, last Wednesday night. He had driven a party of young folks to a birthday party at a neighbor's house and tied his team near an embankment. The horses must have frightened at something for when the party started to return home one of them was found to have been pushed over the bank and it was hanging by its rope halter, choked to

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

Samuel Homan, of Philipsburg, and

Almanda Moore, of Port Matilda. Joseph J. Myers, of Huston township, and Rebecca J. Williamson, of Blue Ball, Clearfield county.

Wallace J. Walker, of Wolf's Store, and Getura Long, of Rebersburg. Daniel J. Benner and Annie R. Orndorf,

of Woodland. J. Edward Rider and Emma C. Strayer, of Ferguson township.

Luther Baker and Iona White, both of Philipsburg. William Jones, of Philipsburg, and Eliza

Harvey, of Morris township. Harry M. Denning, of Philipsburg, and Grace E. Waite, of Kylertown. Robert Edmiston and Hannah G. Woo-

mer, both of State College. OIL HAS BEEN STRUCK AT KARTHAUSE. -The story that natural gas had been struck at one of the Salt Lick gas wells is not all a hoax. It is getting so that nearly every day there is a different story going the rounds about the test wells that are being drilled in Clinton and Clearfield counties. In fact so many have been circulated that one scarcely knows what to believe. The reason we put some confidence in the last one was that the accompanying announcement was to the effect that Hon J. H. Holt is contemplating an European trip next summer. You know he is promoter of the company and we imagined that if he was going abroad with the rest of the "nabobs"

there must be surely oil or gas at Salt Lick. Hon. J. H. Holt was in town, yesterday, and was very enthusiastic over the new well at Karthause. It is the third one that the company has put down and at a depth of 500 ft. oil has actually been struck. The master driller was here too. He had some of the sand and oil from the well and reports that the greatest excitement prevails in that locality The new well is located on the Centre county side of the river, about a mile from Karthause, and right near the old Mulholland homestead.

Bellefonte share holders are feeling very happy over the encouraging signs for a

A MOST UNFORTUNATE BLUNDER.-In the WATCHMAN of February 12th there appeared a telegraphic article containing a full account of the detection and arrest of a Centre county girl for stealing in Pittsburg. The young lady, who was the object of such unpleasant, notoriety is Miss Blanche Stonerode, eldest daughter of C. G. Stonrode, a

highly respected resident of Milesburg. The affair caused quite a sensation in Bellefonte, where she is well known, and friends of the family here were to a certain extent relieved when they read the story in which the unfortunate girl was said to have been a victim of kleptomania and that is was from no vicious motive that she had become a thief. They will be more delighted, however, to learn that the whole affair, from the charge of theft to the arrest for it, has been a lamentable bungle.

Information was made against Blanche by a woman not altogether responsible, and the police took up the case without investigation. The following story, taken from the Pittsburg Post, of Wednesday, will explain to what injustice she has been subjected and we are glad to publish it because it will tend, in a slight way at least. to undo the great wrong that has evidently been done her.

"Time sets all things right and it now proves to be the case again in the troubles of Miss Blanche Stonerode, the pretty young girl from Milesburg, who was arrested here on the belief that she was a kleptomaniac. That supposition was enand that it was all a mistake is shown by this letter from Mrs. Clara Clarke, whose house was supposed to have been robbed, to chief of detectives Roger O'Mara;

"We wish to inform you that the goods Blanche Stonerode was accused of taking have been found. As much as we deplore the notoriety the case has been given through the press, we do this in justice of her former good character and the name of her parents and relatives in this vicinity. CLARA CLARKE.

Pine Grove Mention.

Mrs. J. M. Kepler's children are recovering from diphtheria Frank Thomas, his beautiful young wife and dear little boy are enjoying a week's va-

cation with Union county friends. Mrs. G. B. Campbell is laid up with a sore foot which has caused her much suffering and confined her to the house for some time D. M. Stover, of near Pine Hall, had a stroke of paralysis last Friday which affected his right side. Dr. Woods has hopes of his

Carriage maker Charles Smith is repairing and enlarging his shops to be ready for the great rush which is to come with prosperity's agent.

Master John Dunlap is slowing improving so that with the aid of braces and crutches he is able to attend school. For months he