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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Only ten days more and Christmas will be here. Bellefonte stores are beginning to take on a holiday appearance. The new color of the Bush house is going to improve that building very much. Monday night's rain raised Spring creek higher than it has been any time this fall. Letter carrier Robert Woodring has moved into the Petriken house on High street. Harry Williams has the mid-air job of painting the new 110 ft stack at the Bellefonte furnace. The Gamma Beta Iota society at the Bellefonte Academy banqueted at Harrison's on Friday night. Squire W. H. Musser married Alfred Lucas and Grace Folgar at his office, in this place, on Saturday afternoon. Warren announces to his friends that he contemplates spending Christmas with the family of Mr. David Thomas, up Buffalo run. An oyster supper will be served in the basement of the Bellefonte Evangelical church, on Willowbank street, from 5 to 9 tomorrow evening. All are invited. A very interesting protracted meeting has been in progress in St. Paul's A. M. E. church in this place for several weeks. Quite a number of conversions have been made. The senior grammar school, taught by Paul Fortney, held special exercises yesterday afternoon in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of Washington's death. Robert Black, driver of the Sechler & Co., delivery wagon, strained himself one day last week and has been confined to his bed ever since. He injured himself quite seriously. "The Train Robbers," a thrilling border drama depicting the wild life of the notorious James boys, is the next attraction booked for Garman's. It comes Monday evening, December 18th. Next week the county public school teachers will be here to spend a few days. It is their annual institute period and for many of them it proves a much needed outing and rest from school work. Miss Mazie Humphreys, of Newberry, Lycoming county, is now connected with the office of McCalmont & Co. as stenographer. She arrived in town Tuesday and went to work at once, as that firm is rushed with orders and transacting a lot of business. About thirty people from Snow Shoe attended Dan Sulley's play of "Obrien the Contractor" that was presented here last Tuesday night. The regular evening train was held until after the show and the Snow Shoe people had quite an enjoyable time at their theatre party. Last Saturday Dr. C. S. Musser, of Anaroburg, assisted by Drs. Hayes, of Bellefonte; Braucht, of Spring Mills; and Ball, of Lock Haven, removed two tumors from Mrs. Henry Zerby, of Harris township. The operation was quite successful and the lady is doing as well as could be expected. Manager John T. McCormick of the Central Commercial telephone Co. was in Lock Haven on Monday and leased a room on the second floor of Scott's bazaar that is to be used as the exchange of the company when the lines are strung in Lock Haven. The poles and sixty miles of wire have already arrived there for that purpose. Eckenroth & Montgomery's gang of workmen began painting the Bush house on Saturday morning and have the first coat nearly on. The change from white to dark red is going to make the big hotel look like a stranger in this end of town and it will take some time to become accustomed to such a radical change. Last evening Miss Eva K. Bierly and Mr. E. L. Markle were married at the home of the bride, at Parvin, Clinton county. She is a daughter of Thomas Bierly of that place and is said to be a very accomplished young woman. The groom is a well-to-do young man of Huhlersburg. He is a son of Elias Markle and a very estimable young man. The shirt factory began operations Monday morning with twenty-six girls at the machines. Everything started off in nice shape and proprietor Witters was very much pleased with the personnel of his first lot of employees. They are an exceptionally intelligent-looking lot of girls and it augurs well for the success of the factory when the character of the operatives is as high as that of those who have responded thus far. The members of the Logan engine company are getting ready for their annual New Year's dance. The following committee has been elected to take charge of it: George Eberhart, chairman; Michael Shields, John Morrison, James Hill and John T. Laurie. The time has been fixed for Monday evening, Jan. 1st, 1900, and in view of the exceptional business revival about Bellefonte the boys feel warranted in making very elaborate arrangements for their dance. It is sure to be about the finest one they have ever given.

THE LATE ROBERT MCKNIGHT.—The passing of Robert McKnight is a matter of more than ordinary moment to many people in Centre county. He died at his country home, near Hunter's park, on Tuesday morning at seven o'clock, after an illness that had continued for several years and finally culminated in paralysis, which rendered him almost helpless during the later days of his life. Mr. McKnight was a splendid type of the sturdy, upright Irishman. He left his impress so forcibly upon the community during the forty or more years he lived in it that time will never efface the memory of his good works. He was stalwart in honesty, stalwart in his faith in the Presbyterian church and stalwart in the support of Democratic principles. No cause nor mission seemed too much trouble for him to espouse when once he became convinced of its merit and in his life he was constantly arrayed against vice and corruption and just as indefatigably working in behalf of purity in the laboring, political and social spheres in which he moved. He was an unobtrusive man. One whose every day life was punctuated by the most zealous devotion to his friends. His path was ever in the course of rectitude and he swerved neither to the right nor to the left but continued courageously on through the long years of his eventful life until the Master called him to his reward which must certainly immortalize the characters of such men. Robert McKnight was born near Londonderry, Ireland, January 31st, 1818, where he grew to manhood and where he took unto himself a wife in the person of Matilda Kennedy, July 28th, 1856. Soon after their marriage they emigrated to this country. First they settled in Massachusetts, then went to Philadelphia and finally, in 1857, they came to Bellefonte where Mr. McKnight took charge of the Bellefonte gas works, which had just been built. He continued as its superintendent for years and it was through his direct contact with both the laborer and the business man, in that capacity, that he came to be so highly esteemed as a resident of the town. Mr. McKnight's management of the gas works was a signal success, but when a public steam plant was added to that corporation's properties he retired, because he did not feel equal to the task of managing both. During the long years of his service his thrift had made him the owner of a fine farm in Buffalo-run valley, which furnished enough occupation to satisfy his desire to be occupied to some extent at least. A few years later he was recalled to again assume charge of the gas and steam works and remained at its head until advancing years necessitated his permanent retirement. Then he went to Philadelphia to live, but his old age clamored for Centre county's familiar scenes and faces and he returned to reside in Bellefonte and finally on the farm where his remains now lie. Deceased had no aspirations further than to be an honest man. On several occasions, however, his friends honored him with the office of councilman in his ward, where he was repeatedly elected as a Democrat, though the ward was largely Republican. He was a member of Bellefonte chapter, R. A. M. and also of Constans Commandery, K. T. Sixty-four years ago he became connected with the Presbyterian church and no more faithful servant has the Master had. Surviving him are his widow and the following children: Robert B., who is in the customs service in Philadelphia; Margaret, Anne and Martha, at home. Funeral services will be conducted at the house at noon, to-day; Rev. Dr. Laurie, of the Presbyterian church officiating, after which the body will be brought to this place where the Masons will take charge and bury it with the ritual of their order.

JAMES RUSSELL HARRIS.—Died at his home on North Allegheny street a few minutes after 6 o'clock Monday evening. He had been a resident of Bellefonte for eighteen months, most of which time he was confined to the house by paralysis with which he had suffered for five years. Deceased was born at Williamsport in January, 1825. Early in life he was thrown on his own resources and developed a remarkable business aptitude. In 1859, in conjunction with the late Simon Snyder, of Philadelphia, he founded the large wholesale clothing establishment of Snyder, Harris, Bassett & Co., which is still doing business at 525 Market street in that city. Mr. Harris was actively connected with the management of the business until his infirmities necessitated his retirement. Later he purchased the old Mann home in this place and moved here with the hope that his health would be benefited. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Louise Van Tries Harris, to whom he was married in this place sixteen years ago, and their one child, Eleanor. And the following children of a former marriage: Dr. A. W. Harris, president of the Maine State Agricultural college, of Arona, Me.; Mrs. Elizabeth McClure, Mrs. Harry Lewis and James R. Harris Jr., an architect, all of Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. Geo. Elliott, of Pottsville, who was Mr. Harris' pastor when he was one of the most zealous workers in Spring Garden Methodist church in Philadelphia, was here to conduct the funeral services at the house Wednesday afternoon. The body was then taken to Philadelphia, where interment will be made in the Laurel Hill cemetery to-day.

THE CLEARFIELD JURY WHEEL SCANDAL.—The authorities are of the opinion that they have gotten to the bottom of the jury wheel scandals in that county and that Johnston is alone guilty of the attempt to stuff the jury for the regular term of court, which has been abandoned. Contrary to expectations the case in which the dishonest commissioner was interested was not the one that the public believed to have been the cause of his dishonesty in drawing jurors. The libel suit between the editor of the *Republican* and the editors of the *Republican* was generally credited with being the cause of the stuffed jury, but the investigation at the hands of the court discovers the fact that the crime was committed in the interest of L. V. Dailey, who was to have been tried for illegal liquor selling at the December court. It was brought out that seven of the jurors were Dailey's relatives and ten were personal friends. Matthew Savage, editor of the *Public Spirit*, was proved to have a great many friends on the bogus jury, but as he is one of the most prominent Democrats in the county it could scarcely be otherwise when the jurors were all of that faith. Sheriff Gingery and jury commissioner Davis were reprimanded for negligence and the district attorney was reflected upon for delay in issuing the warrant for Johnston's arrest and his consequent escape. After hearing all the evidence the judge quashed the array of jurors and put the costs of proceedings on the county. He also ordered the names of 800 sober and judicious persons put in the wheel for 1900. DR. VAN VALIN'S SERIOUS MISHAP.—Dr. Clyde A. Van Valin, who practices dentistry in this place, met with a very serious accident at his home at Unionville last Friday night. He had been attending a Free Methodist meeting that was in progress north of Unionville and was accompanied to his home by the minister. When they reached the Van Valin stable the minister and the doctor got out of the buggy, the former going into the house; the latter remaining to unlatch the horse. By some oversight one of the holding back straps was left fastened to the shaft and when Dr. Van Valin started to lead his horse out of the shafts the buggy was jerked forward against it by the strap. The shaft ends jabbed into the animal, frightening it and causing it to jump against the doctor. He was knocked over and tramped into insensibility. The horse then ran away. Its clattering down the alley alarmed the minister who ran out to find the unfortunate man lying in the alley in an unconscious state. He was picked up and carried to the house, where it was found that his right arm was broken and he was otherwise out and bruised. REV. SHIELDS DEFENDS HIMSELF.—Rev. Shields, the Methodist clergyman who was stationed at Lewisburg a few years ago, is preparing to defend himself against the charges of drunkenness that have been preferred against him to remove him from the rank of chaplain in the army, to which he was recently appointed. In the court martial, at San Francisco, on Friday, the accused chaplain's counsel asked for a continuance of two weeks, in order to summon army surgeons now stationed at Fort Worth, Texas, who will testify that he is afflicted with a chronic ailment, which at times deranges his gait and general behavior in such a way as to create an impression, among those who are not aware of his physical state, that he is under the influence of intoxicants, and he furthermore avers that he is able to procure unlimited and irrefragable testimony that his character has always been that of a conscientious clergyman. Judge Advocate Crossmith took the request under advisement.

TWO THINGS FOR COUNCIL TO DO.—Two inexpensive and much needed improvements that ought to recommend themselves to council for action at the next meeting are the crossings over Dunlap and Water streets, on the south side of High. The former is an especially important place to make a good crossing. It is the first to be used by strangers arriving in town by P. R. R. trains and in its present condition is a disgrace. The grade is such at that point that a brick crossing, fully as wide as the pavement, could be put in on a grade with the pavement and then there would not be the offset that so many people fall over. The crossing over Water street, from the bridge to the Arcade, should be relaid. It is out of shape and graded so low that all the filth from the street gathers on it. Attend to these places, Mr. Councilmen, High street certainly has a right to claim as good crossings as Linn street alleys. A STRIKE IN THE QUARRIES AT SALONA.—About thirty-five of the employees of the Bellefonte Lime Co. went out on a strike at the Salona quarries on Saturday and refused to return when the superintendent promised to carry their grievance to the directors on the following Tuesday. The men had lately been put to work on scale weight; being paid by the pound for the stone they got out. By this method they could not make as much as they were making when taking it out by the truck load and the strike followed. The matter has been satisfactorily adjusted. The company assigns as the reason for having put the men on the new basis a halving of the cost of quarrying every pound of stone. That contract having been cancelled the men have gone back on the old schedule. —Cut prices in Photograph Cameras and Graphophones at Bush's stationery store.

THE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.—Last night Bellefonte did herself proud by holding a memorial meeting in the court house in deference to the general demand for some public observation of the hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington. The meeting was largely attended and proved interesting enough to hold the audience until the close. While it was arranged in a very informal way Mr. S. B. Miller acted as master of ceremonies and called upon the speakers as follows: Dr. W. A. Stephens pronounced the invocation, then addresses were delivered by J. C. Meyer Esq., Dr. H. C. Holloway, Capt. H. S. Taylor, Sen. W. C. Heinle, Col. W. F. Reeder, John Blanchard Esq., J. A. Aiken, Clement Dale Esq., W. Harrison Walker Esq., and Col. D. F. Fortney, after whom Dr. Holloway pronounced the benediction. One of the special features of the evening was the reading of the announcement of Washington's death from a paper that was published in 1800. The Bellefonte orchestra furnished the music for the evening. Hon. A. O. Furst and C. M. Bower Esq., were expected to have been present to speak, but the former had another engagement that detained him and Mr. Bower's health would not permit of his leaving his home. BAPTIST SERVICES AT THE Y. M. C. A. SUNDAY.—Rev. E. C. Houck, pastor of the Baptist church at Milesburg, will hold services in the Young Men's Christian Association hall on Sunday afternoon at half past three o'clock. The public is very cordially invited to attend. Mr. Houck is an excellent speaker, and no doubt will please all who go to hear him. There are quite a number of Baptist families in Bellefonte and it is very much desired that they attend. The services will begin at half past three o'clock. SCHOOL CHILDREN MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED.—Just fifteen minutes before Miss Rankin's school was dismissed, on Tuesday, the heavy flag pole on the High school building broke at the splice and fell directly across the steps. It fell with such force as to break through several of the steps. There might have been several fatalities to report had the break occurred when the children were leaving Miss Rankin's room. —During the performance of Welsh's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., in Houtzdale, on Thursday night, the gallery of the opera house gave way, precipitating many people onto the heads of the occupants of the parquet below. Only the most heroic efforts on the part of the managers prevented a panic among the audience. Several people were injured, but none fatally. The crowd in the house was so great that the pillars supporting the gallery were driven clear through the parquet floor. —In noting the granting of a patent to L. C. Wetzel for his springless lock, recently, we stated that the Wetzel locks have been in use for some time in different buildings about town. Among the ones mentioned was the home of Jacob Gross, on east Bishop street. It develops that the locks in use there are the Houser locks, not the Wetzel, and they are giving excellent satisfaction. —Rev. M. L. Firor, pastor of the Reformed church at Williamsport, has resigned to accept a call within the Wyoming Classis. Rev. Firor is well known in Centre county, where he has filled many pulpit engagements. —Make Xmas presents of a Graphophone or Photograph Camera. Prices cut at Bush's stationery store. Philadelphia Markets. The following are the closing prices of the Philadelphia markets on Wednesday evening.

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, Price, and Unit. Includes items like Wheat, Corn, Oats, Flour, Rye, and various grades of grain.

Bellefonte Grain Market. Corrected weekly by the PHOENIX MILLING CO. The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes press.

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, Price, and Unit. Includes items like Potatoes, Eggs, Lard, Country Shoulders, Hams, Tallow, and Butter.

Bellefonte Produce Markets. Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.

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