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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

"Little Trixie" to-night at Garman's.—The days are growing very noticeably longer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Runkle, of Centre Hall, announce the engagement of their daughter Pearl, to Mr. Harry K. Condo, of Millheim, Pa. No cards.

Up to last Saturday evening forty-two car loads of ice had been taken off the upper lake at Hecla. It was 1 1/2 in. thick and the most perfect ice ever harvested there.

While helping to get out logs on the Knoffsinger job recently James R. Gill, of Pleasant Gap, was struck by a piece of timber and had his leg broken in two places.

It is quite likely that the Commercial telephone company will have their exchange in Lock Haven installed this week. The switchboards arrived there on Monday.

Polk Miller, with his "Old Times Down South" will be here next Monday night for the benefit of St. John's Episcopal church. Seats are now on sale at Parishes at 25 cts.

Robert Cole, the Bellefonte architect, was the designer of the new First United Evangelical church in Lock Haven, which is attracting so much attention as an architectural beauty just now.

Liveryman George Beezer has put a handsome new passenger wagon on the streets. It will accommodate about eight passengers and will run to and from all trains and all points of town.

The two frame houses which contractor Gault is building for Mrs. Nancy Orison, on the south side of east Curtin street, are nearing completion and will be ornaments to that thoroughfare.

The marriage of Mr. Thomas Jennings and Miss Elizabeth Gross, both of this place, has been announced to be celebrated in St. John's Catholic church on Thursday morning, January 25th.

J. Harris Cook has been selected to fill the vacancy in the management of the Central Pennsylvania telephone exchange in this place, occasioned by the departure of John Tonner Harris, for Williamsport.

The big sign on the side of the building that has directed many a purchaser to the Jas. Harris & Co. hardware store is being changed and the familiar old firm name is to give place to the new one of Potter & Hoy. Success to it.

It is announced that within a few days a new line of hacks will be put on the streets of Bellefonte. They promise to carry passengers at the old fare of 10 cents and if as fine as they are predicted to be they will prove a popular convenience.

Miss Ella McGowan, formerly of this place, took the final vows and put on the black veil at the convent of the Immaculate Heart, at West Chester, last week. She has irrevocably given up the world and consecrated her future life to the work of a sister.

We owe an apology to the young lady who we reported as having had her head nearly burned off by the ignition of a celluloid collar she was wearing at a funeral in Clinton county some days ago. It was not a collar, but a comb in her hair that took fire from the stove and came near costing her a head of fine hair.

One of Bellefonte's former citizens who seems to be getting along amazingly well is Mr. H. C. Boney, now of Atlantic City. His indestructible roof enamel seems to be just what is needed to withstand the effects of salt-water climate, and such is the demand for it, that Harry stands a good chance of making a fortune, whether there is general prosperity or not.

Mrs. Matilda C. Barry, of this place, has made public complaints about the soldiers' orphan school at Chester Springs. She has repeatedly sought the removal of her daughter and son, aged 7 and 6 years, respectively, to the Uniontown school and this being refused she now makes public complaint about the way the Chester Springs school is run.

The horse attached to Sechler & Co's. delivery wagon fell down, on north Allegheny street, Friday afternoon, and showed a very strong inclination to stay right where it was. The wagon was pulled away and the harness taken off, but not until it had snorted for quite a while could it be induced to get up. Nothing was broken and when hitched up again the animal trotted off as if quite refreshed by the nap on the road.

John Tonner Harris, whose genteel manner and courteous treatment of the patrons of the Central Pennsylvania Telephone Co., have made him so popular as the manager of the local exchange of that corporation, has received the reward of fidelity by promotion in the service. He will go to Williamsport to take up work with the electrical engineers and henceforth will be connected with that department. We fancy it will be more to his liking, too, than purely managerial duties, as it will come directly in the line of work he fitted himself for while at College. While it is a matter of regret to lose the citizenship of so estimable a young man we cannot but feel proud of his departure, since it means promotion for him.

WEAK FROM WALKING HE SAT DOWN BY THE ROAD-SIDE AND FROZE TO DEATH.—A very sad case of a man's freezing to death was reported from the vicinity of Pine Grove Mills, last Friday morning. Robert Glenn Bailey, who had been suffering with mental troubles for several years wandered away from home and when next seen was dead by a mountain roadside.

The unfortunate man was a son of William H. Bailey, of Pine Grove Mills. He was born there 38 years ago and for a number of years had been employed in the lumber yards of the railroad shops at Altoona. While at work about 8 years ago he received a blow on the head from some falling lumber that so affected his mind as to necessitate his retirement to a hospital. Some time later he was discharged as cured and returned to his work, but about 2 years ago the old trouble returned and he was brought down into the country, near Pine Grove Mills, where it was thought that quiet and rest might have the effect of restoring his mind.

He grew worse, however, and it was not long until all hope of his ever being any better fled. With his mental infirmities he failed physically and was seldom seen outside his house. Thursday morning of last week he slipped off, but at first no attention was paid to his absence, as he had frequently gone away before, but when he did not return for several hours his friends became anxious and instituted a search for him. No trace was found all that day and when Messrs. Johnston and Croyle arrived in Pine Grove the next afternoon with the dead body of the wanderer in their buggy the search was over, but the mystery was not cleared up.

Later it was learned that Bailey—under the impression that he was being hounded—went over the Tussey mountains and away down into Stone-valley, near Massyburg, then he started back between the second and third mountains and struck the main road about Roaring run bridge. Instead of keeping on up he turned back and started down the Petersburg road and had gone only a short distance when he evidently became exhausted and sat down to rest, falling to sleep and freezing to death. Friday afternoon a man by the name of Daring was driving over the mountain and discovered the dead body by the road side. He told Messrs. Johnson and Croyle, whom he met coming up the other side, of his discovery so they took the body into their buggy and drove to Pine Grove, where an inquest was held.

Deceased was the oldest son of William H. Bailey, of Pine Grove Mills. He was married to Margaret Line, daughter of Reinhart Line, of Altoona. His parents, his wife and two children and the following brothers and sisters survive him: George, of Juniata; Alex. S., John C., Paul, Nannie and May, at home.

Funeral services were held at Pine Grove Mills Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and the remains were taken to Altoona that evening where interment was made Monday morning in Fairview cemetery. The entire estate of K. G. E. of which he was a member turning out in his honor.

Mr. Bailey was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN ORVIS GILLEN HAS GONE.—Those who have known and esteemed John Orvis GilLEN have had many heart aches recently, as they have been brought face to face with the unmistakable impress of that dread disease, consumption, that was gradually wearing him away. Nearing the end of his journey he was prepared and waited for it with a cheerfulness that was a great comfort to his friends. He knew that it was inevitable and calmly waited his final dissolution as if assured that what was well with him. He died at the family home, on Burnside street, Wednesday morning, shortly after four o'clock. He had been so ill as to be unable to do anything since last June. On nice days, however, he got down street and even served as a grand juror at the November court. From that time on he failed rapidly until his death.

Deceased was born at Milesburg, June 4th, 1867, and was 32 years, 7 months and 6 days old. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William GilLEN, of this place. For several years he was employed as a clerk in the dry goods store of Joseph Brothers & Co., and later engaged in the grocery business with his brother E. I. GilLEN. Deceased was a member of the Independent Order of Heptasophs and also of the Undine Fire Co. He was a devout Christian, belonging to St. John's Catholic church, from which the funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock.

Surviving him are his parents and brothers Edward, Augustus and Charles and one sister, Mrs. William Doll.

Orvis was a fine looking, genteel young fellow. He had lots of friends, because he was true in his friendships and unobtrusive in his manner. His death was really a sad one and we extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Mrs. HARRIET SIMMS.—Mrs. Harriet Simms, one of the most venerable and best known of the old colored women in town, died at her home on St. Paul street, on Monday night, after about a year's suffering with paralysis. The last week of her life she was compelled to spend in bed.

Mrs. Simms was born in the Buffalo-run valley, March 1st, 1825, making her age 73 years, 10 months and 7 days. Being a daughter of Daniel Smith, one of the early colored residents of this section, Harriet was quite well known. Her husband, Geo. Simms, also a well-known colored resident, died about seven years ago.

The surviving children are Mrs. Celia Mills, James Smith Shorter, Mrs. Alice Burr and George Simms. Interment was made yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. JAMES C. WILLIAMS.—The announcement of the death of Mrs. Martha Ann Irwin Williams, wife of James C. Williams, which occurred at her home in Phillipsburg, on Tuesday at noon, caused genuine sorrow to a wide circle of acquaintances here, for she was beloved by many and respected by every one who came in contact with her. She had been ill only a week with the grip but on account of her age the seriousness of her condition was realized from the first.

A member of one of the oldest and best known Quaker families in the county, she was born in this place July 20th, 1820. Her parents were John and Mary Fisher Irwin and of their nine children only two are now living, Ellis Irwin, of Lick Run Mills, Pa., aged 94 years, and Mary A. Hyman, of Milwaukie, aged 75 years. She was married to James C. Williams on Feb. 18th, 1845, by the Rev. James Linn, and was the mother of seven children: John, Priscilla, Harry C., James H., Mary, Robert E., and Annie V. Three of them died in infancy and her son Harry C. was just getting firmly established and making for himself a name in journalism when his untimely death took place in Dec. 1895, so that only three of her children John I., of DuBois, James H., of Chicago, and Miss Annie V., who took her brother Harry's place as editor of the Phillipsburg Ledger, survive their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to Phillipsburg from here in 1856 but returned in 1869 and made this their home until 1859. Then they returned to that place and have always been regarded as two of its best and most intelligent citizens. Mrs. Williams was so gracious and kind, so quiet and considerate that her life has been full and well spent. Her aged husband who is now in his 78th year and her devoted daughter, as well as her grand daughter, Edna Keller Williams, who has lived with her since babyhood, will miss her grievously, but they have the consciousness of knowing that her departure was but a transition to eternal peace and rest, for hers was a life of love and good works.

She was a member of the Orthodox Society of Friends and will be buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Phillipsburg cemetery with Rev. H. F. Means officiating.

A PIONEER GONE.—The venerable Jonathan Bilger, who died in his 88th year, at his home in Pleasant Gap, on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, was a man whose early life was coincidental with the settlement of Centre county. He was born in Bucks county, Sept. 6th, 1811, and located in Penns valley early in the fifties. Many interesting incidents of his long and useful life could be told did not want of space restrict this notice to a mere announcement of his death and an acknowledgement of his sterling worth as a citizen who is now mourned by a host of relatives and friends. Burial was made in the Lutheran cemetery in Pleasant Gap on the Thursday following his death. Revs. Lesher and Adams officiated at the funeral, which was one of the largest ever seen in that community, and six of his grand-children acted as pall bearers.

Deceased was married twice, his second wife surviving him with the following named children: William, John and Mrs. Robert Slotman, Pleasant Gap; Thompson, Blue Springs, Neb.; Mrs. G. W. Rees, Bellefonte; Mrs. John Rookley, Zion; Frank Seaverance, Kan.; Mrs. Otis Hill, Pleasant Gap; Mrs. J. J. Huey, and Newton, Valley Falls, Kan.; and Annie and Mrs. Charles Bender, Lancaster; Vergie, Nellie and Wilson, at home.

KILLED IN WEST VIRGINIA.—Harry Welsh, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Welsh, of Romola, this county was killed while working on a West Virginia lumber operation last Monday. He was run over by a log train.

Deceased was 26 years old and had been in the business for a number of years. His remains were brought to Howard Tuesday night and burial was made at Romola on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. MARY ENGLAND.—Widow of Isaac England, died at the home of her son, S. B. England, at Altoona, Tuesday morning, of diseases incident to old age. She was 84 years, 11 months and 17 days old. Deceased was the mother of eight children. She was a sister of Jacob Hicks, of Stormstown and another brother and one sister survive her. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence of her son in Altoona. Interment will be made in Fairview cemetery.

Little Henry Gherry, as bright and sweet a child as ever was born to fond parents, died at his home on south Spring street, early Tuesday morning, with scarlet fever. He had been ill since the day he fore Christmas and everything that medical skill and loving ministrations could do to save him was resorted to, but without avail. He was 4 years, 8 months, and 5 days old and leaves his grief stricken parents and his sisters Marie and Agnes and his brother Walter to sorrow for the ray of sunshine that will be missing in their home henceforth. Owing to the nature of the disease the funeral was private and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Gherry have had more than their share of trouble recently. In addition to Henry's illness the two little girls contracted scarletina and Mr. Gherry was prostrated with gonorrhea.

John O'Day died suddenly in Sohier's hotel, Lock Haven, Monday evening. He had been suffering for some time with bowel complaint and had gone to his room, where he sat down on a chair, his head fell back and he was dead. Deceased is survived by a widow and five children, among whom is Wesley O'Day, of Logan street, this place.

Mrs. Catherine Kabelle, wife of Henry Kabelle, who was at one time quite well known here, died in Denver, Colorado, Thursday, January the 4th, aged seventy-eight years. Her husband was connected with the car works when they were in operation here but for the last three years Mrs. Kabelle has been in Colorado with her children, several of whom reside in Denver and Cripple Creek. Her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Shearer, of Linn street, recently returned from Denver to make her home here and another daughter died in Chicago last summer.

Clifford, the 8 year old son of Charles Burrell, of Salona, died in that place Saturday morning and was buried in the Cedar Hill cemetery Monday afternoon. He had been ill with typhoid fever for some time, but was thought to be recovering until last Friday, when he suffered a back-slip and sank rapidly to his death. He was a bright, promising boy and his death is a severe shock to his parents.

Mrs. Jackson H. Shipley died at her home in Unionville, on Saturday morning, from the effects of several strokes of paralysis, the first of which was suffered on Christmas day. Deceased was 65 years old and a most estimable woman. Her husband and one son, Alexander Shipley, of Philadelphia survive. Funeral services were held at her late home on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment was made at Unionville.

William N. Riley, who died at Harrisburg on Tuesday evening, was born at Pine Grove Mills, this county, on June 13th, 1817.

POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS.—The first meeting of Centre county Pomona Grange, No. 13, will be held in the hall of Walker Grange, at Hublersburg, on Wednesday, January 17th. There will be two sessions: A morning one at 10 o'clock and an afternoon meeting at 1:30 p. m. Among the business matters to be considered at this meeting will be the quarterly report of the Insurance Co., the annual report of the Company auditors and the installation of officers.

The special meetings of the Grange that were authorized recently for the purpose of exciting more wide spread interest in the work will be held at the following points during January and February.

Howard.....Thursday, Jan. 18th, 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.
Zion.....Friday, January 19th, 1:30 p. m.
Madison.....Tuesday, January 23rd, 1 p. m.
Mills.....Tuesday, January 23rd, 7 p. m.
Milheim.....Wednesday, January 24th, 1 p. m.
Fossilier.....Wednesday, January 24th, 7 p. m.
Spring Mills.....Thursday, January 25th, 1 p. m.
Washington.....Tuesday, January 30th, 1 p. m.
Leonard.....Wednesday, January 31st, 1 p. m.
Half Moon.....Thursday, February 1st, 1 p. m.
Lebanon.....Friday, February 2nd, 1 p. m.
(Marion Grange will attend the regular Pomona or the special at Howard.)

The above meetings will not be open to the public. They are intended to benefit and arouse the membership. The meetings are appointed for the purpose of assisting in building up the order in the several localities.

The officers of Pomona will be represented at each meeting. In addition, some of the following well known Patrons will be in attendance and deliver short addresses, read essays or recite choice selections. Hon. L. Rhone, I. S. Frain, Jas. A. Keller, Jno. S. Dale, Hon. W. K. Alexander, W. M. Grove, G. L. Goodhart, J. N. Hall, Miss Florence Rhone, Miss Gentzell, Mrs. Nathan Grove, L. C. Rarich, Nathan Grove, R. D. Bierly, and others. Exercises will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

DAVY STEEL'S PERILOUS FALL.—Davy Steel, a son of contractor W. L. Steel, of this place, fell from the roof of one of the new houses that are being erected for Col. W. F. Reynolds on Phoenix street, on Wednesday morning, and he was so badly hurt that it was at first feared that his injuries would prove fatal. The drizzling rain that froze as it fell that morning had encrusted everything with a coat of ice. When Davy got out onto the roof of the building nearest the eaves to begin shingling he slipped and fell to the ground, a distance of 30 ft.

Though apparently very badly hurt he was not unconscious when picked up. His condition was such that an examination could not be made immediately after he had been carried to his home on South Pine street and even when it was done the physicians were unable to discover the exact nature of his injuries. He suffered intensely at intervals during the day, but had a fair night's rest and was much brighter yesterday morning. His left hip was the seat of most of the trouble and they have been unable to discover whether it was broken or not. It might also develop that he has suffered internal injuries.

TOOK A CENTRE COUNTY BRIDE BACK WITH HIM.—John Hasel, a son of Adam Hasel, of Axe Mann, who has been employed in the carbon factory at Niagara Falls since last fall was home on a visit recently and on last Thursday he was married to Miss Mary Stanton, a very charming girl from Wadde's Station. They were married at the Lutheran parsonage in this place.

On Sunday a reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Hazel at the groom's parent's home, where twenty-seven of the relatives had gathered to meet them and on Wednesday morning they left for their future home, in Niagara Falls, where they will board until Spring, then take up house-keeping.

A brake beam that dropped to the track from a loaded coal car caused a wreck on the Beech Creek, at Snow Shoe, on Sunday, and piled up sixteen cars. No one was hurt.

News Purely Personal.

—Alf. Baum, the Bellefonte liveryman, was in Altoona on business on Tuesday.

—W. L. Foster, the State College merchant, was in town on business on Wednesday.

—Miss Grace Armor, of east Linn street, returned home from quite an extended visit in Tyrone, on Monday evening.

—A. G. Osmer, of Lincoln, Nebraska, has arrived in town and will spend the winter with his father, Edward Osmer, of Bush Addition.

—Misses Nan Ingram, of Spruce Creek, and Annie E. Morrow, of Tyrone, were recent guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Van Tries, in this place.

—James Pacini, a son of John Pacini, of south Allegheny street, left for Johnstown, Monday afternoon, to accept a position at his trade of plumbing.

—Mrs. John P. Harris, of east Linn street, was called to Freeport, Armstrong county, Wednesday afternoon, where a relative, Mrs. Annie Scott, is lying dangerously ill.

—Miss Bessie Kimpfort, of Linden Hall, spent last week in Bellefonte, visiting her brother Arthur, deputy prothonotary, and Mrs. Kimpfort, of east Bishop street.

—Miss Mollie Snyder returned from a ten day's visit to Jeannette and Pittsburg, on Monday, and her fashionable millinery on Bishop street is again open to the trade.

—S. Web Kerstetter, having secured a position in a bakery at Reynoldsville, has moved his family to that place. Miss Emily Frey, Mrs. Kerstetter's sister, went with them.

—Walter Gherry, who has been making his home at the famous lodge of the famous Pat Gherry in the Seven Mountains, for several years, has been in town during the week, visiting with his many friends here.

—William Lyon, of Howard, was in town for a little while yesterday; having come up purely on business. He has been suffering with pink-eye for some time, which makes it quite difficult for him to get around.

—John F. Meyer, who has recently bought the George Y. Meek farm in Ferguson township and moved there to make his home permanently was in town on Saturday, attending to a little business in connection with his purchase.

—William Peeler, of Spring Mills, was in town on Tuesday. Though he retired from the mercantile business several years ago he still finds plenty to do and comes up to town quite frequently on business and pleasure missions.

—Grant Kisting, of Snow Shoe, was in town on Saturday and during a little chat with him it was learned that he is hopeful of purchasing the interest of the other heirs to his late father's estate, so that he can continue the ownership of it in the Kisting name.

—Emanuel C. Fye's bright young son Harry was down from his Ferguson township home on Saturday and part of his errand was to attend to a little business for his father. He is a courteous boy and quite bright, and we were very glad to welcome him to the WATCHMAN office.

—Mrs. George Brandon and her little daughter Winifred are up from Carlisle enjoying their annual visit with her parents and sisters. They are stopping this time with Mrs. Rowe on Spring street. George Nevyn Brandon, the musician, came up with them on Wednesday but returned to Carlisle yesterday.

—F. A. Kneiss, the veteran railroad carpenter of the Tyrone division, was in town between trains recently; having come down almost for the sole purpose of ordering his WATCHMAN continued for another year. Mr. Kneiss doesn't do much any more and that is one of the reasons that good reading matter is so necessary for his existence.

—Joseph Tressler, of Pleasant Gap, comes in to town very frequently—He was in on Saturday—because he does a little more than farm. He manages to have a juicy young beef to kill once in a while and he usually sells a portion of it in town and when he kills his hogs in the fall he always cures a few hams and disposes of them, Tressler's hams are par excellant.

—H. Irvin Humes, who hadn't been home for a long time, came in from Homer City, Indiana county, to be here to bid his mother farewell before she started on her long journey to spend the winter in California. He arrived Monday morning and was only here for part of the day, as he had to hurry back to his business as the representative of the Guthrie and Hughes lumber company. Irv. isn't much changed and looks in excellent health.

—Pergus Potter Esq., of Linden Hall, was in town Wednesday and during the few moments he had to spare before his train left he dropped in here, where he met John Rishel, the Benner township farmer. They started talking shop and what they didn't discuss about farming wasn't worth hearing. Naturally enough the conversation drifted to hay, in which Mr. Rishel has had marvelous success. In fact he says he would quit farming entirely were it not for his profit in grass.

Two of about the most interesting callers who have been in this office together in years honored us on Monday, when William Foster Esq., of State College, and Hon. N. L. Atwood, of Girard, dropped in. Though the former is 81 years old and the latter 79 no one would have thought it until they began to tell of experiences of the long ago in Centre county. Times when all about State College was a forest and there wasn't a sign of a house between the top of the hill on Bishop street and Hecla park. You can imagine how interesting was their conversation and how leath we were to have them leave. Both are staunch Democrats and types of men who are an honor to any community.

—Charley Snyder, one of the largest land owners in Ferguson township, was in town on Saturday and tickled us all over by saying that "the WATCHMAN has more news in than half a dozen other papers and I don't see how you can make it for a dollar." Mr. Snyder, as most people know, is a shrewd man and his word on such matters counts for something, so we appreciate the compliment accordingly. Few people know it, but the blank paper on which the WATCHMAN is printed costs us more than half as much as we receive for it after all the type has been set for it, proof read, the edition pressed off, and the paper folded, pasted and trimmed and mailed to the addressee. We never made a boast of giving the most news, but we do take pride in the standard of reliability maintained by the WATCHMAN and we give as much as the space will hold.

—Among the many visitors from in and out of town who have dropped in here recently and dropped some of their coin before they dropped out again have been the Hon. Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall, who was just recovering from an attack of ivy poison that laid him up for some time; J. C. Hunter, of Fillmore, who was in town the day after New Years and came in to help us start off in a good humor, for he remarked that he "wouldn't know what to do without the WATCHMAN—it is always gratifying to think people appreciate your work. T. B. Hamilton, of east Howard street, whose mind is very much occupied these days with a new heating apparatus he has lately added to his cozy home. Ran Breeze, of Curtin street, who is a supply freeman on the Central and might most any time step out of his cab as the leading man in "Blue Jeans." Joe Art of Pine Grove, who "stands pat" on the matter of courteousness all the time and he has never been caught bluffing once. J. B. Alexander, of Fleming, and W. H. Williams, of Port Matilda, two of the staunch Democrats from up the Bald Eagle, who want to know where this prosperity that is talked so much about in hitting the poor man and farmer and Mrs. T. Hall, of Fleming. There were also these welcome callers and more whom we fail to remember at this time.

—Rev. R. Crittenden left, on Monday, for a visit to his brother Joseph at Syracuse, N. Y. The latter is in very poor health. Mr. Crittenden expects to do some missionary work along the route he travels. Miss Lillian Crittenden had just returned from a two weeks visit to friends in Bradford last Saturday and her sister, Miss Charlotte, has just gone to Waterbury, Conn., where she will spend the winter with her sister, Miss Jennie.

THE GEORGE L. POTTER POST NEWS OFFICERS.—On Saturday evening the Geo. L. Potter post, 261, G. A. R., of Milesburg, held public installation ceremonies that attracted people from outside the town. They were held in the old Methodist church, which has become the town hall of Milesburg, and it was packed with people.

Hon. A. O. Furst, Gen'l. Irv. Curtin, Clement Dale Esq., W. H. Musser, Capt. Hugh S. Taylor, Samuel B. Miller and Francis Speer were down from Bellefonte and arrayed that formidable battery of oratorical guns with those of Rev. George King, Joseph A. Green, and Thomas Wilson to make a night of great speaking. During the camp fire Lyman T. Eddy's choir sang exceptionally enjoyably and lent much to the entertainment.

Gen. J. I. Curtin was installing officer and inducted the following into office: Commander, General Austin Curtin; S. V. C., W. H. Shultz; J. V. C., William Eminhizer; officer of the day, J. J. McKinley; quartermaster, Nathaniel Bierly; chaplain, Thomas Wilson; officer of the guard, Thomas Watson.

POLK MILLER'S ENTERTAINMENT.—Polk Miller, the world's most successful delineator of the old time negro characters, comes to Garman's next Monday night, January 15th, to give one of his inimitable entertainments. That it is original and well up to the highest mark of such entertainments we need not refer to the words of Chas. T. O'Ferrall, Governor of Virginia. He says this:

"Polk Miller is one of the best delineators of the negro character that I have ever seen. An evening with him is an absolute pleasure. First, his quaint imitations of the old-time darkey bring side-splitting laughter, and then almost in the same breath, he moves his audience to tears. He is a genius in his art and I what renders his entertainments more delightful is the fact that his anecdotes are pure and replete with humor."

Peter Metzler, the Lock Haven hotel man whose attempt at suicide we reported in last week's issue, is doing very well and will more than likely recover. The 35 cal. bullet with which he shot himself went clear through his body. It entered on the left side and came out near the lower ribs on the left side. Physicians had probed in vain for the bullet, believing it to be in his body, but on Friday evening Mrs. Metzler was changing the wounded man's undergarments when the bullet dropped out of a plaster that was on his back. It had been slightly flattened in its transit through his body.

May Smith Robbins, the clever little soubrette, will appear at Garman's tonight in her old play "Little Trixie." She has been here so often as to need no introduction to Bellefonte theatre goers.

Rev. E. H. Gerhart, the new pastor of the Aaronsburg Lutheran church, preached his first sermon to his congregation in that place on Monday evening.

SMITH-LEATHERS.—At the home of the bride's parents, on Dec. 23d, 1899, by Rev. S. S. Fatus, John R. Smith, of Renovo, Pa., and Miss Susan Mae Leathers, of Snow Shoe, Pa.

Announcement.—We are authorized to announce that D. W. Eberhart will be a candidate for Poor Overseer, subject to the action of the Democratic borough conference.

Philadelphia Markets.—The following are the closing prices of the Philadelphia markets on Wednesday evening.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat-Red, Corn, Oats, Flour, etc.

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 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Red wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, etc.

Bellefonte Produce Markets.—Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co. Potatoes per bushel, Onions, Eggs, per dozen, Lard, per pound, Country Sausages, Sides, Ham, Tallow, per pound, Butter, per pound.

The Democratic Watchman.—Published every Friday morning, in Bellefonte, Pa., at \$1.50 per annum (if paid strictly in advance) \$2.00, when not paid in advance, and \$2.00 if not paid before the expiration of the year; a 10 cent paper will be discontinued until all arrearage is paid, except at the option of the publisher.

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