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Discharged the Old, Swore in the New.

The ceaseless round of time is told in no more well marked epochs than are to be found in the various county offices in the court house.

Those new ones who began the service for which they had been elected will be before the public daily now; their every act to be scrutinized and criticized. Whether they will be successful remains to be seen.

Former sheriff W. M. CRONISTER left town on Saturday for his future home in Huston township, there to engage in the peaceful pursuit of farming.

In the retirement of register GEORGE W. RUMBERGER probably the most popular man who has ever been in the court house is relegated to private life.

Mr. RUMBERGER's books are such that the county will be proud to exhibit them in years to come and the memory he has left behind him is more than any other man in the county has raised him to the position he filled so honorably.

Former recorder J. C. HARPER performed his last official act when he administered the oath of office to treasurer SPEER.

Former commissioner THOMAS FISHER was not about the court house on Monday. He has already settled down on his Union township farm, where he is certainly more of a success than he proved as an economic house keeper for Centre county.

Boers Retreated!

Colonel Pilcher Routed Them From a Lager—Volunteers Behaved Well—Canadians and Queenslanders Fought as Hard as Regulars—All Anxious to Fight.

BELMONT, Cape Colony, January 2.—A dispatch from the Associated Press representative at Dover farm, dated January 1st, says: "A mounted force consisting of 100 Canadians of the Toronto company and 200 Queenslanders, commanded by Colonel Rickards, two guns and a horse battery under Major De Rougemont, forty mounted infantry under Lieutenant Ryan and 200 of the Cornwall light infantry, the whole commanded by Colonel Pilcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering twenty miles before sunset.

The force encamped at Cook's farm, where the troops were welcomed enthusiastically. At 6 o'clock this morning the force approached a spot where a laager of the Boers was reported. Colonel Pilcher on approaching the position, which was a line of strong kopjes, detached Major De Rougemont with the guns, Torontoes and mounted infantry, to work towards the right, making a turning movement himself with the Queenslanders towards the south position.

The Boers were the first indication of the presence of the troops. The Boers left their laager and opened fire, but the Queenslanders completing the movement, the laager was captured with forty prisoners. The British casualties were two men killed, three wounded and missing. The whole force worked admirably. The two men killed belonged to the Queensland contingent."

Another dispatch from Dover Farm, dated January 1st, says: "The colonial troops, who have been long allowed to meet the Boers, have at last been given an opportunity to do so and score a brilliant success. The raid conducted by Colonel Pilcher was very difficult, owing to the fact that the movements of the troops were immediately communicated to the Boers by natives. In order to prevent this, Colonel Pilcher, in making his forced march from Belmont, left a British trooper at every farm house with instructions not to allow the natives to leave their huts, the patrols calling the names of the natives hourly in order to prevent their escape."

In the laager at Cook's Farm Colonel Pilcher sent mounted patrols east. One of these, consisting of four men, commanded by Lieutenant Ardy, suddenly encountered fourteen Boers who opened fire. The lieutenant was severely wounded and Private Butler gave up his horse in order to carry the lieutenant out of range.

Another private, whose horse had bolted, pluckily returned to render assistance. He was wounded in the leg and his horse was killed. Meanwhile Lieutenant Ryan, who had worked magnificently, reported the veil on the right of the enemy was clear, whereupon Major De Rougemont ordered the guns to trot. They arrived within 1,500 yards of the laager, unlimbered, near the laager. Immediately the enemy could be seen streaming over the kopje. They were completely surprised, but quickly opened a well-directed fire.

How the Trusts Help Us.

From the Butler Herald. "Some over zealous soap still assert that the foreigner pays the tariff." Very little study of the tactics of the borax trust will open their eyes.

When McKinley increased the duty on borax, in 1890, the borax trust promptly raised the price of refined borax from 8 1/2 to 9 cents per pound. When Wilson, in 1894, reduced the duty from 2 to 5 cents per pound the trust lowered the price from 5 to 5 cents. When Dingley in 1895 put the duty back to 5 cents per pound the trust raised the price to 7 1/2 cents where it has been held during the past year.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The King bridge company has secured the contract for the new steel bridge at Mill Hall. The structure is to be 160ft. long and 16ft. wide and will cost \$4,500.

The week of prayer, beginning with next Sunday, will be observed in St. John's Lutheran church; services beginning at 7:30. The holy communion will be celebrated on Sunday the 14th instant.

Col. and Mrs. W. F. Reeder entertained the Bellefonte chapter, D. A. R., at their handsome home on north Allegheny street Tuesday evening. The interior was hung with flags in such a manner as to give a most striking effect.

The thirtieth annual ball of the Logan Engine Co., was given in the armory New Year's night and attracted a great crowd. Dancing was continued 'till a late hour and everything passed off pleasantly for the company, as well as for their guests.

On Christmas night at the Sunday School Entertainment in the Methodist Episcopal church the recitations, by Miss Elizabeth Faxon were so surprisingly good that her audience fairly shouted with delight. She has taken several prizes at the Lock Haven Normal in the last two years for elocution but her home people had no idea how good she was 'til Monday night and then they accorded quite an ovation.

Mr. John Frederick Weaver has announced the marriage of his daughter, Miss Rachel Elizabeth Weaver, to J. Grafius Petriken. The wedding was performed at the bride's home in Clearfield and was very unostentatious, owing to recent deaths in the family. The bride and groom are both well known in this place. Mrs. Petriken has frequently visited at the home of John P. Harris, on Linn street, and her husband, when a resident of Look Haven, frequently came up here to participate in our ball games.

A LUCKY FIRE.—Fires, as a usual thing, are not lucky, but it certainly must be called a lucky fire which, after having had a fair start on the road to destroying a valuable property, will go out of its own accord.

There was just such a fire in J. M. Parker's store at Curtin's Works on Tuesday night. The floor about the stove caught fire and burned entirely away, leaving the stove fall through into the foundation, where the fire went out without doing any further damage, and where it was discovered in the morning.

THE LINDEN HALL LUMBER CO.'S MILL BURNED.—About 8 o'clock Saturday night the saw mill near Linden Hall, owned and operated by the Linden Hall Lumber Co., was discovered to be on fire and was soon so completely ablaze as to be beyond saving. The mill had not been in operation for two days and while there was a small fire under the boilers the origin of the conflagration is a mystery.

Fortunately the wind was in an opposite direction from the lumber yards, where thousands of dollars in sawed lumber might have added to the loss. As it was the mill and about 125,000 shingles burned. The loss is estimated at about \$3,000.

K. G. E. OFFICERS.—Bellefonte castle K. G. E. No. 357, recently elected the following officers for the ensuing six months' term: Past chief, B. D. Tate; noble chief, W. Harrison Walker; vice chief, J. S. McCarger; high priest, Geo. Taylor; venerable hermit, James Schofield; master of records, E. E. Ardy; clerk of exchequer, W. H. Taylor; keeper of exchequer, L. H. Wian; sir herald, Dr. W. H. Kochler; worthy bard, A. Lukenbach, worthy chamberlain, H. D. Gehret; esquire, S. D. Gettig; T. M. Barnhart; first guardsman, J. K. Johnston; second guardsman, A. V. Hamilton; trustee, John Yearick; representative to the grand castle, James Schofield.

TO START ABOUT FEBRUARY 1ST.—Work is progressing very satisfactorily at the match works and when seen at his office yesterday manager Joseph L. Montgomery stated that he thought the plant would be ready to begin work about Feb. 1st, with between seventy-five and one hundred hands.

When the work of match making begins no visitors will be allowed in the place. This exclusion of all but employees will not be done so much because of the secrecy of the process as on account of the great element of danger there is in the running about of inexperienced people in a factory of that sort. Match factories, nowhere, are accessible to visitors and the Bellefonte plant will not be an exception to the rule.

LITTLE TRIXIE.—"Little Trixie" which will appear at Garman's, Friday, Jan. 12th, is one of the class of plays that have become popular of late years under the name of musical or operatic comedies. In other countries they are called musical melodramas. May Smith Robbins, the star of the attraction, is a magnetic little lady who has a faculty of making friends and admirers in every city she appears.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by the clerk of court, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week: D. P. Smith, of Feidler, and Nellie Brindle, of Rebersburg. Forest J. Stover and Lottie Leitzell, both of Aaronsburg.

Thomas G. Bonliek and Vera L. Jones, both of Phillipsburg. Clarence L. Weaver, of Ferguson township, and Annie Young, of Patton Twp. Harry E. Garbrick, of Bellefonte, and Louisa E. Crissman, of Pittsburg. Harry Munson and Annie F. Beals, both of Phillipsburg.

Joseph W. Lytle and Alice R. Markley, both of Snow Shoe. Ezra W. Carson, of Spring township, and Catherine L. Shreffler, of State College. William A. Briggs and Florence Wian, both of Bellefonte.

Frank C. Croyle and Mary Pilkington, both of Phillipsburg. John Bowers, of Julian, and Lyda Batis, of Mt. Eagle. Chas. H. Croak, of Look Haven, and Lyda Butler, of Romola.

Floyd O. Biddle and Ella Irene Williamson, both of Julian. Frank L. Carter, of Punxsutawney, and Belle Saylor, of Bellefonte. Herbert Cohen, of Farrandville, and Anna E. Rosman, of Spring Twp.

THE GROWING ACADEMY.—The Academy will resume its work in all departments on Tuesday, January 9th, under the most favorable auspices it has ever experienced. The conscientious and thorough work done at this school has been drawing larger numbers of students each succeeding year so that today the accommodations for boarders are crowded and the need for another building is most marked.

The management sorely is to be congratulated upon this realization of ambitious hopes and we trust the day is not far distant when a new building will crown the brow of the hill, increasing the facilities and enlarging the scope of the academical work which has been committed to this institution.

The teachers in the faculty are all selected with reference to their proficiency in the particular branches they are called upon to teach, and as they are nearly all college graduates and thoroughly experienced it is hardly any wonder that the graduates hold their own in every college which they finally enter.

EXPLODING DYNAMITE KILLED A MAN AT SALONA.—Last Friday afternoon three sticks of dynamite exploded in the shanty that was used for an office at the Bellefonte Lime Company's operation at Salona; completely demolishing the building and killing Grant Bathurst, an employe at the quarries.

The kiln shooter had taken the dynamite into the office to warm it up preparatory to making some shots. It had short fuses and caps attached and it was his intention to remain until he had heated it properly. Being called to lend a hand at some repair work being made to the stone chnts he put the explosive down beside the stove and went out. There were some boys in the shanty at the time and it is supposed that they started to play with the fuse and touched it to the stove, for all of a sudden they ran out, pell mell, and no sooner had they left than a terrific report was heard. The explosion shook the whole community, throwing shattered timbers in all directions.

One side of the building seemed to be hurled intact at Grant Bathurst, who happened to be approaching at the time. It crushed in his breast and mangled his legs so that he lived only a little while after being carried to the Krapp undertaking establishment. Another portion of the building fell on a little boy named Toner, but his father rescued him, unhurt. James Caldwell, another workman, was knocked down by the explosion, but was able to go to work next day.

Bathurst was assistant postmaster at Rote and his remains were taken to his home here, on Friday evening. The interment was made at Cedar Hill cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. Deceased is survived by a wife and one child.

Mrs. Mary A. Eyer, wife of David Eyer, of Warriors-mark valley, died last Thursday evening, after an illness of six months. She was 54 years old and is survived by a husband and four children. Mrs. Maggie Hartzell, of Pleasant Gap, was a sister and Miles and Alexander Dixon, of Warriorsmark, brothers of the deceased. Interment was made in the Tyrone cemetery Sunday morning.

MRS. ANNA VAN PELT.—Mrs. Anna Van Pelt died Saturday evening, December 30th, at about nine o'clock, at her home in Centre Hall, at the age of forty-six years and eighteen days, of pleuro-pneumonia.

Just about a week before her death Mrs. Van Pelt contracted a severe cold to which no special attention was paid, except to apply household remedies. On Christmas day, however, her condition became such that she sought a comfortable bed and called for medical aid. Her case was not considered serious by her family physician, and yet the disease did not seem to respond to the treatment she was receiving. Friday afternoon Dr. Seibert, of Bellefonte, paid his first visit to the patient, and after a thorough examination diagnosed the case as stated above, at the same time informing her children that there was little hope of their mother's recovery. This conclusion was based on correct medical science, and it only required a very brief period to prove its truthfulness.

Mrs. Van Pelt gradually grew weaker, although maintaining her mental faculties to the very last minute. She at all times had a distinct perception of her condition, and a few minutes previous to her death stated to those around her that she was growing cold and that death was nigh. To her daughter she said, "I am going home," and those were the last words spoken by that mother to that closely knit family circle, and a pleasant recollection they should be. Death came quickly and quietly; no struggle, simply passing away, like time.

The news of the sad death was a shock to everyone who heard it, and it seems as if it had been a long time since the first voice spoke it. A cloud of gloom seemed to spread over the entire community—where there was mirth, sadness came, the frivolous sought quietude, and the sober meditated.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning interment being made at Centre Hall. Rev. J. M. Bearick, of the Lutheran church, who conducted the services, spoke feelingly of the deceased after his discourse. He paid a most beautiful tribute to her life when he said that she had the greatest love for her children and that her love was reciprocated by them.

Mrs. Van Pelt was a daughter of ex-sheriff John Spangler, and was born in Adamsburg, Snyder county, Pa., December 12th, 1853. On February 21st, 1878, she was married to Harry D. Van Pelt, in Centre Hall. Three children were born to them, two of whom, John and Helen Romelia, survive. A little daughter, Bessie M., died September, 1889, at the age of one year, and on May 3rd, 1890, the father departed this life.

Mrs. Van Pelt was a member of the Lutheran church and a woman highly thought of by all who knew her; she was kind and tender-hearted; always pleasant and never aimed to make others unhappy by her own discomforts or physical ailments, but always had an air of cheerfulness about her.

Cut flowers and floral figures did what they could to lessen the sorrows of the motherless children and others of kin. Her father and mother, and three brothers, namely, Col. J. L. Spangler, of Philadelphia; Howard Anderson, of Hastings, Pa.; and a sister, Mrs. Spangler family, this having been the first death in that circle.

DEATH OF MRS. SUSANNA STEPHENS.—The vicinity of Port Matilda, was saddened on the day after Christmas by the news of the death of Mrs. Susanna Stephens. She had been in poor health for about two years and recently contracted a cold which terminated in pneumonia.

Decided, a daughter of John and Susanna Gill, was born Feb. 5th, 1832, and died Dec. 26th, 1899, aged 67 years, 10 months and 21 days. Her childhood days were passed in Clearfield county. Half Moon valley, this county, and in the village where she resided at the time of her demise. She was married to Samuel Stephens, June 4th, 1848, and he preceeded her to the grave in 1893. She was a faithful and very active member of the Methodist church since she was 15 years of age, and her name stands second on the list of the first class organized in Port Matilda, which met at a very early day in the history of that town in a room fitted up for meetings, near where the store of Aaron Reese now stands. She has been almost constant in her attendance of services held in the present M. E. church since its dedication in 1869, except a short time when she resided near Martha Furnace, and attended services at that church.

She was buried in the new Methodist cemetery on Thursday, December 28th. A large concourse attended the funeral and the public schools under the direction of Prof. Mumma, the principal, attended in a body. The services were conducted by the Rev. White, her pastor; Rev. Downing, the Baptist minister, and Rev. Elmer Williams. Rev. Downing paid one of the most eloquent and beautiful tributes to the deceased we have ever listened to. Of venerable age herself his words brought tears to the eyes of nearly all present.

She leaves to survive her three brothers, Josiah W. Gill, of Madera, Clearfield county; James T. Gill, Linwood, Delaware county; and Samuel R. Gill and three sisters, Mrs. Catharine Baumgartner, of Bradford, Ohio; Mrs. Martha Bloom, of Corti, Pennsylvania; and Miss Caroline Dixon, of Cambria county. Also four sons, Abenego, P. Stephens, Ramey, Clearfield county; John H., Joseph A. and David R. P. and three daughters, Mrs. Annie Osman and Mrs. Mildred M. Price, of Port Matilda, and Mrs. Mary E. Williams, of Roland, this county, but all to no purpose. No eulogy of ours can add to the esteem in which she was held by all those who knew her. A devout christian lady, a faithful and devoted wife, a loving mother and a kind and generous neighbor has gone to her eternal rest and the calm assurance with which she approached death leaves no doubt of her happiness hereafter.

ARTHUR J. MUSSER.—Arthur J. Musser died at the home of his father Emanuel Musser, near State College, at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

DR. HENSYL'S SUDDEN DEATH.—This community was greatly shocked on Monday when the announcement of the death of Dr. L. A. Hensyl was made. It had not been known that he was ill, consequently his death was an unexpected blow to even many of his neighbors in Howard.

On Sunday evening he remained at home while his wife and daughters went to church and feeling ill, shortly after they had left the house, he sent for them. Soon after he suffered severe hemorrhages from the stomach and bowels and notwithstanding the most heroic efforts to save him he sank steadily until his death, which occurred just before 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Decesed was born on the 6th of January, 1840, near Trevorton, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania. He was the son of John D. Hensyl an extensive lumber merchant and farmer of that place. He remained under the parental roof until several years of age, when he went to Philadelphia and began clerking in the coal office of his uncle, where he remained for several months. Returning home he worked for his father during the winter season he attended school until twenty years old, thus acquiring a good education; he then began reading medicine with Dr. S. S. Smith, but on the outbreak of the civil war he aided his books and enlisted in Co. D, 52nd P. V. I., under Captain James Chamberlain. For over three years he served and helped to storm all the forts in South Carolina. At Morris Island he was detailed as shipping clerk, and by special orders was sent to Jacksonville, Fla., where he served in that capacity for three months. By order of Gen. Foster he then returned to Morris Island, and was in the ordnance department until discharged in 1864. Returning home he again resumed the study of medicine with Dr. C. P. Herrington, of Ashland, Pa., remaining with him for two and one half years, and in 1866 and 1867 attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical college. On receiving his diploma Dr. Hensyl located at Howard where he soon built up an extensive practice which his skill and ability justly merited.

Dr. Hensyl was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Hein, daughter of an Evangelical minister of Lebanon, Pa. His wife and five children survive to mourn his loss. The children are Mrs. William Weber, Louise, Anna, William and George, all of Howard. Fraternally Dr. Hensyl held membership in the I. O. O. F., and G. A. R., and Veteran Legion, belonging to the local orders at Howard; politically he was a staunch Republican. A talented, cultured gentleman, he held an honorable position among his professional brethren and in social circles also stood high.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 1:30 from the Evangelical church at Howard. Interment in Schenck's cemetery.

MISS BELLA BELL.—Miss Bella Bell, well known to the older residents of Bellefonte, died at the home of her nephew, Chas. McClellan, on east Lamb street, about noon, on Sunday, Dec. 24th. She had been ill for more than a year with cancer and as the last three months of her life were spent in bed, where she patiently bore her suffering, her death was anticipated as a blessed release from the effects of a malady that was incurable. Happiest of all she was a woman fitted by a long and useful christian life to meet her Master and enter upon the glories in store for the best.

She was born in Carlisle, Penna., Sept. 30th, 1828, making her age 73 years, 2 months and 24 days. For the past fifty years she has been a resident of Bellefonte. She was a conscientious christian lady and a member of the M. E. church and for many years sang in the choir. While not a trained nurse yet she played the part of a ministering angel to many sick and afflicted ones in this community who will ever remember her and bless her for what she did for them.

The deceased is survived by two brothers, James Bell, of Hollidaysburg, and Thomas Bell, of Bellwood. She was an aunt of Chas. and Wm. McClellan, of this place. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon Dec. 27th, at 2 o'clock. Dr. W. A. Stephens officiated and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

MAUD V. SCHENCK.—Among the many sad deaths that occurred in this community during the holidays was that of Miss Maud V. Schenck, of Howard, who died in the Lock Haven hospital, on Friday, Dec. 22nd.

She was the only daughter of post master and Mrs. Hayes Schenck, of that place and had been ill with appendicitis for four weeks. On the Monday before her death she was taken to the hospital to undergo an operation, which was performed on the following Thursday. At first she recovered from it, but peritonitis developed later and caused her death.

Miss Schenck was eighteen years old last September and had just reached a period in life when her virtues were most radiant and her sweet life most precious to her parents. She was a member of the Evangelical church; being a choir singer, and had a host of friends who were deeply affected by her sad death.

The remains were brought to her home in Howard on Christmas morning and they were tenderly laid away in the Schenck cemetery.

Samuel Lynn, one of the best known residents of Sandy Ridge, was found lying in one of the fields of his farm, near that place, last Wednesday evening. At first it was thought he had frozen to death, but physicians say it was a case of apoplexy. Deceased had been hauling manure from his barn in town out to the farm and when he did not return in a reasonable time a search was made for him with the above result. He had been postmaster of Sandy Ridge for more than seven years. He was 62 years old and is survived by a widow, two sons and two daughters.

Last Saturday evening John Robb, aged 53 years, died at his home in Becht Creek from an attack of typhoid fever. The case is a particularly distressing one, as the entire family has been afflicted with the disease. On Dec. 17th, Lottie, the nineteen year old daughter died, and at that time her father and two of the other children were ill. Rev. Erick of the Baptist church conducted funeral services over the father's remains on Sunday and interment was made at Beech Creek.

Sarah Margaret Matern, aged one year and three months, died at the home of William R. Way, of Half Moon, her grandfather, on last Thursday. She was the daughter of Wilbur B. Matern, of Altoona, and had been down in this county spending Christmas. Mrs. Matern was with her child when it died, but Mr. Matern had returned to Altoona, little thinking of the sad loss he was so soon to suffer.