

Bellefonte, Pa., April 6, 1900.

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

The Bellefonte Academy has turned over \$17.03 to the monument fund. A pension of \$6 per month has been granted to Irvin Delaney, of Milesburg. Harper Bros., grocers, have placed a new awning in front of their store on Allegheny street.

The Undine Easter masquerade ball will be the first of the post lenten festivities in Bellefonte. An advance of one cent an hour went into effect on the wages of laborers at Scotia on Monday. Mail carrier E. E. Ardrey has moved into the home he recently purchased from Wm. Eckley on Reynolds' Ave.

Miss Blanche Hayes entertained a number of her friends at her home on west High street Tuesday evening. Former deputy recorder Dukeman has secured a position in the freight department of the C. R. R. of Pa. Grahams' Easter millinery opening on Friday and Saturday the 13th and 14th of April. You are cordially invited.

Samuel E. Goss, of Pine Grove Mills, has been employed by Grant Hoover to solicit insurance risks for his agency in this place. Plans are now being made for an Old Time Concert in the lecture room of the Methodist Episcopal church in this place the last week of April. The shirt factory is now well established and a dozen or more girls can have employment and wages there, if they are in earnest and willing to work.

Miss Henrietta Butts entertained the young ladies club of which she is a member, at her home on north Allegheny street, Saturday evening. Robert Bierly, of Milesburg, was knocked off the top of a load of hay on Friday and, falling to the hard ground, he sustained a number of painful bruises. A limb of a tree under which the wagon passed caused the accident. While helping to unload a car of hay in Philipsburg, on Friday, Harry Munson had his left leg broken between the ankle and knee. He was on the wagon when the horses started suddenly, throwing him off. Both wheels passed over his leg.

The Rev. Wilford P. Shriner, the new pastor of the Methodist church here, delivered his first sermon on Sunday to large congregations. It was the general opinion that his initiatory was very satisfactory and every one present seemed hopeful of a successful pastorate. Jerry Roan, of Buffalo-Ran, was in town on Saturday looking after the collection of his road taxes. He is the supervisor up there and since they have been laying a part money tax for road purposes it keeps him quite busy looking after both road making and the money to keep it going.

COUNCIL MEETING.—There was just a quorum present at council meeting, Monday evening; consequently very little business was transacted because of the fact that all the members were not present. George Gross asked permission to sprinkle on High street, from the P. R. R. station to Spring street. The request of Lawrence Williams to have the water extended to his proposed new home on Fifth Ave., was refused because it is beyond the borough limits.

The committees had little to report. About the only thing of any concern was the Fire and Police report that the lock up has been moved to its new site. Engineer Wetzel reported that he had been in conference with the county commissioners regarding the bridge over Logan's Branch, on Willowbank street, and that they had agreed to put in a low truss bridge, 50ft long, with 38ft drive way and 9ft, walks on either side. The plans have been agreed upon and the letting will be made soon. The borough is to build the abutments and the county the superstructure.

Bills to the amount of \$739.54 were ordered paid as follows: Board of Health, for J. Folk, \$4.00; Ardel Lumber Co., two wooden pumps, .50; E. E. Hill Co., lighting public building, 14.00; W. W. W. W., 3.19; 11th street, 365.16; R. B. Taylor, coal, 123.29; R. F. Wood & Co., pipes, 31.36; C. F. Cook, freight paid, 4.58; Central Pa. Telephone Co., 4.46; Police pay roll, 35.09; Water pay roll, 78.50; Street pay roll, 97.83; R. B. Taylor coal, 5.19; Charles Koontz, filling saw, 3.45; \$739.54

It is a matter of regret to us that council and the commissioners, between them, couldn't arrange to build another sort of a bridge out there. And the citizens of the town ought to urge that the plans be changed. Of course the bridge they have decided upon is a very good one of its kind, but the kind is all wrong for this day of improvements in all lines. In the first place the span is only 50ft, and there is no need at all of a truss to stick under the deck of the bridge to mar the street and endanger the lives of travelers. Secondly, for \$800 more than they have decided to pay for it, a bridge that could be macadamized could be put in there, thus ending, forever, the expense of replanking. Think of it. Only \$800 additional to secure a bridge that would make an unbroken street line out there and be an improvement that would be a credit. It would need no paint or plank and in the latter would save its extra cost in a very few years.

Let us see, a bridge 38x50 would require 3,800 ft. of 2 inch oak plank about every three years. This would cost \$84.00 if oak plank don't go above \$22 per thousand, without the cost of relaying, which would run the cost to about \$125.00. Leaving the cost of replacing the stringers and sidewalks and painting to balance the matter of interest of the \$800 additional it will be seen that in a very few years the planking, alone, will have more than cost the difference. These are the plain dollars and cents facts in the case. We have not considered the advantage a modern bridge would be to all concerned, the improvement to property in that growing end of town the avoidance of all possibility of a broken plank causing a broken legged horse and a suit for damages. These latter are possibilities that must present themselves to any one who has thought of it at all.

There is really no reason why Bellefonte should not waken up to these very points of improvement. Such ones all go to make up a modern, well equipped town and it is the universal experience, everywhere, that the best is always the cheapest in the end. If the commissioners won't do any better urge council to pay the difference and make a proper bridge there. There is no real reason why, just because they have a plank bridge with trusses over the Alleghenies, it is necessary to have the same kind on one of the nicest streets in Bellefonte. The High street bridge over Spring creek ought to be a life long lesson of folly in such work. Don't let us be guilty of it again. We have taken this stand only with the kindest feeling towards those in authority, but we feel that those who are truly concerned in Bellefonte and her future will take up the cause with us and urge the change.

JOHN LOVE INJURED.—John Love, trestle boss at the Bellefonte Furnace Co's plant, was quite seriously hurt in an accidental way out there on Tuesday afternoon. He was directing some repairs to the trestle that runs into the stock house. While pulling a heavy timber into place it was kept from swinging about by a guy line. This line broke and the timber swung around, knocking Love off the trestle. It was a fall of about fifteen feet to the bins below and he received several ugly scalp wounds, besides having had his lip cut clear through.

HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES.—The preliminary oratorical contest of the Junior class of the High school will be held on Monday afternoon. The speakers will be chosen for the final contest which will take place on the Tuesday before commencement. The members of the Senior class will deliver their Easter orations on the afternoon of Thursday, April the 12th.

The Mirror will be read at the Academy this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The editors invite you to be present if you would hear what the scholars are doing and enjoy a little fun.

Port Bilger recently killed two otters on Six Mile run. An increase of from five to fifteen per cent in the wages of the employees of the Clinton County Fire Brick Co., at Mill Hall, went into effect on Monday.

The erection of the new mill of the Linden Hall Lumber Co. was begun at that place this week. The work is under the personal supervision of president Steel, of Sunbury.

The latest word from Dr. John F. Alexander, at Pasadena, Cal., is to the effect that he is somewhat better. He is now convalescing, after an attack of acute spinal meningitis.

Dave Chambers, of Clarence, was granted a wholesale liquor license by the court on Saturday morning. It was one of the two applications held under advisement by the court.

In another column of this issue will be found an advertisement of the North American Tannery, at Lewistown. Bark is wanted there and you might find something to your interest by reading it.

Last Thursday afternoon the Forepaugh & Sells circus passed through Tyrone on its way to New York to be shipped to the Paris Exposition. It required forty-eight cars to carry the enterprise.

Fifty-two Masons from the Clearfield, Philipsburg, Curwensville and Osoesa lodges expect to make a pilgrimage to Williamsport this month to take the Scottish Rites, or 32nd degree, in Free Masonry.

Miss Laura V. Greene, who had been assistant superintendent of the Altoona hospital for several years, has been elected superintendent of the Cottage hospital in Philipsburg to succeed Miss M. A. Fisher, resigned.

The house of Mrs. Orrin Randall at Larry's Creek, near Williamsport, caught fire Saturday. The blaze was under good headway and no water handy, when two immense cans of milk were used to quench the fire. The milk seemed to act better than double the quantity of water.

The horse driven by Nathan Tobias ran away while descending the hill north of Clintondale, on Sunday. The buggy was upset and demolished and its occupants badly scratched up, though not seriously hurt. Miss Cordie Transere, of Mackeyville, was his companion.

Charles Woodin, who established his reputation as a landlord at the City hotel in Tyrone and who has been out of the business for some years, has taken charge of the Ward house. He purchased the interest and fixtures from J. McClelland Davis and succeeded him on Tuesday.

The basement of the A. M. E. church on St. Paul street is being dug out with a view towards fixing it up for a Sunday school room. The members of the church are doing the excavating, but they hope to have a general co-operation in raising of the \$300 necessary to finish the wood-work part of it.

Dr. Edmund D. Shortlidge, a son of former mayor Shortlidge, of Wilmington, Del., and a nephew of the late Col. W. H. Shortlidge, of this place, has been appointed a surgeon in the regular army and will go to the Philippines about May 1st. Dr. Shortlidge visited here when a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Monday evening, April 16th, the annual Easter masquerade ball of the Undine Fire Co. will be given. As usual there will be the band concert at 8:30 and the grand march will begin at 9 o'clock. The Undine orchestra will furnish the music for dancing. The committee in charge is made up of Chas. Hazel, John Morgan, Ferd. Beezer, Geo. Doll, William Cunningham, Joseph McMahon and Arthur Miller.

Philipsburg took an economical fit last fall and cut down its teachers salaries. Since then its school directors have had about all they wanted to do accepting resignations and filling vacancies. The last one was that of Miss Harriet Henderson who has been teaching there for seven years. She resigned on Tuesday night to accept a similar position in Allegheny City at sixty dollars a month, a ten months term and the assurance of being elected for the ensuing year.

Last week an infant of Harvey Beals, of near Penn Hall, was playing on the floor and picked up a pin. Child like, the pin went directly to its mouth and before its mother could stop it the pin was swallowed. A physician was called in at once and the potato cure tried with the result that the little one was relieved of the indigestible intruder in its stomach by the following Wednesday. The incident is quite interesting from a medical standpoint, since it helps to establish the potato cure as a successful practice in such cases.

For some time the United Brethren have been contemplating and planning some extensive improvements for their church, on the corner of High and Thomas streets, and on Monday work was begun. The outside is to be improved with new paint and the inside frescoed and renovated. It is expected that the repairs will be completed by the 6th of May and until then they will have no Sabbath school. The week night services are being held at the homes of the members and we do hope they will not stop the good work 'til they have planted a few trees or improved their surroundings so that there is not a more desolate or shiftless looking corner in the town.

A DEPLORABLE DEATH.—The death of James Conroy, on Tuesday afternoon, at the home of his sister in Philadelphia, is indeed to be deplored as he was the head and manager of the Bellefonte Window Glass Co.; just establishing himself as an excellent business man and financier; in the very prime of life and the father of a family of little children.

He had been ill for some time but no danger was apprehended until he went to Philadelphia about three weeks ago to consult a specialist. There his trouble was diagnosed as cancer of the stomach and the reports sent home by his wife revealed the seriousness of his condition. He insisted on having his children with him and on Monday, his partner, John Knisley accompanied them to the city.

He was of Irish descent but a native of New Jersey and about forty-five years of age. He came here to work in the glass factory about twenty years ago and soon showed that he possessed the characteristics that eventually bring respect and success. The glass works here had failed to pay for years and years 'til Mr. Conroy and his partners took hold of it and organized the Co-operative Glass company. From that time it has been one of the prosperous industries of the town.

When the Co-operative company was changed to the Bellefonte Window Glass Co., he was made general manager and treasurer, and to his sagacity and executive ability are due much of the reputation and success of that company. He was genial and pleasant, respected by all his business associates and fairly idolized by his men.

He is survived by his wife, who was Mary Jennings, a daughter of the late Wm. Jennings, of Coleville, and five children, Katharine, Fenton, Anna, Willie and Marie, who were all with him at the time of his death.

His body was brought to his home in Coleville, yesterday morning. Funeral services will be held this morning at 10 o'clock in St. John's Catholic church, of which he was a member, after which interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

MRS. ANNA DOLAN.—The funeral of Mrs. ANNA DOLAN, whose death we mentioned in last week's paper, took place on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the Gehret home, on south Pine street, where she had lived since childhood as a daughter and member of the family. Rev. Wilford Shriner, of the Methodist church, of which she was a faithful and consistent member, conducted the services. He was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Laurie of the Presbyterian church.

Her maiden name was Bullock and she was born in Milesburg forty-two years ago last Christmas. Her parents died before she was ten years old and she was taken into the Gehret family as one of their own. She was an exceedingly quiet person, gentle and unselfish. She died of consumption and had been sick for more than a year. Throughout all those months of wearisome waiting and many hours of agony no one ever heard her complain or be other than thoughtful for those about her.

Her husband, Michael M. Dolan, died some years ago and they never had any children; but she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ada Johnson, of Eagleville, and two brothers, William, of Park Hill, Canada, and Lafayette, of California. Nearer and dearer to her, though, were Mrs. Gehret and her two daughters. They were exceedingly kind and good to her and cared for her sincerely.

ALICE MAY IRWIN'S SAD DEATH.—A singularly sad death was that of Miss Alice May Irwin, which occurred at the home of the Misses McCafferty on east Lamb street last Thursday evening. She was conscious to the very last and felt so secure in the love of Jesus that she died with expressions of joy on her lips and admonishing her grief stricken parents not to mourn for her.

Miss Irwin was the daughter of James Irwin, of Snow Shoe, where she was born nineteen years ago. She came to Bellefonte with her mother on March 21st, to undergo special treatment for kidney troubles. While here she was the guest of the Misses McCafferty and shortly after her arrival complications arose that showed diphtheritic tendencies. She failed rapidly until her death occurred.

Interment was made in the Union cemetery Friday afternoon. Her own pastor, Rev. Paul, of the Snow Shoe Methodist church, officiated.

Mrs. George Smith died at her home in Bonner township last Thursday evening, shortly after 6 o'clock, after a long illness with consumption. Her maiden name was Ada Royer and she was born at Lamar, Clinton Co., May 18th, 1865. She was a conscientious christian woman and a member of the Methodist church at Pleasant Gap. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and four children: Rose, Edgar, Carrie and Leslie, all at home. One brother and four sisters survive her namely: Hammond Royer, Mrs. Ellice Dorman, Mrs. Kate Glantz and Mrs. Alice Lockard, of Lamar, and Mrs. Emma Poorman, of Munson, Clearfield county.

Burial services were held at the house Sunday morning and interment was made at Shiloh. Rev. Edward White, the Methodist minister at Pleasant Gap, officiated at the services.

Peter Bush, one of the oldest residents of Union township, died at his home in Bush Hollow, on Monday evening, after a long illness caused by paralysis. He was

seventy-seven years of age and had followed farming all his life. His wife and three children, Mrs. Bertha Davidson, Mrs. Minnie Gardner, and John, all of Bush Hollow, survive him as do a brother and two sisters, Henry Bush, Mrs. Mary Ann Williams and Mrs. Theodore Lucas. He was buried Wednesday afternoon in the family burying ground near his own home.

William Clark Sr., died at his home near Philipsburg, on Sunday evening, after three week's illness with heart disease. Deceased was born in England 66 years ago and his widow and a number of children survive.

A new railroad scale is to be put in at the Phoenix flouring mills.

A slight fire among some bundles of cotton in Katz's store caused an alarm of fire to be rung in about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. There was quite a little excitement on Allegheny street for awhile, but no damage of any account was done.

Newly Personal

Mrs. H. E. Jenkins, with her son Raymond, is visiting DuBois friends.

Al. S. Garman, of Tyrone, was a Bellefonte visitor on Monday.

Rev. R. W. Crittenden was in Altoona on Sunday visiting the Sabbath schools in that place.

Mrs. Josephine Philbrick, of State College, was in town over Sunday visiting Elizabeth B. Meek.

Mrs. L. A. Mull, of Philipsburg, was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Wilkinson, on Allegheny street Tuesday.

Rev. W. L. Foster, of Watsonstown, was a visitor in Bellefonte on Monday. He was on his way home from a trip to Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Crider, who have been in Florida for the past three weeks recreating and resting, returned home last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell went to Philadelphia Saturday morning, where the latter entered a hospital to undergo an operation.

Reuben H. Meek returned to his home at Waddles on Saturday from Cincinnati, O., where he has been studying medicine since last October.

Mrs. Harry William's returned home Saturday from New York City where she has been for the last six weeks learning coat cutting and tailoring.

Mrs. Vera Snook and Miss Jennie Morrison two of Philipsburg's public school teachers, were in town on Saturday and Sunday, visiting their sisters here.

President John Knisley, of the Bellefonte Glass Co., went down to Philadelphia, Monday afternoon, taking with him the five little children of Supt. James Conroy.

Mrs. Anna Reynolds, who now makes her home in Washington, D. C., will sail for Europe the middle of the month with a party of friends for a three month trip.

Charles Houser, a son of councilman Jas. Houser, of Bishop street, left for Sharon Monday afternoon to enter the furniture store that E. C. Rowe will open in that place. Mr. Houser will not move his family until later.

Miss Lillie Coyle Hench, of Harrisburg, is a guest at the home of Henry P. Harris Esq., on Howard street. She has been invited to sing in several churches during her stay, but it is not known whether she will favor any of the congregations or not.

After a two months' visit at the Bush home, Miss Valeria Schisler returned Tuesday to her home in Detroit, Michigan. Miss Schisler's coming invariably heralds the approach of a round of gayeties as she is so bright and entertaining.

Miss Elizabeth Rue, the eldest daughter of Rev. J. W. Rue, former pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church, spent Sunday with the family of William Bell, on Thomas street. The Ruess moved to Curwensville, instead of Bedford, as first announced by conference.

Mrs. M. W. Cowdick, of Niagara Falls, was an arrival in town on Saturday, for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Hamilton Odo in this place. She is looking very well indeed and not at all the worse for her recent serious illness that so alarmed her friends here. Mrs. Harry Cowdick, with her three children, is in town to see a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Blair Alexander, of Fleming, were in town Monday helping their son, J. A. Alexander, to move. He is in the employ of the Phoenix four mills here and decided that it was too handy to live in Unionville and work here, so he secured a house on Logan street and Monday they all had a day off and a jolly time at the "tittin'."

Edward Valentine, a son of the late Bond Valentine, who with his wife and child, has been here visiting his aunt, Mrs. R. V. Pugh, for several days, left for Atlantic City on Tuesday. Ed. had been employed in Philipsburg for a short time, but he has bought a book and stationery store at Atlantic City and they expect to make that place their future home.

Will A. Gebhardt, of Lock Haven, was in town on Monday placing an agency for his march and two-step "Jolly Bots" which is dedicated to the Lock Haven Fire Department incidentally and the Bob McGhee in particular. Mr. Gebhardt says the piece is going with unusual success and the day might come when he can "lay back" and read about the tune that made Lock Haven famous.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy Johnson attended the funeral of Miss Claire Holt, Mrs. Johnson's niece, in Northumberland on Monday afternoon. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Holt, are almost prostrated by her death and it is no wonder as she was just seventeen and particularly attractive and promising. Her death was caused by spinal meningitis and a brother of hers died of lock jaw last fall.

George Williams, of Lemont, was in town on Tuesday to announce that the sale of his household effects, advertised for tomorrow has been indefinitely postponed. In connection with Mr. Williams' visit he stated that the wild geese were flying up about Lemont Monday night, which is a sure sign of cool weather. Another old stand by that bears out his prediction is the position of the moon. It is away around to the north, which means cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams McKee and their family of wide awake, ambitious children left yesterday for their new home in Philipsburg, where H. A. has a clerical position awaiting him in the City Hall. Harry is going to enter the Westinghouse shops and even James has some employment in view. Their beautiful place on Willowbank street would make a charming summer home for any one caring for trees and grounds and quiet but it is yet unrented.

Messrs. Wm. Burnsides and Harry Valentine, two of the moving spirits in the Standard Scale works, were travelers to Pittsburgh last Thursday, where they spent several days in consultation with the gentlemen in charge of the agency and supply house of the firm in that place. The Standard men are all young fellows and when they get together in New York, Pittsburgh or Chicago the talk isn't all about beams and other fine bits of mechanism about scales, for they usually manage to have a good time and forget "shop" for a little while at least.

GREEN—SHANKLIN.—Oleander Green, as radiant as a brown-eyed Susan in harvest time, took unto himself a wife on Monday and departed on a wedding tour for Wilkes-Barre in all the glory of low patent leather shoes and white cotton gloves.

Oleander's wedding day had been talked about in all quarters of town for some time previous, but as he had on numerous occasions before notified his friends of his intention to get splashed and then disappointed them, few believed him serious until the cab rolled down to the 2:15 train and Oleander lifted his coy bride out and escorted her to their car.

The wedding occurred at high noon at the residence of Rev. C. N. Woodson and there Mrs. Mary Shanklin became Oleander's happy bride. They expect to make their future home in Wilkes-Barre, to which place the good wishes of hosts of friends in Bellefonte will follow them.

THEIR MARRIAGE A SURPRISE.—The surprise of the season at State College was the announcement of the marriage of Mr. William Hoy and Miss Emeline Harrison, both well-known young people of that place. The wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. Dr. H. C. Holloway, pastor of the Lutheran church in this place, last Thursday evening and it was not until the young couple had returned from a short tour that their friends at the College were any the wiser of their happy union.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Matilda Harrison, of State College, and is a very estimable young lady; thoroughly capable of contributing largely to domestic felicity and usefulness. The groom is a son of Joseph Hoy, of that place, and is an energetic young man, honorable and upright, who merits all the happiness we hope there is in store for him.

CLOSING EXERCISES.—Wednesday evening the closing exercises of the Forge schools were held in the Methodist church there, with many interested participants and a great crowd of admiring spectators. The teachers, Miss Annie Steel and Homer Gentzel, deserve much credit for having such a creditable and successful ending of their winter's work. The scholars all did well but "The Dental Operation" by Dora Flack and Samuel and William Rice; "Room 44" by Mr. Gentzel and Jim Bailey; and The Slaves of Southern Georgia," by Edward Flack, William Peters, George Miller, Robert Hendershot, Samuel Rice, William Miller, Henry Young and Mr. Gentzel fairly brought down the house with applause.

Having again located in Bellefonte for the practice of Dentistry I announce to my friends that I can be found at the Tripple residence, 123 North Spring street, fully prepared and equipped with the most modern conveniences for the practice of dentistry in all branches. Gold—Aluminum and Rubber plates and Crown and Bridge work a specialty. J. D. GESSINGER, Bellefonte Pa.

Announcement. We are authorized to announce J. W. Kepler, of Ferguson township, as a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce J. H. Wetzel, of Bellefonte, as a candidate of the Legislature subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce Robt. M. Foote as a candidate for Legislature subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce John W. Conley, of Potter township, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

Sale Register. APRIL 7th.—At the residence of George Williams at Lemont, buggy, sleigh, cow, household goods, Etc organ, cooking utensils, butcher's tools, etc. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m.

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

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

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